

December 8, 2023



## **PETHS Weekly Parent Bulletin**

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#### Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year

Click on the link to read the Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year

#### PETHS 2023-2024 Student Handbook

Click on the link to read the Student Handbook 2023-24

School Cash Online (SCO) School Contact: hyun-jung.byun@yrdsb.c





School Cash Online



## **School Information**

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THIS WEEK @ TRUDEAU	Coming Up		
Monday, December 11	December 18 - Co-Op fair		
$\rightarrow$ SHSM CPR workshop	December 18/19 - Winter Melodies		
T I D I 10	December 22 - Winter Carnival		
Tuesday, December 12	December 25 to January 5 - Winter Break January 12 - Ski Club trip		
$\rightarrow$	January 12 - Ski Club trip January 18 - Drama Mosaic		
Wednesday, December 13	January 18 - School Council 7:00 p.m.		
→ ELL Holiday Party → Swim Team Championships	Important School Information links		
Thursday, December 14 → Semi Formal at Crystal Fountain → Community Classes Field Trip	<ul> <li>Staff Directory</li> <li>Guidance</li> <li>list of clubs</li> </ul>		
Friday, December 15	Daily Schedule 2023-24		
→ Volleyball Tournament	Period	Time	
	1 HOMEROOM	8:10 AM – 9:25 AM 9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	
	2	9:35 AM – 10:50 AM	
	3	10:55 AM – 12:10 PM	
	4	12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	
	5	1:35 PM – 2:50 PM	

#### Attendance

To report an absence or for questions about your child's attendance, please call 905-887-2216 ext. 190 or send an email to pierre.elliott.trudeau.hs.attendance@yrdsb.ca

If you receive notification that your child has been marked absent and you believe this to be incorrect, please have your child ask the teacher to notify the office to make the correction. All attendance corrections must be verified by the classroom teacher.

## **School Updates/News**

#### School Council Meeting November 23, 2023

Our school council met on November 23. The agenda included information presentations about our technology and co-operative education programs. Use the link below to read the minutes from the meeting.



## **Extended Absences**

In the event that your child intends to be away for more than <u>three days</u> due to vacation, please ask them to fill out the Extended Absence form, which can be obtained from the main office. This helps facilitate transparent communication regarding assignment expectations and the coordination of makeup assessments with their teachers.

It is also important to be aware that choosing to miss an exam for a vacation will lead to a grade of "zero." Exams cannot be written at an earlier or later date. The first semester exam period runs from January 25th to February 1st. Also if we have an Inclement Weather (Snow Day) exams would be postponed and written on a later date that week. The first semester exam schedule will be shared prior to the Winter Break.

#### School Bus Zone - NO PARKING OR STOPPING

Our school bus drop off and pick up zone is beside the curb in the parking lot on the east side of the school. This is a reminder to parents when you are dropping off and picking up students to keep this area open for our buses to stop and allow students to get on and off their bus. Automobiles blocking this area are subject to a ticket from the Town of Markham.

#### Smoke Free School Environment

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. <u>Health Canada</u> reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the <u>Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and</u> <u>Procedure</u>. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and <u>fines</u> (up to



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\$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. <u>Partnership for Drug Free Kids</u> also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

#### New School Sign In and Out Procedures at Trudeau

We want to inform you about a new visitor procedure that we are implementing at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. This new procedure is part of our ongoing efforts to create a more welcoming and secure environment for our school community.

We kindly request that all visitors to our school begin their visit by signing in at the main office. This includes parents, guardians, volunteers, and any other guests. After signing in you will be asked to wear a guest tag which can be returned when you are leaving the building and sign out.

This process will help us keep track of who is in the building. By doing so, we aim to create a safer and more secure environment for our students and staff.

#### **Prayer Room**

The York Region District School Board promotes respectful and inclusive working and learning environments. In recognition that there are staff and students who would like a quiet place for prayer, reflection or meditation, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS is pleased to announce the availability of a Multi-Faith prayer Room/quiet space in the Guidance Office Reception Area.

#### Health & Safety

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors

in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our

school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to

Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practicing drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.



