

**Riverdale Collegiate Institute**  
**School Council Update**  
**February 22, 2017**

**Student Council Update**

- Semi formal was at the end of January and it was a huge success!
- It is currently Black History Month so we will be having an extended lunch on Friday where the black history club will be providing delicious food in the atrium.
- Mini Olympics is close approaching, so next week will be the first meeting between the countries (home forms) in order to discuss and decide upon a team name and events and activities the students want to participate in during the actual day. Activities encompass a variety of skills, from athletic to participatory – something for everyone. The morning of the competition day there will be classes and then the entire afternoon will be mini Olympics. Home forms combine to form the multi-grade teams – a great way to get to know your school-mates. (It is not optional, all students must participate).
- St Patrick's Day is coming up and student council will be having karaoke and a photo booth with props and costumes in the atrium!
- The DECA regional competitions were last week and 2 students have the opportunity to go to Anaheim California for a leadership course at nationals!

**Pools Update**

The city has withdrawn funding to 6 school pools in the past 2 years. In the Feb 15, 2017 cut, one of our community pools, at SH Armstrong, lost its funding, affecting hundreds of students at Duke of Connaught PS. The TDSB cannot sustain funding pools alone. We need the support of our city and province.

The city's current piecemeal approach responds to the massive public outcry in 2013, when the city identified 13 TSDB school pools for funding cuts. During that round, agreements were struck for the 31 Toronto Land Corporation (TLC) pools (based on Provincial funding allocated for capital repairs) and the 33 pools leased by the City of Toronto in 2017. Now we face the expiration of these agreements and our pools are once again on the chopping block.

The TDSB is very disappointed with this outcome. Pools are valuable community assets for both students during the school day and the broader community outside of school hours. The board had requested that City Councillors stop further cuts to pools until a long-term, sustainable funding solution is found but unfortunately, City Council voted to move ahead with the cuts which will come into effect on June 30, 2017.

For more info and links, go to: <http://dukesac.weebly.com/pool.html>

## **PARENT PRESENTATION: "SUMMERTIME"**

Council presented a carousel event, a guide to volunteer, education and employment opportunities for teens this summer. The event was a great success and we would like to thank all those who attended. Thanks to school admin. staff, especially Principal Harvey, for organizing and supporting this event. The following is a list of the programs and opportunities.

### **Summer School info**

TDSB Summer school credit courses begin Tuesday, July 4 and end Friday, July 28, 2017.

Final exams/Culminating Activities are Wednesday, July 26.

*No alternative dates will be arranged. Family vacation plans cannot be accommodated.*

Students may choose remedial credits, reach ahead credits, and E-Learning.

#### Remedial Courses

Student who have failed a core course with a mark above 35% can attend summer school.

Students attend for half a day, morning or afternoon.

Morning classes 9:00am - 11:45am, Lunch 11:45am - 12:30pm, Afternoon classes 12:30pm - 3:15pm

Registration is done in June after final marks through the school.

#### Full Credit Courses

Students that have the prerequisite can sign up for a full credit course. Many students use this as an opportunity to reach ahead and obtain a credit they are scheduled to take the next year. Classes are held at various schools.

Classes 9:00am - 3:15pm, Lunch break 11:45am - 12:30pm

#### E-Learning Credit Courses

TDSB e-Summer School is available to all Ontario residents, age 14-20. This FREE\* high school credit program is for Ontario secondary school students who wish to pursue secondary school courses online.

• July Session Start Date: **July 4, 2017**

• August Session Start Date: **August 1, 2017**

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-SummerSchool.aspx>

#### TDSB Summer French

The TDSB offers French programs for elementary students during the summer at several locations. Secondary students can do credits in summer school. This includes EduTravel which offers Civics/Careers in French for Extended/Immersion students and French credits for Core/Extended/Immersion students. Information will be posted on the Summer programs page:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/innovation/summerprograms.aspx>

TDSB Summer School and E-Learning Registration are made through e-Reg link on the site. Students must bring in to Guidance the signed permission form before your registration is approved.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/NightSchoolandSummerSchool.aspx>

### **Travel Credits**

These innovative programs provide students with the opportunity to travel internationally while earning a wide variety of Ontario secondary school credits. For more info, check out

<http://www.edutravelforcredit.com>

### **TDSB Focus on Youth Toronto (FOYT) Summer Employment**

Focus on Youth Toronto (FOYT) will hire secondary students registered in Toronto District School Board schools for summer employment. Students will be employed as summer day camp counsellors in support of community summer programs. The FOYT summer employment program runs from July 4 to August 11, 2017, with an additional three days for training in June. TDSB students can apply for FOYT employment through the online application form on the site from February 21 - March 17.

To learn more about this youth program, go to:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/CommunityUseofSchools/FocusonYouth/StudentEmployment.aspx>

### **Volunteer at Canadian Stage**

Various opportunities for students and adults are available at Canadian Stage/Shakespeare in High Park. Email [April.moon@canadianstage.com](mailto:April.moon@canadianstage.com)

### **Summer Jobs at the City of Toronto**

Youth employment and volunteer opportunities are available with Toronto Parks & Recreation.

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=5b1619f8602a0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>