

Newsletter

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Junior School

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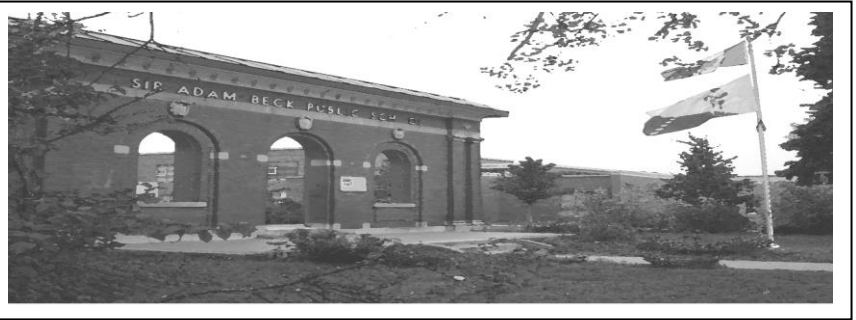
Upcoming Events

October is Walk to School Month
Every Wednesday will be a WOW day
Walk on Wednesdays
October 3: Council Welcome Back BBQ
(5-6:30PM) and Meet the Staff
Evening (6:30-7:30PM)
October 3: Photo Day
October 6: PA Day
October 9: Thanksgiving – **School Closed**
October 16: School Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/jpc-wobg-ady>
October 17: Trustee Ward Forum
October 31: Costume Spirit Day
November 6: Early Immersion JK Entry
Online Applications Open
Character Attribute for October
Responsibility
TDSB Islamic Heritage Month
TDSB Somali Heritage Month

Important Notice School Newsletters

Please remember our newsletters will be emailed out and available at the beginning of each month on our school website.
Please let your child's teacher know if you are not able to access the online version so that a hard copy can be sent home.

Principal Michael Kanalec
Superintendent Dr. Debbie Donsky
Trustee Patrick Nunziata
School Council Chair
Cori Frey
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Will your child be absent from school?
Call our Safe Arrival Number.
**** 1-833-250-2290 ****

Principal's Message:

Welcome back once again to all our returning and new families. September has whisked by and we have all settled into our new routines. Thank you to the families that have returned the SAB hard copy and TDSB online data verification packages. If you are still not able to access the online forms please contact the office for assistance.

During the first month we held two successful practice fire drills and one lockdown drill. This week we will hold our final fall fire drill. Discussions around the importance of these rehearsals every fall and spring are discussed in each homeroom classroom in an age-appropriate manner.

Our Terry Fox walk/run on September 21st was a huge success. To date we have raised \$2325 dollars. Thank you to the parent/guardian volunteers who came out to help supervise the event. Donations are still being accepted at

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/SirAdamBeckJuniorEtobicoke>

On September 29th we wore Orange to honour the second annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. By wearing orange we acknowledge the legacy of residential schools in Canada and we honour the survivors.

September also included an active athletics calendar. The running and kilometre club kicked things off and helped to prepare our cross country athletes who will be heading to Centennial Park to compete in the West Conference meet on October 4th. The grade 4/5 boys and girls soccer teams have also been training and awaiting details of their regional tournament.

We continue to navigate COVID-19, cold and flu season. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and keep students that are not well home until their fever has broken and symptoms have improved for 24 hours.

The home and school connection as well as the relationship with our families and our Alderwood Centre partners has always been the strength of our community. This year we are thrilled to be hosting our in-person Council welcome back bbq and open house on Tuesday October 3, 2023.

We continue to promote the health and safety benefits of being outdoors, this means rain or shine - warm or cold. Please make a point of checking the daily forecast in order to assist your child in selecting the appropriate outdoor gear for that day.

On behalf of all the staff at SAB we would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend. Continue to keep well and safe,
M. Kanalec



October 2023 Council Corner

Email: sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/290183431386941>

Website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/siradambeck/School-Council>

It's been a busy few months rolling our Council funded/supported initiatives. Thank you to the volunteers, teachers, staff and administrators who make this possible, as well as the parent community(aka Members at Large) for their generous support. Be sure to join our Facebook group to stay updated with reminders and photos of Council initiatives.

SAB Parking Lot Safety UPDATE

SAB parking lot is a very busy place. As parents we need to work together to ensure all of our children transition from the parking lot to the school safely morning and afternoon.

The memorial tree in the SAB parking lot represents the life of a student that was tragically lost in the parking lot. Many years ago, a SAB student was riding her bike to school and was struck by a school bus where the tree grows today.

Please refrain your children from playing, corralling and jumping off the ledges around this area. The parking lot is too dangerous for young children to play. Keep your kids close and within reach when entering and exiting your vehicle.

Here are some things we can do together to increase safety.

1) Families with students in grade 4/5 (Jr. school) can consider using Eltham Street for drop off/pickup. There are two pathways at the east and west end of the field for the students to walk along with a clear line of sight for parents to watch their kid(s) transition to the supervised area of the school yard. This is a great experience in independence as these students prepare for middle school.

