




Parents and Students

PORT ROYAL WEEKLY

December 7-11

此文件含有重要资讯。请找一能阅读英文的人替你翻译或将文件带到你的学校办事处以便他们能替你安排一口译员或翻译员。

<p><u><i>Monday, December 7, 2020 (Day 3)</i></u></p>	<p>Character Education: Kindness and Caring 善意与关心</p>
<p><u><i>Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (Day 4)</i></u> Safety Talks with Toronto Police Services Grade 4/5 VFT - BirdSmart Program with Rickie the Saw-whet Owl</p>	
<p><u><i>Wednesday, December 9, 2020 (Day 5)</i></u></p>	
<p><u><i>Thursday, December 10, 2020 (Day 1)</i></u> 1PM Walters 4/5s - Meet a Minecraft Developer - VFT</p>	
<p><u><i>Friday, December 11, 2020 (Day 2)</i></u> Panther Pride Spirit Day</p>	
<p><u><i>Upcoming Dates:</i></u> December 15: Agincourt CI Virtual Open house December 16: SST, Virtual Holiday Concert December 18: Character Education Awards Announced for Kindness and Caring, last day of school</p>	
<p> Food Drive</p> <p>Ms. Chahine's grade 2/3 class has organized a Food Drive. We are asking staff and students to show kindness by generously donating to the local community food bank. See the attached video for more information. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=622901925088492</p> <p>Food items needed include: rice, pasta, vegetable oil, canned foods, beans and other items that will not spoil. Together we can make a difference!</p>	



ATTENTION FAMILIES OF GRADE 8 students



TDSB virtual open houses for each highschool:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/openhouses>

Please note that the the first step is to find out your child's home school by address:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School>

Some specialized programs have additional entrance requirements. Please visit the school's website for information about specific deadlines.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/By-Programs>

****January 11**** Grade 8 course selection opens. Student must do this through MYBLUEPRINT

<https://app.myblueprint.ca/?sdid=tdsb>

****January 29**** Optional Attendance forms are due to secondary schools

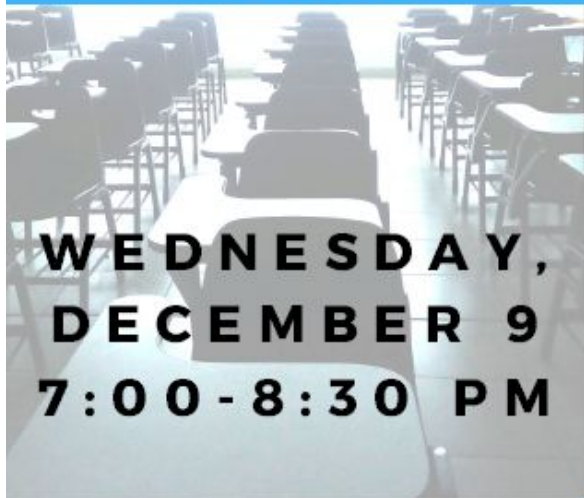
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

****February 12**** Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Optional Attendance application

****February 26**** Deadline for Grade 8 students to complete/submit course selection in myBlueprint

AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

NAVIGATING THE GRADE 8 TO 9 TRANSITION



**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9
7:00 - 8:30 PM**

With presenters: Dawn Dodham (ACL of Guidance),
Onika Brown, Carol Richards-Sauer, Rohan Robinson, Laurel
Eisenberg, Simon Mgaya, Danielle Noel, Shameen Sandhu, and
Jamile Garraway

Session topics include:

- Options for students
- Academic Pathways
- Timelines
- Introduction to myBlueprint
- and Q & A

[Click here to join with Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 998 4434 0305
or call 647-374-4685

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Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer

Continuing Education - International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

The International Languages – Elementary / African Heritage Program is offering online language classes to students (TDSB and non TDSB) Kindergarten to Grade 8. One day each week, students have live face-to-face interactive lessons with their instructor and classmates for approximately 30 minutes. Activities are focused on building student's abilities in oral communication, reading and writing. Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for more information. @TDSB_ConEd

Continuing Education - Community Programs

Online Learn4Life winter registration begins December 2. Take up a new hobby or learn a language from home. Stay active with our many fitness classes or gain knowledge on how to invest in the stock market. Classes are for adults 18 + and seniors, and start the week of Saturday, January 23, 2021. Register today at www.learn4life.ca. @TDSB_ConEd

Staying Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others.

Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

Reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;

Reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;

Watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;

Informing the school if your child is ill;

Keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

Adult ESL

Gaining proficiency in English is a critical skill for many newcomers to our city. Every year, nearly 20,000 adults benefit from the TDSB's English as a Second Language classes. Through general language training, and a host of specialized courses, we serve learners at all levels - from those with little or no formal education to those with post-secondary degrees. Currently, all Adult ESL classes are on-line.

Visit www.ESLToronto.ca for more information. @TDSB_ConEd



Virtual Holiday Concert

Our teachers are preparing for a pre-recorded virtual holiday concert! The link will be sent out to families to enjoy on December 16th.