



Welcome to Thistle Town Collegiate Institute!

In this package you will find some very important information for a smooth transition to your new school.

School Website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/thistle-townci>

Twitter: @ThistleTownTDSB

Instagram: @thistle-towntdsb

Guidance Google Classroom Codes:

Grades 9 - 12: qzeyado

Graduates: gihhqfh

Administrators

Ms. S. Greenaway, Principal	
Ms. R. Mathai, Vice-Principal	Last names A - L
Mr. J. Pollice, Vice-Principal	Last names M - Z

Guidance Office Assistant

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School Settlement Worker for Newcomer Students:

Ms. I. Hercules - IHercules@nych.ca

Office Days at Thistle Town: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

School Calendar

Courses are organized in a semester model, meaning courses change halfway through the year and students take four courses each semester.

Semester Dates:

- Semester 1: September 7 - February 1
- Semester 2: February 3 - June 28

Daily Schedule (Day 1/Day 2)				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
9:00 - 10:20 am	Period A/ Course 1	Period A/ Course 1	Period A/ Course 1	Period A/ Course 1
10:25 - 11:40 am	Period B/ Course 2	Period B/ Course 2	Period B/ Course 2	Period B/ Course 2
11:40 am - 12:40 pm LUNCH				
12:40 - 1:55 pm	Period C/ Course 3	Period D/ Course 4	Period C/ Course 3	Period D/ Course 4
2:00 - 3:15 pm	Period D/ Course 4	Period C/ Course 3	Period D/ Course 4	Period C/ Course 3

Please download the *TDSB Connects* app to access your daily timetable.

THE LAST TWO WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH ARE LATE START DAYS, SCHOOL STARTS AT 10:00 am ON THOSE DAYS.

Please see your first period teacher to get a locker assigned to you. You need to purchase a combination lock.

Getting your Diploma

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements

An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requires the completion of:

- a minimum of 30 credits, including 18 compulsory and 12 optional
- 40 hours of [community involvement activities](#)
- the [literacy graduation requirement](#)
- the [online learning graduation requirement](#) (2 online learning credits)

Compulsory Credits

The 18 compulsory credits are:

- 4 English, one per grade level*
- 1 French as a Second Language
- 3 Mathematics, at least one in Grade 11 or 12
- 2 Science
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts (dance, drama, media, music, visual arts)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Civics and Citizenship
- 0.5 Career Studies

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course) or French as a second language
- Native languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- classical studies and international languages
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language
- computer studies
- cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language

The following conditions apply to compulsory credit selections from the above three groups:

- In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of two credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.
 - o Students who have taken Native languages in place of French as a second language in elementary school may use a Level 1 or 2 Native languages course to meet the compulsory credit requirement for French as a second language.
- A maximum of two credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits, selected from any of the above three groups.
- The Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course may be used to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- The Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course may be used to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts

* Students who are English language learners may count up to three credits in ESL or ELD towards the four compulsory credits in English. The fourth credit must be a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

Community Involvement

Students are required to complete a minimum of [40 hours of mandatory Community Involvement](#) prior to graduation.

- An indication of completion will be entered on the student's Ontario Student Transcript when the 40 hours have been submitted
- Secondary school staff will discuss appropriate types of Community Involvement activities and projects with students and may offer suggestions, but the selection and management of the involvement is to be directed by the student.
- The TDSB publishes a list of "approved" and "non-approved" activities; students must receive pre-approval for volunteer activities from the Principal or Designate.
- Activities may take place inside or outside the school. If inside, activities may not be part of a credit program.
- The student may not displace a worker who would normally have been paid to perform the same function or receive pay.
- Community Involvement may begin in the summer after Grade 8.
- For volunteer opportunities check www.volunteertoronto.ca

Ontario Secondary Literacy Requirement

Students must write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), which is created and marked by the Ministry of Education. Students who write the OSSLT and who have been unsuccessful at least once are eligible to take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC40).

[More information about the OSSLT](#)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/Research/Achievement-EQAO/OSSLT-Results>

Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Beginning with students that entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, students must earn at least two online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

[More information about the Online Learning Graduation Requirement](#)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/GradesExamsDiplomas/Getting-your-Diploma/Online-Learning-Requirement>

Apps to Download

TDSB Connects - This app allows you to access your daily timetable, announcements from the school and reminders about the school day schedule.

Tutorial video: <https://youtu.be/t8ZL7hU9O44>

How to Access Your Student Email, Google Classroom and BrightSpace

Student Email

1. On your Internet browser go to: **aw.tdsb.on.ca**
2. In the *username* box: Type in your student email address _____
3. In the *password* box: Type in the Shared Student Password (last 4 digits of your student number, day of your birth, month of your birth, @Tdsb) #####DDMM@Tdsb

4. You will be asked to create a personal password.
5. Once on AW (Academic Workspace) click on the **Mail** button (or picture of an envelope) at the top of the page to access your school email.