2) Alderwood Community Centre Parking Lot. We are fortunate to have a community centre sharing our space at SAB. There is a parking lot at the east end of the building designated for the community centre and skating rink that can be used for short-term, parking overflow.

3) Kiss and Ride Program. Parent and teacher volunteers have created a safe place for parents in the school loading zone to drop off students. This area is designated for 2 buses and families that DO NOT intend on parking. If you would like to walk your child to the school yard, you need to park your vehicle. Please find an open parking spot in either of the two parking lots or street parking.

* Kiss and Ride is offered to parents exclusively for the morning drop off. It is unable to be used for pick up. The space must be kept available for the bus pick ups at that time.

** If it is required for the driver and/or child to get out of the vehicle from the LEFT side to oncoming traffic that is entering the parking, then you will need to forego the “Kiss and Ride” option and park in a designated parking spot.

There are only 2 ways to Kiss and Ride:

1. Your child/children can independently get out of your vehicle from the RIGHT hand side towards the school exclusively, without assistance.
2. Your child/children is assisted by a parking safety volunteer (with the neon vest) again from the RIGHT hand side of the vehicle only and escorted to the proper gate.

The Kiss and Ride program requires volunteers to keep our students safe. If you're interested in volunteering and would like more information, please email sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com

If you are ready to sign up, please click on the link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11Sg3OG9iQgj620pCIvs5MTzXWL_x3VSS5p-aosEli10/edit?usp=sharing

4) Please enter, exit and drive in the proper direction in the parking lot. See picture below. There is no idling or parking of cars where the red “X” is indicated. Only park in designated parking spots please.

5) Accessibility Parking:

We have more cars with accessibility parking than we have actual accessibility parking spots. There are only 2 spots which are often full. If you are able to assess and find alternative parking that is feasible for you, so these two spots can be utilized and benefited from all parents/grandparents, it would be greatly appreciated.

6) Please be patient and Kind. Parents, we all know the morning rush can be one of the most challenging times of the day, especially when the weather is not ideal. We all have shoes to fill. Lets model kindness and patience to our children and start each morning on the right foot.

COUNCIL SELF NOMINATIONS

SAB School Council self-nominations are due: Monday October 16 @ 4:00 pm

A number of voting positions are open.

This is a great opportunity to get involved, have a say, and contribute to nurturing a positive school community.

Please complete the form and send to sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Self-nomination form: [2023-SAB-school-council-nomination-form](#)

Volunteers needed for pizza lunches

If you have a valid police check on file and want to see some student smiles, consider volunteering at one or more pizza lunches on designated Fridays! Email

sabpizzalunch@gmail.com so our lunch leads can ensure there is sufficient help on a given pizza day. On the day itself, you'll be at the school from about 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The list of lunch dates is available here: [Calendar](#)
Thanks in advance for your support.

Diversity & Inclusion Corner

October is Islamic Heritage Month provides with an opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history in the Province and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslim people in communities across Ontario. This understanding will turn help combat anti-Islamic sentiment.

To learn more

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43823/itemId/167>

October is also Somali Heritage month it recognizes the economic, political, social and cultural achievements and contributions of Somali Canadians in all aspects of Ontario society. Like many refugees and immigrants who have made Ontario their home, Somali Canadians are proud to be part of diverse communities across the province.

To learn more:

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/ACCESSIBLE_SOMALIA_Presentation.pdf

Medical Alerts – Anaphylaxis and Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

We feel that all parents would like to be aware that there are children in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies called anaphylaxis. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, sesame seeds, soy or other food can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. Although this may or may not affect your child or your child's class directly, we want to inform you so that you choose to send foods to school with your child that are free from these products. The Toronto District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested further information is also available through the Anaphylaxis Network of Canada (416) 785-5666. If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in ensuring the safest environment.



MEDICAL FORMS

In addition, please ensure that you have filled and submitted the on-line SAB medical record form for your child. Each family should have received a link via email to be completed on-line. This information will help us to be aware of any special medical needs or concerns your child may have. If you have already submitted this form, thank you! If you have not received this on-line link or have had difficulty submitting it, please contact the school immediately for assistance.



Arrive on Time

The best start to each school day is one that starts with arriving at school on time. In order to provide the best possible program for students, it is necessary for them to attend school regularly and on time. This means students should arrive a few minutes before the bell rings and have their Health Pass out ready to be checked. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent (or guardian) to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time.

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for **any absences or reasons for being late** to school. We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you through our automated call-out system to determine the reason for the absence. To find out how this automated system works please visit

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools/SafeArrivalProgram.aspx>

Please let the office know by calling our NEW Safe Arrival Line: 1-833-250-2290.

If your contact information, including phone number, changes at any time throughout the school year, please notify the office promptly.

Visitors in School

Visitors are required to check in with the main office upon arriving at the school. Please call the office to make an appointment if you need to connect with a staff member – 416 394 7670



Signing Students In and Out

Parents and caregivers that are bringing students to school after the morning announcements or are removing them from school before the end of the day are asked to connect with the office (call in or signal the office via the main door intercom). If your child will not be riding the bus at the end of the day, please let your child's teacher know by writing a note or sending an email.



