

**TDSS GRADE 8
INFORMATION
EVENING**



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day. We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Mississauga of the Credit and thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community and our partners in education.

We acknowledge this land and the people because the first step to reconciliation is recognizing the existence of Indigenous people. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (numbers 62-63) speak to the significance of education as the key to reconciliation. A shared understanding of how our collective past brought us to where we are today will help us walk together into a better future.



**TDSS is
closed to
transfers for
the 2025-2026
school year.**

TDSS' Administrative Team



**Meshell Lynch-James
Principal**

TDSS' Administrative Team



Cynthia Therrien
VP- Grade 9
Grade 12 A-Mal



Leonie Patrick
VP-Grade 10
Grade 12
Mam-Sam



Elizabeth Sloan
VP-Grade 11
Grade 12 San-Z

General Information About TDSS

Daily Schedule

Period 1- 8:00-9:20

Period 2- 9:25-10:40

Period 3- 10:45- 12:00

Period 4- 12:05-1:20

Period 5- 1:25-2:40

Semestered

Semester 1

Sept.-Jan.

Semester 2

Feb.-June

2024-25

School Population

1649

Exams

End of January

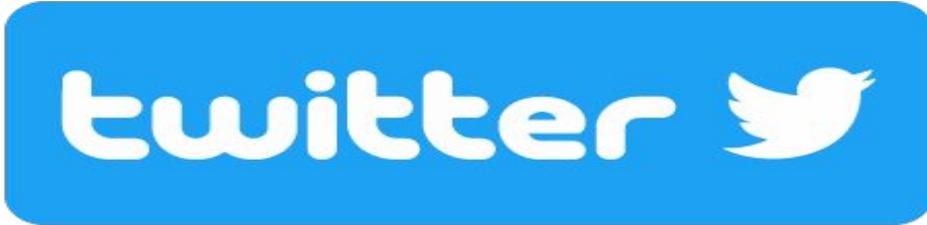
End of June

Grade 9s have a common lunch during period 3.



Instagram

@tdssguidance
@tdssteentitans



@TDSS_YRDSB



Check Us Out @ bit.ly/tommytimescommunity

TDSS News and Information

TDSS Community

- News and Information
 - Forms and Procedures
 - School Council
 - Upcoming Community Events
- Calendar
- Guidance Home
- Graduation Requirements
- Grade 12 Important Information

TDSS School Calendar

★ [How to translate a google website into a variety of languages.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

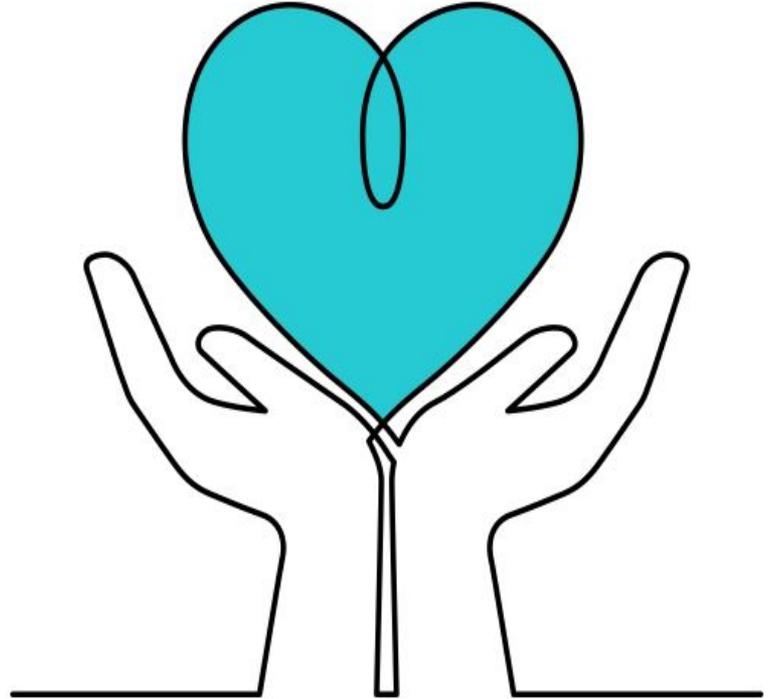
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Elementary vs High School

The transition to secondary school can be a tricky one.