*multi-faith* **PRAYER** 

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## **General Supports for Emotional Well-Being:**

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 available 24/7, https://kidshelpphone.ca/
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and

youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit <u>www.yorkhills.ca</u> for more information.

- Trans Lifeline: <u>https://translifeline.org/</u>
- Black Youth Helpline: <u>https://blackyouth.ca/</u>
- Naseeha Helpline: <u>https://naseeha.org/</u>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <u>https://www.youthline.ca/</u>

#### Ignite Technology Grant (for students with SEA Technology)

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create leadership opportunities, hone communication skills, and increase self-esteem for students with SEA equipment within their school community. The goal is to bring awareness to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning. Please visit <u>www.yrdsb.ca/ignite</u> for more information.



Renewed Computer Technology Applications Now Open

YRDSB will once again be working with Renewed Computer Technology to support limited income families with gaining access to technology. The fall application period will take place from September 21, 2023 - November 23, 2023. Please refer to the letter to families and the RCT flyer.

Link for letter: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jdCRCGuCUj-SpDA-\_TC8qENZuuNkK9sS/view?usp=drivesdk

Link for flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jd0GgS9LAdTvdgRH5wEewuhnWWFI-7HU/view?usp=drivesdk

Please download and create PETHS drive links for both of those.

#### AFTER SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS

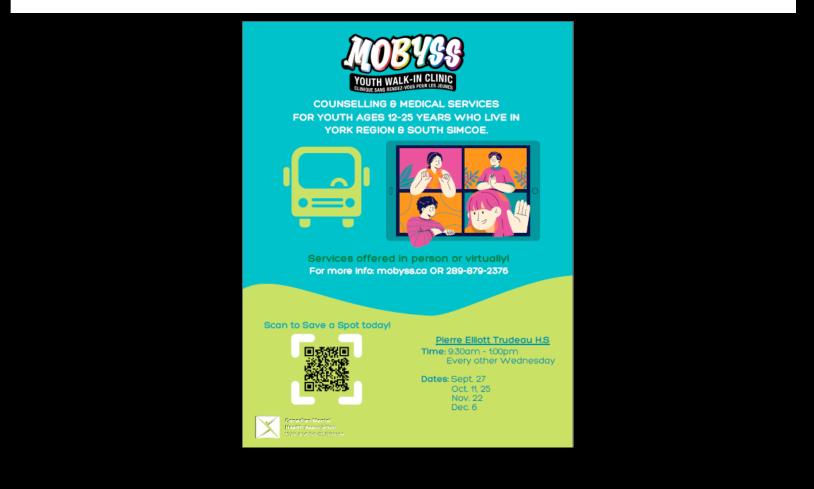
PETHS Library is open after school until 3:30 pm for students to utilize its resources and study.

All students are encouraged to exit the building by 4:30 PM unless they are engaged in one of the following activities:

- · Attending a club meeting.
- · Receiving extra academic help.
- Participating in a special school event.
- Participating in a sports practice.
- · Attending a sports game or event.

For the safety and security of our students, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to this policy. If your child is not involved in any of the above activities, please make arrangements for them to leave no later than 4:30 pm.

We understand that there may be exceptions due to unforeseen circumstances or specific arrangements, but we encourage you to communicate with us in advance if your child needs to stay at school beyond this time.



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### **Resources for Families**



Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB),is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:30PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)



#### **One Stop Health**

One Stop Talk offers children, youth (within 18 years of age) and their families immediate access to free mental health support. <u>One Stop Talk</u>

Learn more



First Come First Serve - No Appointment Needed

No Health Card Needed

Hong Fook Walk In Counselling

# BRIEF COUNSELLING SERVICE

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Hong Fook Mental Health Counselling for Asian-identifying youth

Age 12 - 25 and their familiesliving in the GTA. Form more information click on the link below

Hong Fook Brief Counselling Service



#### The Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic

York Hills offers free immediate access to single session counselling from a mental health professional. Click the link below for more information. <u>Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic</u>



Virtual or in-person workshops for youth ages 12 to 25, parents and caregivers, service providers and educators

Hong Fook Mental Health Workshops

## **YRDSB** Information