Parking Lot Safety Reminders

The parking lot is an extremely busy place. Please follow the Kiss N Ride rules and do not park your car in the drop off lane. Older students can be dropped on Eltham Drive which runs along our north field. Students can walk to colas safely from there.

Please **Do Not Park** in our 2 designated Handicap Spaces – vehicles may be fined and or towed.

Reminder: Dogs ON School Property

A quick reminder to our Sir Adam Beck community that dogs are strictly prohibited on the school grounds. We want to ensure everyone's safety as students may get overly excited and try to approach your pet. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library News

Hello SAB families!

Students have all had their first visits to the library to have an opportunity to choose a book to bring home! Students are encouraged to read these books throughout the week and return them on their library book exchange days to take out new ones!

A reminder that students must have a Toronto Public Library card in order to take out books. We keep a copy of each child's card at the school. If your child has not yet brought home a book, please check to ensure we have a copy of your child's card.

One important way to foster a love of reading is to share books with each other, so we encourage all families to spend time reading together.

In September, students read books about the joy of reading, the meaning of Orange Shirt Day, as well as heard stories that involved our monthly character trait of "Respect". In October, we will be reading stories about Islamic and Somali Heritage, gratefulness, Halloween, and our character trait of "Responsibility".

We will continue to partner with the Toronto Public Library and our Alderwood Library Branch team. We will be organizing storytimes for students that will occur during the regular school day.

Our scholastic book fair is booked for November 13 - 17th. More information will be coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, please send me an email.

If you have any questions about the library, please don't hesitate to contact me at kathy.botham@tdsb.on.ca

Happy reading!

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Kathy Botham
Teacher-Librarian and Empower
Sir Adam Beck
TDSB

PR - 728 - Reporting and Responding to Racism and Hate Incidents Involving or Impacting Students in School

Over the past twenty years, the Toronto District School Board has had a long-standing commitment to promoting equity. More recently, concerted efforts have been made to address racism and hate and to work to find new ways to identify and eliminate barriers for a more inclusive and just education system. At Sir Adam Beck, these principles are at the root of all that we do to ensure that we are creating safe spaces where students feel comfortable expressing themselves and feel a strong sense of pride and belonging.

The TDSB has adopted a Student-Centred Strategy to combat hate and racism with five pillars: Student Leadership, Classroom Instruction, Cyber Safety & Digital Citizenship, Tools for Response and Educational Partnerships for Learning. On our upcoming professional development day staff will review the Student-Centred Strategy and PR- 728.

Our goal at Sir Adam Beck is to empower all of our students and staff, through education and professional development, to become allies within our communities. Over the course of the first few weeks of school homeroom classrooms have been reviewing our school expectations and discussing the role each and every one of us play in creating a safe and inclusive school community.

Learning about racism and hate is important to ensure an understanding of why we must create more equitable learning environments. It is critical to ensure that students have an opportunity to share their identities and learn about others' identities in positive and affirming ways rooted in one of the pillars of the Student Learning Strategy.

Once an adult has been made aware that an incident has occurred they are to report immediately to an administrator who is then responsible for logging the incident in the TDSB Race, Bias and Hate Portal. The administrator will then undertake an investigation and collaborate with the TDSB Caring and Safe Schools Dept, our school Social Worker, our Superintendent of Education, as well as others to create an action plan. At the discretion of the Superintendent, an Organizational Response Team will be convened to discuss the incident and subsequent action plan.

We also recognise that all parents and caregivers are partners in creating a community free from racism, classism and hate both intentional or unintentional. Over the next few months we will continue to work actively with our staff and Parent Council to seek out opportunities for families to interact with our school to continue promoting inclusion and education for all.

As a school, we are also committed to celebrating the work that is happening both at the classroom and school level through monthly character assemblies. We look forward to continuing our learning journey throughout the course of the year.

Collectively our moral purpose is clear and our resolve unwavering. Our mandate and message to the Sir Adam Beck community must be that hate and racism in any form has no place in schools. Working in line with the Student Centered Strategy to Combat Hate and Racism allows us to take an important step forward towards this goal.

Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference - October 21 & 22, 2023

Join us at our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and to learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

Last year, we partnered with the TDSB's Outdoor Education team and the City of Toronto to bring a unique experience to the conference. All of the in-person sessions are scheduled between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Transportation from central sites is available to all venues, leaving the location at 1:00 p.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. More information will be provided as we approach the date.

The virtual conference includes a keynote address on Saturday, October 21, 2023, by Dr. Gholnesar (Gholdy) Muhammad, an Associate Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Sarah Baldeo, an accomplished neuroscientist, technologist, corporate strategist, and a successful entrepreneur, will be our keynote.

Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca to register and for more information.