We are here to help you and your child navigate this process.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



O.S.S.D. Requirements

**13 Optional
Credits**

**Successful
completion of
Ontario School
Literacy Test**

**17
Compulsory
Credits**

**40 hours of
Community
Involvement**

O.S.S.D

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New O.S.S. D. Ministry of Education Diploma Requirements

Starting with students entering Grade 9 in September 2024, all students will now be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education and STEM credit.



What do you need to graduate from high school? (If you started Grade 9 in Fall 2024 and after)

30 Credits: 17 Compulsory Credits and 13 Optional Credits

Compulsory credits are comprised of the following:

4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)*	1 credit in The Arts
3 credits in Mathematics (Grade 9 & 10 plus 1 in Grade 11 or 12)	1 credit in Health and Physical Education
2 credits in Science	1 credit in French as a Second Language
1 credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)	0.5 credit in Career Studies
1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)	0.5 credit in Civics & Citizenship
1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)	1 credit from the STEM-Related Course Group

STEM-Related Course Group
You must complete **ONE** from the following group:

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education***
- Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- Technological Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

In addition, students must complete:

- 13 optional credits - 4 can be earned through Dual Credit programs
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- The Provincial Literacy Requirement (OSSLC or OSSLC)
- Earn at least 2 credits through Online Learning**

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English. The fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.
** Families who wish to opt out their child from the Online Learning graduation requirement should speak to their child's school.
Notes:
• Starting in September 2025, students must earn a new Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement as part of their compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics course. Students will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement and earn their high school diploma.
• Students achieving an OSSD Red Seal Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) diploma will have additional requirements based on their particular program.

French Immersion Students

To qualify for the French Immersion Certificate, students must take at least 10 credits in French Immersion (out of the 30 credits needed to graduate high school). These include:

- 4 French Immersion French (1 credit per grade)
- Grade 9 Geography
- Grade 10 Civics and Careers
- Grade 10 History
- at least 3 other courses taught in the French language (excluding third languages since the language of instruction should be the third language).

*** Cooperative Education can qualify as 1 French Immersion credit if students are working with a French speaking community partner in a 2 credit Co-op program.

Technological Education Course Offerings Grade 9 & 10



GRADE 9- TAS1O1 Technology and the Skilled Trades

This course is a general course that exposes students to a wide variety of technological education sub disciplines.

GRADE 10- Wide Variety of Course Offerings

TCJ2O1- Construction

TTJ2O1- Automotive Technology

TDJ2O1- Technological Design

TFJ2O1- Hospitality

TGJ2O1- Communication Technology

Additionally, students must also take a STEM Course...

STEM-Related Course Group

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- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education***
- Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- Technological Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

GRADE 9 COURSE TYPES

COURSE TYPES

IN Gr. 9 & 10

ACADEMIC

DESTREAMED

OPEN

LOCALLY
DEVELOPED

Course Type	Details
ACADEMIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offered in the following compulsory course: French, ● Maximum class size of 29
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English and History (Grade 10) ● Maximum class size of 16 ● Placement determined through an IPRC meeting
OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offered in the following compulsory courses: Physical Education, Arts, Civics/Careers and all grade 9&10 electives ● Maximum class size of 29 (exception Technology courses)
DESTREAMED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offered in the following course, math, English, science, geography, ● Maximum class size 25

Grade 9 Elective Courses



BEM101- Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

PPL108- Healthy Active Living Education (Female)

PPL109- Healthy Active Living Education (Male)

PPL101- Healthy Active Living Education
(All-Gender)

PAF108- Personal and Fitness Activities (Female)

PAF109- Personal and Fitness Activities (Male)

Physical and Health Education is an elective but



Grade 9 Elective Art Courses



ADA1O1- Drama



ACT1O1- Dance

AMG1O1- Guitar

AMI1O1- Instrumental Band
Music

AMS1O1- Instrumental Music-
Strings

AMV1O1- Vocal Music

AMR1O1- Repertoire Band

(After School- 9th credit)

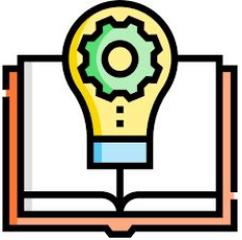


AVI1O1- Visual Arts
All different kinds
of mediums i. e.
drawing, painting
sculpture etc.