Your student email: _____ . _____ @student.tdsb.on.ca
First name *Last name*



Sign in

Enter your TDSB email address here, then click Ne

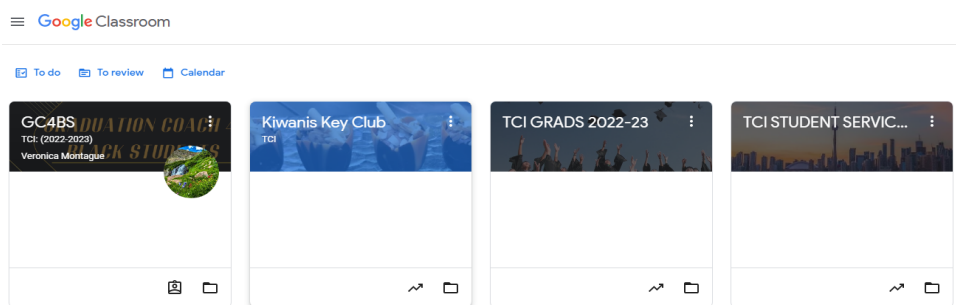
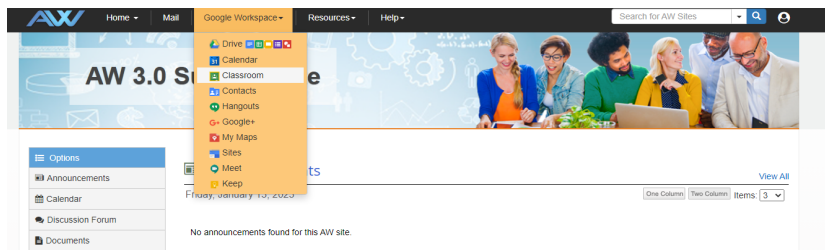
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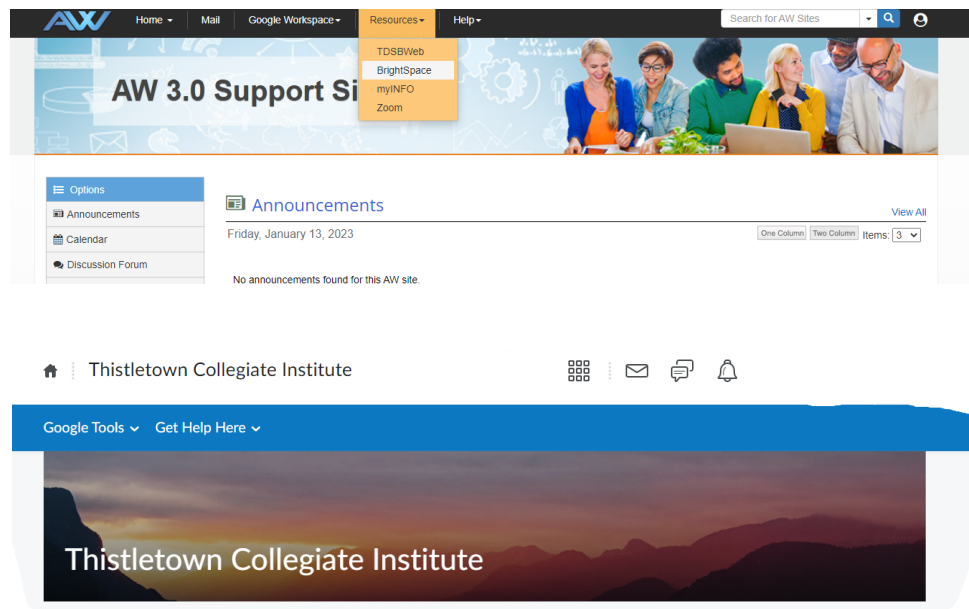
Google Classroom

1. Once on the AW page (see above) click on the Google Apps button.
2. From the dropdown menu selected Google Classroom.
3. In the right hand corner click on the + to add the course code provided to you by your teacher.



BrightSpace

1. Once on the AW page (see above) click on the Resources button.
2. From the dropdown menu select *BrightSpace*.
3. If your teacher uses BrightSpace your course material will be added shortly after registering in the class.



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Student Life at Thistletown C.I.

Taking the Bus to School

The #37 bus on Islington Avenue stops just outside our school at Fordwich Crescent. This bus arrives about every 20 minutes before and after school.



Cafeteria

The cafeteria is a fun place for students to sit and eat their lunch with friends. Bring a lunch or purchase a meal for \$5 and/or snacks for \$1 - \$3.



Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker to store their jacket and other personal belongings. You may bring your own lock or purchase a \$10 lock from the main office.