Walk to School Month

Did you know October is Walk to School Month? For the month of October, the EcoSchools Team will be counting how many students walked to school each Wednesday of the month. There are many benefits of walking to school, such as the benefits of moving before school, how students are better able to concentrate and learn when they walk to school and the fact that they can enjoy observing and listening to nature as they walk. Did you know a total of 154 students walked to school on September's Walk to School Day? That's a huge accomplishment! If you can't walk to school on Wednesdays, try to go for a walk with your family after school to show your support and to enjoy the benefits of walking outdoors! Also, you can join the Walking School Bus on the last Wednesday of every month! Please send photos of your child walking or wheeling to school to Mme Brown at AmandaN.Brown@tdsb.on.ca The photos will be added to a Walk to School Month video that will be shared at our October Assembly on Friday, October 28th.

Safety on the Play Scape

During school hours the students are asked to follow rules designed to enhance the safety of the play scape. We encourage the students to also use these rules when using the equipment outside of school hours.

- **WALK while using the equipment, running and games like Tag make it unsafe**
- **Safe FOOTWEAR:** Your shoes need to have closed toes.
- **KEEP HANDS FREE things in our hands, even mittens can get in the way of a safe grip**
- **ONE AT A TIME:** Only one person at a time on the monkey bars, slides, rock wall and rope ladder. Remember, to keep your hands to yourself.
- **FEET FIRST DOWN THE SLIDE**

Early French Immersion (JK Entry)

The Early French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK). Families who wish to have their child participate in an Early French Immersion Program **must** apply in **November**. To apply, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pars.

For September 2024 entry, **the application process will open on November 6, 2023 and close on December 1, 2023**. Applications that are submitted after the deadline will be marked as late and accommodated if space in the program is available.

In February, only those families who applied in November and have accepted an offer of placement for their child via the [central application process](#) can register in Early French Immersion.

To learn more about the TDSB's kindergarten program, including home tips on preparing your child for school, visit the [Kindergarten Links and Resources](#) page.

Interested in applying to a school other than the one that serves your home address? Read about [Out-of-Area Admissions](#).



Halloween – Please follow the advice of Toronto Public Health with regards to having your child participate in trick or treating

Hallowe'en Safety Tips

For families that celebrate Hallowe'en, it provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family time. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.

- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
 - If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
 - Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
 - Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
 - Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
 - If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
 - Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
 - Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
 - With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
 - Set time limits when children should return home.
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Homework Tips

Homework is an important part of a student's academic program. Research shows that students do better when parents are involved in their child's education. You can help your child improve his or her academic performance by being involved daily in homework assignments. If your child is in elementary school, ask the teacher at the beginning of the year what topics, areas, and skills will be covered. Keep a folder of your child's work (writing, drawing, book list, quizzes, etc.) and take them to the parent-teacher conference.

Suggested Time Guidelines:

The amount of time a student spends on homework depends on the student's needs, age and grade, subject, schedule, proximity of tests, examinations and project due dates. The following chart is suggested as a general guide only.

JK - Grade 3: 10-30 minutes **Grade 4- Grade 6:** 30-60 minutes

Tips: These tips will help your child in developing good study habits:

- Set a consistent time when homework will be done every night.
- Provide a quiet place away from distractions such as television and telephone.
- Have your children practise mathematics, reading, and writing skills daily.
- Talk to your children about what they are learning in school.
- Read together with younger children.
- Let your children help you in reading and writing, recipes, newspapers, letters, shopping lists.
- Encourage your children to ask the teacher for help if they find the work difficult or confusing.
- Keep in touch with the teachers and call when you have a question or a concern.
- Check that homework is completed.
- Praise and encourage your children

KEEP WELL AND STAY SAFE

October 2023

SAB Athletics

[CONTACT US](#)

Mme Mahaney
Mme Dibon-Smith
Ms. Giorgio
Ms. Harwood
Mme Brown



Cross Country

The West Conference Cross Country Meet is on Wednesday, October 4th at Centennial Park. Students who have attended most of the Running Club practices will participate in the meet. This is a rain or shine event. Permission forms have been sent out to successful participants. There will be a school bus taking the students to and from the meet. Students advancing to the Conference Finals will compete on October 17th.



Soccer

The Grade 5 Boys' and Girls' soccer tournament will take place mid-October. The girls' tournament will be played on October 11th at Briarcrest JPS. The boys' date is TBD. Practices will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45-8:30A.M. Thank you to all of the students who tried out and demonstrated great initiative.

Permission Forms (EMA)

When possible, TDESAA team sports will utilize the online permission forms for tournament play. Should technological issues arise, we will send home hard copies of these permission forms. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this new system.

Coming Up!

Grade 5 Boys' Volleyball will begin at the beginning of November. Grade 5 Girls' Volleyball is scheduled for the winter season.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

TDSB MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN RENEWAL 2023-2027



TDSB is Renewing its Multi-Year Strategic Plan

All members of the TDSB school community are invited to ***Have Your Say!*** We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to contribute to the conversation. Learn more at: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPRenewal

Ward 1 Trustee Dennis Hastings, Ward 2 Trustee Dan MacLean, and Ward 3 Trustee Patrick Nunziata invites you to a virtual Ward Forum to provide your input into the TDSB's renewed Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Tuesday October 17, 2023, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM via ZOOM

Please **REGISTER HERE** to let us know you will be attending and if you require any accommodation to participate in this discussion. Please note, this meeting is specifically only for parents/guardians and caregivers in TDSB Wards 1, 2, and 3. There will be additional meetings held by the other wards. Thank you!