Grade 9 Elective Courses



HIF1O1 Family Studies



GLE1O1 Learning Strategies (for students that have gone through the IPRC process and are receiving special education support).



TAS1O1 Technology and the Skilled Trades-
elective but also a compulsory course.

Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Students *may* choose to earn at least two online learning credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

These courses are completely asynchronous, meaning

there is *no* teacher instruction. Students can opt out of

taking online learning classes during the course

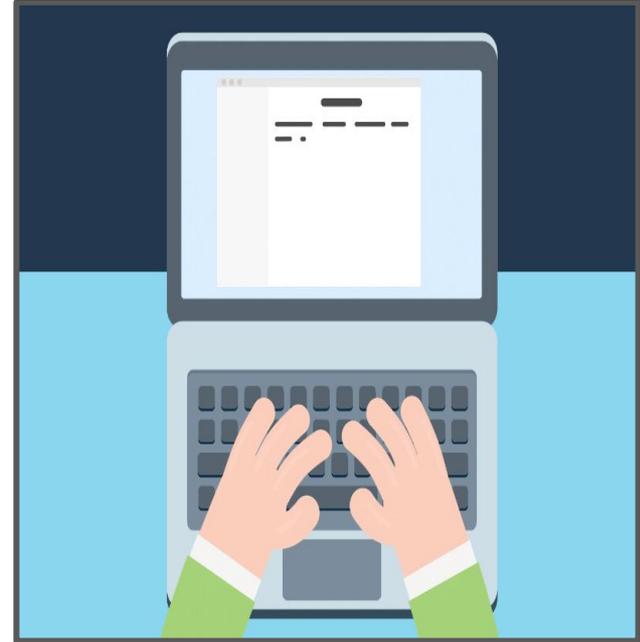
selection process on MyBlue Print. To find out more,

please click [here](#). **For new students not currently**

enrolled in a YRDSB school you can indicate your

preference to opt in or out on the course selection

form.



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Tommy Douglas' 1:1 Program

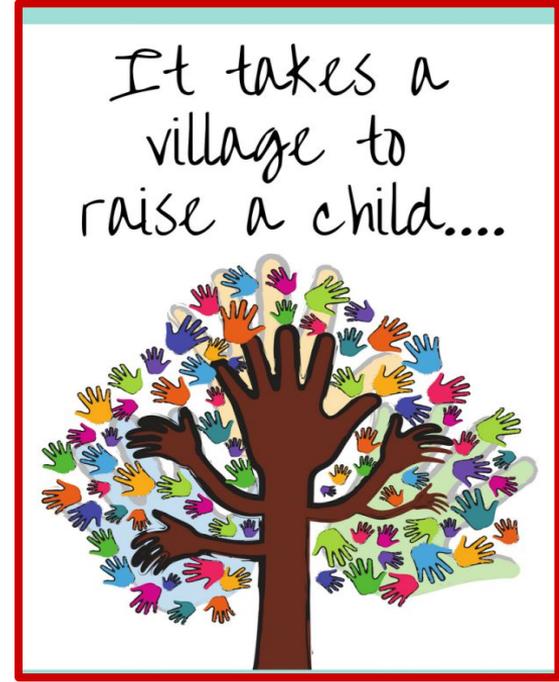
A TDSS students and teachers have access to a personal device on a direct and continuous basis for **educational purposes**.

Students do not share their technology with other students but take ownership over their own particular device. Students are taught to **be creators of technology not consumers of of technology**.



Tommy Douglas S.S. Philosophy

Our goal is to develop well rounded, hardworking and resilient students. We provide a wide variety of services and supports to help your child succeed.



