

**Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Update
March 23, 2016**

Student Council Update

In the month of March things have been kind of relaxed. The top three things happening:

1. The texting and driving assembly is fast approaching and we are preparing for that and also there will be a related event in May about the issue.
2. Student council elections are also happening quite soon, they happen on May 12th. Parents, tell your kids to run for some spots because the more the merrier when it comes to student involvement in these elections!
3. BYOB (bring your own banana) went extremely well and the atrium was full of people in line to get their sundaes!

PARC Update

The committee has chosen an option to recommend to the board. In order to better comply with the ministry's utilization formula, the proposed option would see Greenwood SS move into newly renovated space within the Danforth CTI building. It would see SOLE Academy move into the Monarch Park CI building. The proposed changes would be effective September 2017. The PARC report will be posted on the TDSB website in mid-April.

The report will go to the board's Planning and Priorities Committee on June 15, 2016. This meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to present a deputation to Trustees.

The report will then go to the Board Meeting for a decision on June 22, 2016.

You can also stay informed via the TDSB website: www.tdsb.on.ca/accommodationreviews
From the dropdown menu, select; Pupil Accommodation Reviews, then select 2015 - Toronto-Danforth Review.

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. The following is a list of the programs and opportunities.

Summer School info

TDSB Summer school credit courses begin Tuesday, July 5 and end Friday, July 29, 2016. Final exams/Culminating Activities are Wednesday, July 27.
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. Many classes are held at Riverdale, some at other 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.

- Registration opens: **March 29, 2016**
- July Session Start Date: **July 4, 2016**
- August Session Start Date: **August 2, 2016**

<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

The TDSB will hire approximately 600 students for Focus On Youth Toronto (FOYT) 2016. 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 12, 2016, with an additional three days for training in June. TDSB students can apply for FOYT employment through the on-line application form, from March 7 - April 10.

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 volunteers@canadianstage.com

Summer Jobs at Eastview CC

Eastview hires youth to work in the Summer camp for children 6-12 years of age. The postings are not out as yet but should be posted by mid April. Students can apply to Laurette Jack who is the Program Coordinator for the Children's program.

Volunteer Opportunities

Eastview has volunteer opportunities available to students in the following areas:

- Special Events eg Black History, Summer fest, Volunteer Night, Holiday Parties
- Homework Club
- After School Programs
- The Food Bank
- Sunday Programs
- Cooking Programs

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=5b1619f8602a0410VqnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>