Trustee Dennis Hastings
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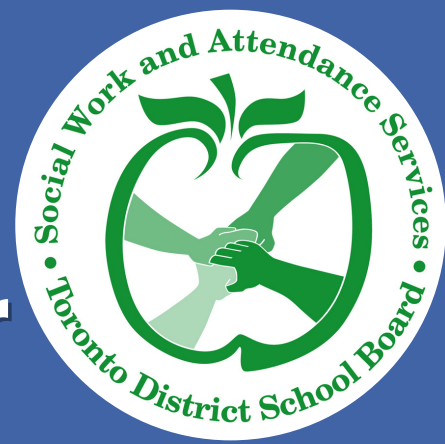


Trustee Patrick Nunziata
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TDSB Social Workers

present

Virtual Community Fair



For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

WHEN:

OCTOBER 16 , 2023

9:30AM – 12PM

AND A REPEAT ON

OCTOBER 23, 2023

5:30–8PM



**Psychological
Services**



**Occupational Therapy &
Physiotherapy Services**



**Special
Education &
Inclusion**



**Microsoft
Teams**



**Speech-Language Pathology
Services**

JOIN ON YOUR COMPUTER, MOBILE APP

**[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE
MEETING](#)**

MEETING ID: 255 846 447 429

PASSCODE: 3BWFVF

[DOWNLOAD TEAMS | JOIN ON THE WEB](#)

Meet with TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Needs and Inclusion Consultants who provide services for your child/youth/young adult with Special /Complex needs.

- **Occupational Therapist & Physiotherapist**
- **Speech and Language Pathologist**
- **Special Needs and Inclusion**
- **Social Worker**
- **Psychologist**

For Any Questions Call :

Larena Case:

416-570-3314

Maria Antonio Aymerich:

416-524-1930

Email: virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

TPS Online VSC Process

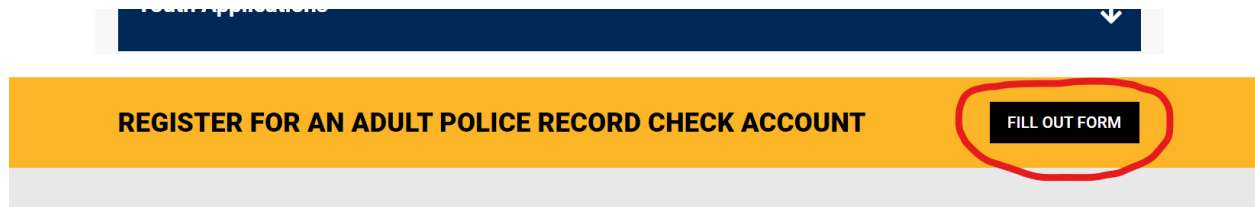
Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online.

Please follow the steps below to complete your VSC online.

Weblink : <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

TDSB Code: **202309TPSOND7EFC**

Applicants are required to register for a Police Record Check (PRC) Account.



Monitor the email you provide below for any messages from TPS while your record check is being processed (check your junk/spam folder).

Your completed record check will be sent electronically (or by mail in certain circumstances) and you will receive an email notification with more details at that time.



Registration Account Information

-- European Union residents may not apply to this platform. --

Registration Information (* = mandatory field)

* First Name:	<input type="text" value="your first name"/>
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="your last name"/>
* City of Residence:	<input type="text" value="your city of residence"/>
* Province of Residence:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Phone (daytime):	<input type="text" value="your day time phone"/>
* Email Address:	<input type="text" value="your email address"/>
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* Security Question 2:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Security Answer 2:	<input type="text" value="answer to security question 2"/> ⚠ (case sensitive)
* Agree to EULA:	<input type="checkbox"/> View agreement ...
* Agree to FG Consent:	<input type="checkbox"/> View statement ...
* Agree to Police Consent:	<input type="checkbox"/> View consent ...

PLEASE NOTE: For privacy reasons, we strongly recommend that you use an email account to which only you have access, and that you can check regularly for messages from the police regarding the status of your application.

As part of the process, the police may need to send you email correspondence regarding your application. In some instances, these emails may contain highly confidential information concerning records found during their background queries, and requests for details to help determine whether or not those records belong to you, or another person with a similar name and/or birthdate.

For this reason, and to ensure your personal privacy, please keep this in mind when providing an email address in your account set-up.

Please keep the record of your log-in credentials.

- Your Username
- Your Password
- Your Security Questions and Answers

TDSB’s Unique Code:

Once the account is registered, the applicant can apply online Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) with the following code.

- TDSB Code: **202309TPSOND7EFC**

Costs:

The payment can be made with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard or American Express.

- Volunteer - \$26.72

Please log in your account to start the online VSC process.

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2023-Sep-05	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Report Selection Required

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Report Selection / Requirement (ensure your selection is correct, there are no refunds)

All prices listed are in Canadian funds. Applicable taxes are included.