Special Education at TDSS



Sandra Ciummelli
Head of Special
Education

Susanne Ling
Assistant Head of
Special Education

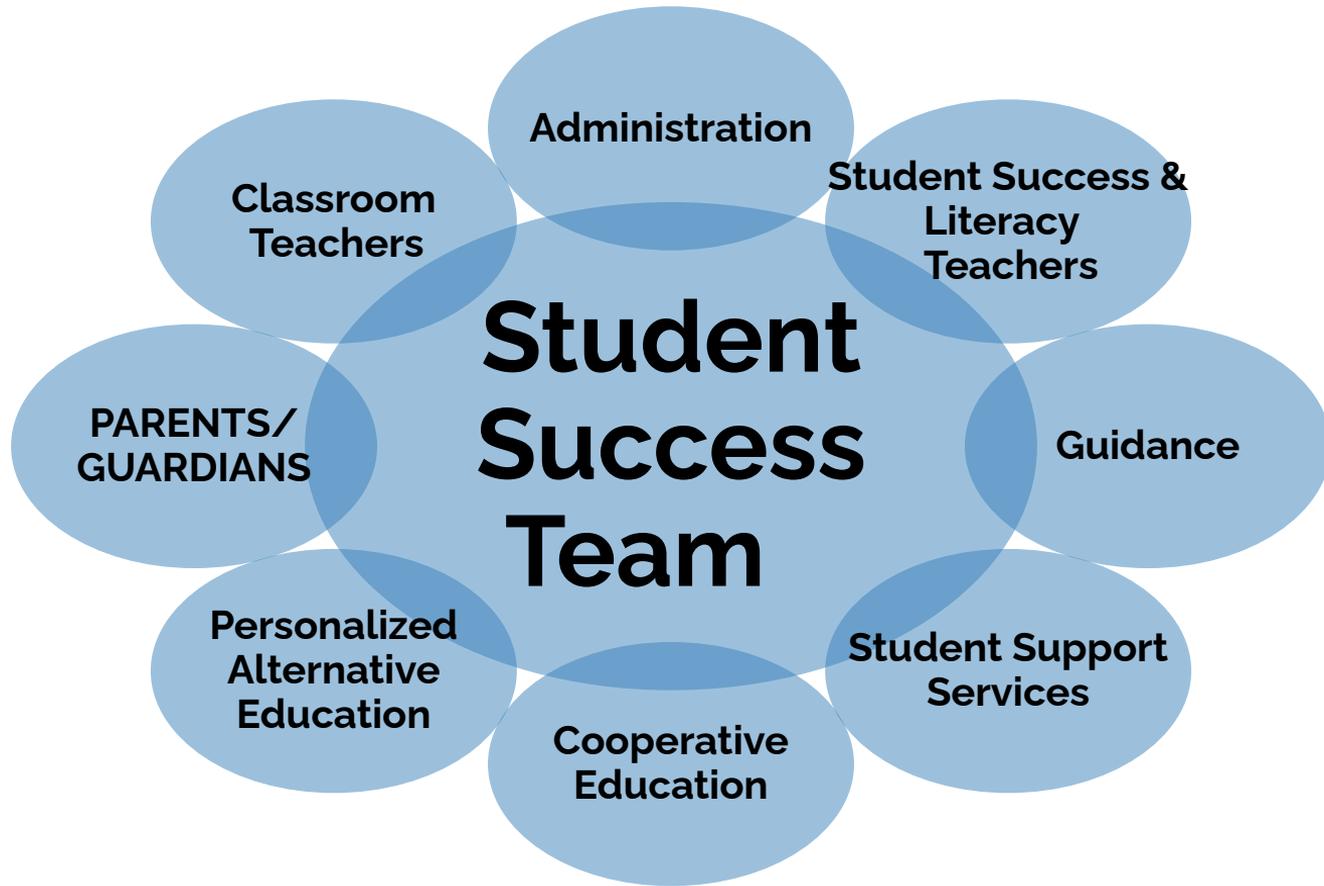
Students Receiving Special Education Supports

- Students will receive support according to the needs outlined in their Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Students receive accommodations in regular programming such as extra time, chunking etc.
- For students needing modifications please reach out to our special education department.



It is important to seek the support of experts i.e. your child's teachers and or SERT. They are here to help guide you in making decisions along the way.





Meet Your Student Success Lead

The Role of Student Success

To support through direct instruction non-identified students to ensure they are academically successful. Student success teachers work collaborative with administrators, teachers, parents and guidance where need be.

Questions?
Visit me in
room 109!



Stephanie Lim

Student Success Lead

x 109

MLL Support at TDSS

Questions?
Visit me in
room 232!



Cynthia Yeo

Head of ESL & MLL Support
Teacher

cynthia.yeo@yrdsb.ca

Extension 656

There are student translators in the front foyer for those who would like to ask questions or receive translation support.

Graduation Coach for Black Students



The role of the Graduation Coach for Black students is to provide intensive culturally-responsive support to help improve academic achievement and well-being.