Student ID Cards

New students may be issued a school identification card for identification purposes, to participate in select school events and to get discounted TTC bus fare and monthly passes. Please see Ms. Alvi in the main office

Library

The newly renovated library is a great place for students to study, research on a computer, print or borrow a book. A prayer room is also located inside the library.

A Helping Hand

TCI's Food Bank is available for students in need to bring home donated food items such as canned goods and cereals. In the spring and summer, TCI's Garden provides community members with fruits, vegetables and fresh herbs.

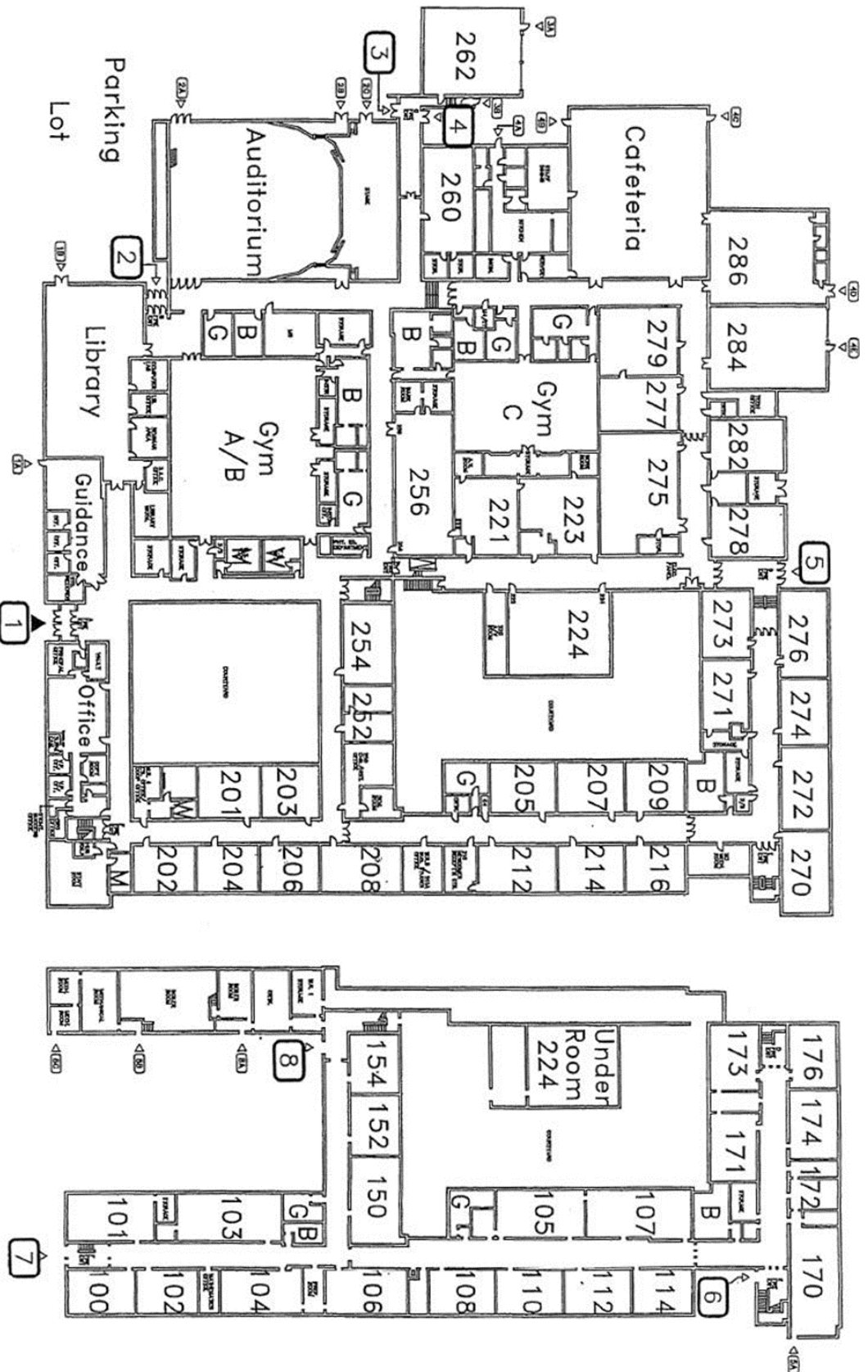
Sports, Councils and Student Clubs

- Welcoming Communities Club
- Thistletown Arts Council (TAC)
- Student Activity Council (SAC)
- Craft Club
- Music Club
- Boys/Girl's Weight Room
- Soccer Team
- Basketball Team
- Volleyball Team
- Wrestling Team and more!



Weight Room (room 278)

Thistle town C.I. Floor Map



MAIN ENTRANCE

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