Vulnerable Sector Check

NOTE - you must be 18 years or older
Specifically for those who ARE working or volunteering with Vulnerable people (i.e. children, elderly)

<input type="radio"/> \$71.72 - Employment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Volunteer <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i>
<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Unpaid Student Placement <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i>	<input type="radio"/> \$71.72 - Other <i>Note: (i.e. Paid Student Placement, Professional Licensing or practicum, etc.)</i>
<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Adoption, Kinship, Family Member, In-Home Placement	





Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check

NOTE - you must be 18 years or older
NOT for those who are working or volunteering with Vulnerable people (i.e. children, elderly)

<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Employment / Other	<input type="radio"/> \$0.00 - Volunteer <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i> <i>Note: (Must be accompanied with signed letter on organization's letterhead indicating your volunteering status)</i>
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TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

Please provide the details of the volunteer duties with TDSB.

Reason for the Police Record Check	(* denotes mandatory, no acronyms)
NOTE: Due to the nature of the Criminal Records Act and the RCMP rules governing this, only one (1) Position and only one (1) VSC Organization Code can be listed on your Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) record check. If you require a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) record check for more than one (1) Position/VSC Organization Code, you must submit separate applications.	
* Position:	<input type="text" value="TDSB School Volunteer"/>
 Description of the position, such as coach, teaching assistant, personal support worker, etc).	
* VSC Organization Code:	<input type="text" value="202309TPSOND7EFC"/>
 A code provided to you by an organization approved by the Toronto Police.	
* Vulnerable Clientele Duties:	<input type="text" value="Helping in the classroom assisting a teacher to prepare lessons. Reading with primary grade students. Washroom routine help."/>
 Responsibility details should include how you will be interacting with the clientele AND include their age range.	
* List which vulnerable sectors you will be working with (list all that apply)::	<input type="text" value="Children"/>
 Indicate Children / Elderly / Physically Disabled / Mentally Disabled	

Vulnerable Sector (VS) Consent	(* denotes mandatory)
I hereby consent to a search being made in the automated criminal records retrieval system maintained by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to find out if I have been convicted of, and been granted a record suspension (pardon) for any of the sexual offences that are listed in the schedule to the Criminal Records Act.	
I understand that as a result of giving this consent, if I am suspected of being the person named in a criminal record for one of the sexual offences listed in the schedule to the Criminal Records Act in respect of which a record suspension (pardon) was granted or issued, I will be requested to provide fingerprints to confirm that record, and that record may be provided by the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, who may then disclose all or part of the information contained in that record to a police force or other authorized body. That police force or authorized body will then disclose that information to me. If I further consent in writing to disclosure of that information to the person or organization referred to in my Vulnerable Sector Check application, that requested the verification, that information will be disclosed to that person or organization.	
* By checking this box, I Agree: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

Personal Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* First Name: <input type="text" value="your first name"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="your last name"/>
* Middle Name: <input type="checkbox"/> check if not applicable <input type="text" value="your middle name"/>	
* Former Last Names: <input type="checkbox"/> check if not applicable <input type="text" value="maiden/previous last name(s)"/>	? (including maiden)
Other Name(s) Used: <input type="text" value="any other names/nickname(s)"/>	
* Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Gender X	* Date of Birth: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/> / <input type="text" value="dd"/>
* Place of Birth: <input type="text" value="where you were born"/>	? (City and Province if Canada/US, Country otherwise)

Contact Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* Phone -Daytime: <input type="text" value="phone number during day hours"/>	? (123) 456-7890 x123
Phone -Secondary: <input type="text" value="secondary phone number"/>	? (123) 456-7890 x123

Canadian Driver's License Information (* denotes mandatory)	
? (if you don't have a Canadian Driver's License, please check the box below)	
* Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/>	* Driver's License #: <input type="text" value="driver's license number"/>
	* Province of issue: <input type="text" value=""/>

Current Employment Information (* denotes mandatory)	
This data is shared exclusively with Forrest Green Solutions and a licensed consumer credit reporting agency (eg. TransUnion) and may be used in the authentication process and/or to update your consumer credit report.	
This information will not appear on your application documents or be provided to the police service.	
? (if this is not applicable to you, please check the box below)	
* Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/>	* Current Employer: <input type="text" value="name of current employer"/>
	* Employed Since: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/>

Residence / Home Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* From: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/>	? (yyyy/mm)
* Street Address: <input type="text" value="street address"/>	* City: <input type="text" value="TORONTO"/>
Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #: <input type="text" value="apartment, unit, suite, box, other"/>	* Province: <input type="text" value="Ontario (ON)"/>
	* Postal Code: <input type="text" value="postal code number"/>

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

*** FOR CRIMINAL RECORD / CRIMINAL RECORD AND JUDICIAL MATTERS CHECK APPLICATIONS ***

The Toronto Police Service will conduct these 2 types of checks for individuals living anywhere in Canada.

To apply from outside of Canada, please visit the [Toronto Police Service Record Checks](#) website.

*** FOR VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK APPLICATIONS ***

The Toronto Police Service can only provide Vulnerable Sector Checks for anyone living in Toronto and surrounding areas (Scarborough, North York, East York, Etobicoke, Old Toronto, etc.) whose **home** postal code begins with "M".