To connect with TDSS' Graduation Coach for Black Students please reach out to guidance.

TDSS' Guidance Team

Questions?
Please visit us
in room 103.
We are here to
help!



**Diamando
McLarnon**

Head of
Guidance

A-E
x 308

Yasmin

Kassam
Guidance
Counsellor

F-Lo
x 310

Amir

Al-Hassani
Guidance
Counsellor

Lu-Ra
x 311

Niki Rowe

Guidance
Counsellor
Ri-Z

x 309



Daniela Buscema

Our All Knowing & Amazing
Guidance Admin Assistant!

x 103



Educational Counselling

- ❑ Assistance with choosing courses
- ❑ Educational plans
- ❑ Study skills, Peer tutoring, resources
- ❑ Night school, Virtual school, E-learning, Academic Exchanges, Summer school, other YRDSB programs
- ❑ All your child's records are with us - CCS, OSR



Career Counselling

- ❑ Research of post-secondary programs leading to specific careers
- ❑ Assistance with resumes, cover letters, job applications

Personal

- ❑ Listen and assist with problem solving, resolving conflict
- ❑ Referrals to Professional Counseling
- ❑ YRDSB Social worker (Ms. Cassandra Fezzuoglio)
- ❑ Additional specialized social workers support the following communities: 2SLGBTQIA+ plus, African Caribbean, Chinese, East Asian/ Tamil, Indigenous, and International Students Social Worker
- ❑ Specialized counsellors can be arranged to support at school such as a trauma counsellor, bereavement counsellors, addiction counsellors

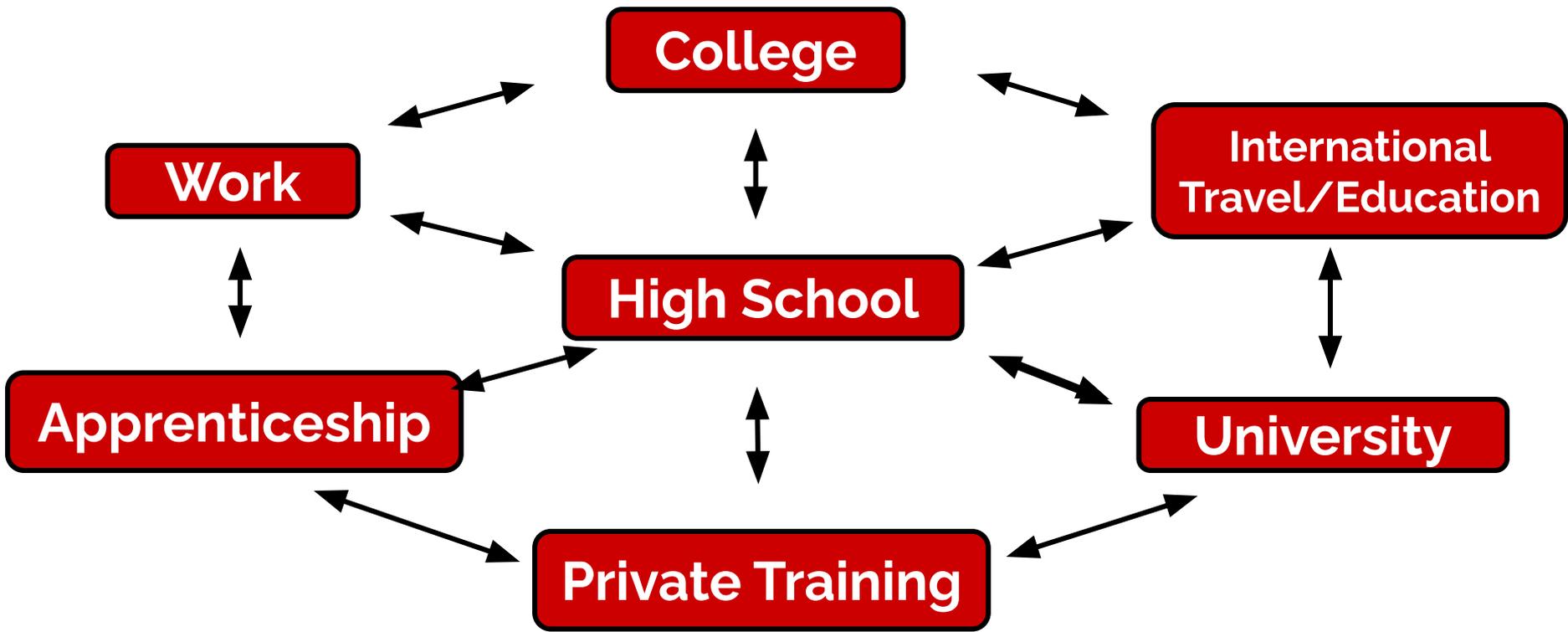


In our role as guidance counsellors we can help make connections to internal YRDSB and external services.

