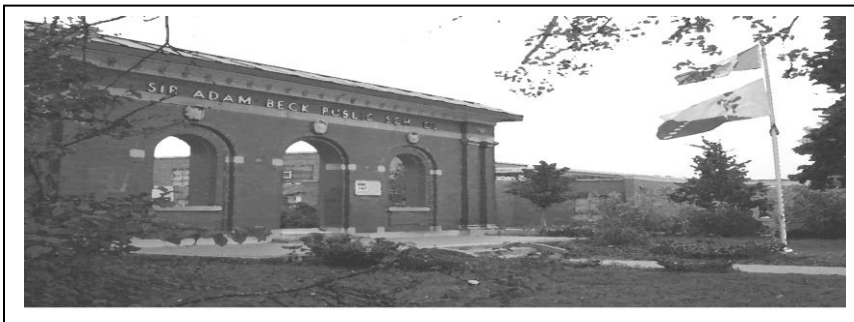


# Newsletter

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## December 2020

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Will your child be absent from school?  
Call our Safe Arrival Number.

**416-394-3884**

**Toronto District School Board website**  
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca>

## Upcoming Events

December 7:  
Council Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Join via Google Meet:

[meet.google.com/qvs-quvq-fch](https://meet.google.com/qvs-quvq-fch)

December 16:  
WOW  
(Walk On Wednesdays)

December 18:  
Pajama Spirit Day & Last day of  
School

December 21 - January 1:  
Holiday Break

January 4:  
Classes resume

## Character Attribute for Kindness and Caring

Please remember to show your kindness  
and caring in our parking lot when  
dropping off or picking up your child.  
Please use our PSP program to drop  
your child off and keep the traffic  
moving carefully along.

### *Principal's Message:*

This week all families should have received an important message for the TDSB regarding fresh air in schools during cold weather. We continue to do everything we can to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Daily self-assessments, tracking Back to School Confirmation Forms, regular hand washing, mask wearing and physical distancing are some of the most important things we can do. In addition, according to Toronto Public Health, increasing fresh air is an important strategy in our schools and classrooms.

As we head into the colder months of the year, open windows will continue to be an important step to increase fresh air in classrooms and schools. Toronto Public Health is recommending that windows in classrooms should be opened for a period of time, at different points of the day to introduce fresh air into the space and increase air flow. While heating systems will be turned up, we still expect that schools will be cooler than normal.

We recognize it is very much a balance between introducing more ventilation at various times during the day and maintaining a comfortable indoor air temperature in classrooms. Please keep this in mind as your child gets ready for school each day by considering an extra layer of clothing to ensure comfort throughout the day.

Please continue to model proper mask wearing and physical distancing at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our schools safe for staff and students.

Reminder to our families that our Gr 1-5 instructional day ends at 3:10 PM. With the cooling temperatures and additional winter gear we thank you for your patience as your child may arrive at their dismissal door between 3:10 – 3:20. We will continue head outside for recess and physical education classes through the winter months. Proper boots, splash/snow pants and gear are essential.

Teachers work hard to streamline the end of the day transition with their daycare, bussed and walker student drop offs. Student supervision and safety is our primary focus. A reminder to parents wanting to pick up their child from the bus line - our bussed students are tracked through a separate daily bussing attendance. If you need to pick your child up before he/she boards the bus, notifying the office is necessary before doing so. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

On behalf of all the staff at SAB – we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe winter break.

*Happy Holidays,*  
*M. Kanalec*

**Principal** Michael Kanalec  
**Vice-Principal** Amira Kamel-Zia  
**Superintendent** Dr Debbie Donsky  
**Trustee** Patrick Nunziata  
**Council Co-Chairs** TBA  
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Sir Adam Beck  
SCHOOL COUNCIL

## December 2020 Council Corner

Email: [sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/sabschoolcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/sabschoolcouncil)

### December School Council meeting

It's easier than ever now to join a Council meeting. Be sure to log in virtually on **Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.** with Google Meets:

[meet.google.com/qvs-quvq-fch](https://meet.google.com/qvs-quvq-fch)

Council is a great forum to connect the families with kids participating both in-school and virtually. We have welcomed a number of new voting members this year on Council. We will be discussing activities and initiatives for this school year to ensure student achievement and well-being. This includes using raised funds to bring in some guest speakers for virtual workshops of benefit to families. Be sure to join the meeting to learn more and provide your feedback.

### Upcoming free virtual workshop for parents/caregivers

Many community organizations are delivering free workshops that may be of interest to your family. This one is coming up soon on **December 3 at 6:30 p.m.** "Raising Resilient Children: The Resources Young People Need Before, During and After a Pandemic"

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2216027929353/WN\\_1KA7t2tQ\\_KWkwPLG0kPEw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2216027929353/WN_1KA7t2tQ_KWkwPLG0kPEw)

### Connect Online

We encourage you to join the [Council Facebook group](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest Council activities.

### Did you know?

You can shop at Indigo online this holiday season or order Mabel's Labels to label student gear, all while raising funds for school enrichment activities.

- Indigo eGift cards: Visit <https://indigo.flipgive.com/>, search for Sir Adam Beck Jr. School or enter Campaign ID 41499 and purchase vouchers to redeem online or in store, or give as gifts.
- Mabel's Labels: Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) or click the "Support a Fundraiser" button at the top right of the website and select Sir Adam Beck.

## **Student Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders**

Reminder to parents/guardians/caregivers picking up their child up from school - students must be signed out with the main office staff. This also applies to students organized in the bus lines at the end of the day. Please provide a note for the teacher/office if your child is leaving early. They will be called down to the office to meet you. Also, when returning during the day, please notify the office so that your child may is signed in to their class.

We acknowledge all of our amazing volunteers even though volunteering in the school has been put on hold. If you are listed on our volunteer data base it is important for you to carry out your annual Offence Declaration. Please contact the school office and we will carry out the annual declaration either over the phone or via email.

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## **Outdoor Gear**

Parents/guardians are asked to monitor daily weather conditions and to send their child to school dressed so that they are comfortable participating in all aspects of the school day. Daily outdoor activities require boots, splash/snow pants, jackets, toques and glove mittens.

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## **Indoor Shoes**

Please make sure your child has indoor shoes at school at all times. The colder weather brings with it snow or mud and students are asked to change their footwear when they enter the school in order to keep their feet dry and warm and to keep the hallways clear of snow and dirt. Indoor shoes should be proper shoes with soles, appropriate for indoor activities.

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## **Lost and Found**

Reminder that we are maintaining a Lost and Found this year. Please support your child with reminders to track their belongings at school. We will do our best to return misplaced items on a daily basis.

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## Cancellation of Busses during Severe Weather



From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in 582 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB web site, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

**Please remember that if buses are cancelled in the morning they are always cancelled in the PM also so if you choose to bring your child to school you must also make arrangements to take your child home.**

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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