If you reside outside of these jurisdictions, you must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Police Check from your local RCMP detachment or local police.

Vulnerable Sector Checks can only be completed for positions within Canada and must be performed by the law enforcement agency responsible for the jurisdiction in which you live.

Having a **Postal Box** is not the same as residing in an approved jurisdiction.

Do you confirm you live in an approved jurisdiction?

* Confirmation of Residence: Yes No

Mailing Information

(* denotes mandatory if different from residence)

* Same as Residence: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	* City: <input type="text" value="city"/>
* Street Address: <input type="text" value="street address"/>	* Province: <input type="text" value=""/>
Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #: <input type="text" value="apartment, unit, suite, box, other"/>	* Postal Code: <input type="text" value="postal code number"/>

Address History (max:12)

(required if you have moved in the past five (5) years)
(* denotes mandatory)

For International addresses, please select INTL from the Province drop-down and use the Street and City fields to supply as much information as possible (including Country).

? (click the green (+) button to add addresses)

(Postal Code is NOT mandatory)

* Street Address	Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #	* City	* Prov	Postal	* From	* To	
<input type="text" value="address 1"/>	<input type="text" value="address 2"/>	<input type="text" value="city"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="postal"/>	<input type="text" value="yyyy"/>	<input type="text" value="/ mm"/>	<input type="text" value="yyyy / mm"/>

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** Only valid data will be saved.



Fee Payment

Please ensure the information below is accurate as it will be used for the Identity Authentication process. Once the application has been paid for, these details cannot be changed, and you can only attempt authentication one (1) time. **If it is incorrect, please go back to the [Demographics page NOW](#) and make any required updates before the application is locked. Once payment has been submitted, any new or modified information will have to be provided to the police via e-mail to toronto@policesolutions.ca.**

Information to be used for Identity Authentication - Please Verify	
First Name <input type="text" value=""/>	Street Address <input type="text" value=""/>
Middle Name <input type="text" value=""/>	Apt/Unit/Suite/Box <input type="text" value=""/>
Last Name <input type="text" value=""/>	City TORONTO
Gender <input type="text" value=""/>	Province Ontario
Date of Birth <input type="text" value=""/>	Postal Code <input type="text" value=""/>
Phone <input type="text" value=""/>	

We use Moneris to process payment.

Please Note:

You may be contacted by the police to attend and submit your fingerprints.

As part of the vulnerable sector application process, one of the searches we conduct involves a query of the RCMP's national criminal record database. Your information is entered into the system and a search is done with an almost instantaneous response. If your name, birthdate and gender OR your birthdate and gender are the same as someone who has received a records suspension (Pardon) for sexual offences, the RCMP will not permit the police check to proceed without confirming whether or not you are the same person. This is done by taking your fingerprints and electronically transmitting them to the RCMP for comparison to the pardoned record(s). The results are returned to us, and in most cases we can then complete your police check within the timeframe you were advised. These prints are then destroyed.

At one time vulnerable sector searches were based on a name comparison only, however this was removed when it was discovered that individuals could defeat the process by obtaining a legal name change.

Note that a Criminal Record Check does not require a query of the RCMP's pardoned database, and may not involve fingerprinting. Please be certain that a Vulnerable Sector Check check is truly required for your position.

Note that a Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check does not require a query of the RCMP's pardoned database, and may not involve fingerprinting. Please be certain that a Vulnerable Sector Check check is truly required for your position.


The RCMP charges a fee of \$25.00 for the taking and processing of civil fingerprints if it is required for employment or student placement purposes. This fee is waived if the check is required for a bona fide volunteer position, provided you are able to produce (upon attending for fingerprinting) a letter from the agency or employer certifying that you are in fact applying for a bona fide volunteer position. The letter must be on the agency's letterhead and be signed.

Any fees associated with fingerprinting will be paid at the time you attend Toronto Police Service to have your prints taken.

The primary reason for this is to ensure the protection of those people in our communities who are the most vulnerable.

For additional information, please visit the RCMP FAQ at <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks> .

Terms and Conditions

1. **FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR SELECTION IS CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE.**
2. Payment does not mean the local police service will provide confirmation a person does not have a criminal record.
3. If an individual has selected the incorrect police check, no refund will be provided and the process will need to re-commence from the beginning.
4. Additional steps and fees may be applicable such as:
 - a. Physical visit and interview at the police station, where required;
 - b. Fingerprints to confirm criminal record information when there is a discrepancy between an applicant's declared criminal record and the registered criminal record held at the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records;
 - c. Fingerprints for Vulnerable Sector Check only, and only then if your birth date and gender are similar to that of a pardoned sex offender. For additional information, please visit the RCMP FAQ at <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks/> .
5. While the Police Service strives to meet the prescribed turnaround times, there is no guarantee as to the turnaround times:
 - a. Criminal Record Check
 - b. Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check
 - c. Vulnerable Sector Check
6. Each application is treated separately, including fee payment and authentication:
 - a. Report Selection;
 - b. Documentation;
 - c. Demographics;
 - d. Payment;
 - e. Authentication;
 - f. Submission.
7. After payment, you will be presented with our authentication process.
 - a. Should you pass the authentication process, your application will be submitted to the police service, pending any outstanding supporting documentation (if applicable).
 - b. Should you fail or abort the authentication process for any reason, you can download/print your invoice and filled in document. Please refer to emails received from the police for additional information. There will be no refunds, so please be certain you wish to proceed and that you have sufficient personal credit history to be able to utilize this process.
8. **Incomplete applications (i.e. no identification provided, authentication aborted / failed / not completed or further information requested) and applications requiring in-person attendance will remain in the processing queue for no more than sixty (60) days from the time of initial application. Fees are non-refundable and incomplete applications will be considered 'abandoned', and removed from the processing queue after sixty (60) days.**
9. The Toronto Police Service will return the results of the check to the **applicant only**. We will not release the results to a third-party organization or employer under any circumstances.