LET'S SWITCH GEARS



Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are Flexible





The magic formula:

**interest + aptitude + hard work +
determination + school and
community involvement = success.**



mental
health
matters



Does the thought of your child transitioning to high school make you feel like this? Don't worry we've got your back! Their mental health and yours matter to us!

Teen Titan Mentorship Program



I am NOT a grade!

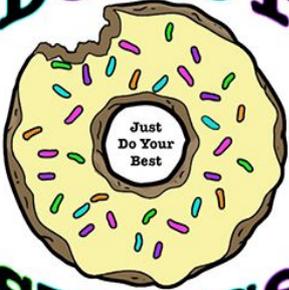


I have talents and interests
and my grades DO NOT
determine my self-worth!

TEEN TITANS PRESENT THE...
**PEER
TUTOR
PROGRAM**

JOIN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM TO APPLY AS A TUTOR OR TUTEE
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DONUT

STRESS

Just
Do Your
Best

We need your help!!



Encourage your child to participate in school based activities. Youth that are involved in school life are less likely to get involved in risky behaviour.



School involvement is an important protective factor!

Extra-Curricular Activities- Teams

- Alpine (Downhill) Skiing
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country Running
- Curling
- Golf
- Flag Football
- Field Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Rock Climbing
- Slo-Pitch
- Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball



Extra-Curricular Activities- Clubs

Allies for Equity
Announcement Club
Art Council
Athletic Council
Automotive Club
AV Club
Baking
Board Game & Chess
Best Buddies
Between the Pages (Book Club)
Boys 2 Men
Broadcasting Club
Crochet
Concours d'Art Oratoire (French Speech)
Dare 2 Care
Dance
DECA
Douglas Donors
Drama Council
Empowering Student Partnerships (ESP)
Fashion Club
Fitness Club
Investment Club
Games 4 Girls

Girls' Empowerment Club
Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)
Glee Club
Green Team
Guitar
HOSA
Makeup and Nail Art
Minds On Me
Multicultural Club
Music Council
Mock Trial
Model United Nations (MUN)
Nintendo
Photography
Robotics/ Programming
Science Club
Ski and Snowboard Club
Student Council
Tech Crew
Teen Titans
Tennis Club
Titans Locker
Woodworking Club



**Let's take a look at
strategies for supporting
your child through the
elementary to high school
transition process.**

Supporting your child through the Transition Process...

Normalize
Feelings of
Anxiety

Discuss Changes
that Your Child
Can Expect

Discuss Different
Ways to Make
Friends

Pay Attention to
How Your Child is
Coping

Be Available
When Things Get
Tough

Stay Connected
and Informed
with the School

Keep Lines of
Communication
Open- Ask Question
Other than About
Academics

Help Your Child
Become an
Independent
Problem Solver

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING



Keep lines of communication open with your child. It is an important protective factor.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	GRADE 8 YRDSB STUDENT	GRADE 8 STUDENT NOT ENROLLED IN A YRDSB SCHOOL
	Living in TDSS Catchment Area	Living in TDSS Catchment Area
Registration Information (Link to YRDSB site & required documents)	Students who are not continuing with YRDSB must use the "Not Returning" feature in My Pathway Planner.	Complete registration form and submit to TDSS by January 31st, 2024 . Required Documents (Step 4) Students with an IEP are asked to fill out the TDSS Special Education Form
Course Selection	Select courses in MyPathwayPlanner by February . Dates to be determined and shared with families closer to the time..	Please submit a course selection form with your registration package. Course Selection Forms Tommy Douglas GR 9 course selection form Tommy Douglas GR 10 course selection form Tommy Douglas GR11 course selection form Tommy Douglas GR 12 course selection form

Classroom Visits – Click on the QR Code for a Map!