IMPORTANT:

*****Please ensure to opt to share the results with the TDSB when submitting the application. If you opt to share, the results will be sent directly to the TDSB.**

Submitted Application #20230914-135019 -- Toronto Police Service

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Note: If you do not opt to share the results with TDSB, you are responsible for ensuring that the TDSB’s Police Reference Check office receives a copy of the results via email at PoliceReferenceCheckOffice@tdsb.on.ca

The applicant should monitor the email (used for registration) with for any messages from TPS while the record check is being processed (check the junk/spam folder).

The **completed record check will be sent electronically** (or by mail in certain circumstances) and the applicant will receive an email notification with more details at that time.

Please download and save a copy. After 30 days, the police record check results will be taken down from the system.


If having issues with the online process, you can find the contact information by clicking the “Contact” tap on the top of the page.

Toronto Police Service
 Tel: (416) 808-8244
 eMail: toronto@policesolutions.ca

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS



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2023-Sep-06	VSC Emplo...	Not Needed	Pending	Pending	Pending	Demographics Required

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2023 - 2024

VOLUNTEER ANNUAL OFFENCE DECLARATION

Purpose of Request: This form is to be used for the purpose of compliance with the provisions of Ontario Regulation 521/01 under the Education Act.

Form with fields: Surname, Given Name, Middle Name(s), Date of Birth (Year, Month, Day), School Name, Address

DECLARATION

I declare, since the last Criminal Background Check collected by the Board or the Ontario College of Teachers, as the case may be, that:

[] Up to and including the date of this declaration, I have no convictions under the Criminal Code of Canada for which a pardon has not been issued or granted under the Criminal Records Act (Canada).

OR

[] Up to and including the date of this declaration, I have the following convictions for offences under the Criminal Code of Canada for which a pardon under the Criminal Records Act (Canada) has not been issued or granted:

Table with 3 columns: Conviction, Date, Court Location

I CERTIFY that all information given in this Declaration is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

DATED at Toronto, this _____ day of _____, 20____. _____ Volunteer Signature

Please scan and email the completed Declaration Form to:

policerferencecheckoffice@tdsb.on.ca

Toronto District School Board, Police Reference Check Office,

17 Fairmeadow Ave., Room 107, Toronto, Ontario, M2P 1W6



Stay Home if You Have Symptoms

Screen yourself/your child for COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses using this questionnaire. If you answer YES to any of the questions, stay home and follow guidance provided.

September 1, 2023

1. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms*? Yes No

A) One or more:



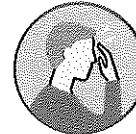
Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and/or chills



Cough



Sore throat



Headache



Feeling very tired



Trouble breathing



Decrease or loss of taste/smell



Runny nose/
nasal congestion



Muscle aches/
joint pain



Nausea/vomiting/
diarrhea

2. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days and have symptom(s)? Yes No



If "YES" to Q.1 or 2 Stay home (self-isolate)



Follow extra measures

3. Do you have only one symptom from 1(B) OR any of the following new or worsening symptoms*?

• Abdominal pain • Pink eye • Decreased or no appetite Yes No



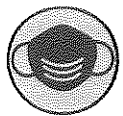
If "YES" Stay home until your symptom(s) is improving for 24 hours (48 hours for nausea/vomiting/diarrhea) and you do not have any new symptoms

Stay home (self-isolate) if you are sick:

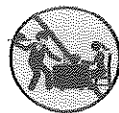
Stay home until you have no fever and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if nausea/vomiting/diarrhea).

Anyone who is feeling sick or has any new or worsening symptoms of illness, including those not listed, stay home until symptoms are improving and seek assessment if needed.

Follow extra measures: For 10 days after the start of symptoms:



Wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including schools/child care, unless <2 years of age).



Avoid non-essential activities where you take off your mask (e.g., playing an instrument in music class or during sports or dining out).



Do not visit people or settings (e.g. hospitals, long-term care homes) at higher risk, including where there are seniors or those who are immunocompromised.

This tool is consistent with [provincial self-assessment tool](#).

*If the symptom is from a known health condition that gives you the symptom, select "No." If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, select "Yes." If there is mild tiredness, sore muscles or joints within 48 hours after a COVID-19 or flu vaccine, select "No."