

WELCOME TO TOMMY DOUGLAS SECONDARY
SCHOOL



WHO WE ARE - TDSS ADMINISTRATION

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Teen Titans

Welcome Teen Titan Mentors

[Teen Titans Mentorship Program](#)

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Approximately 1680 students
- We are named in honour of Tommy Douglas (1904 - 1986), a Canadian politician, who is recognized as the father of socialized medicine in Canada
- A community of diverse identities and learners
- An innovative staff with diverse experience in fields other than education



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Tommy Douglas Secondary School
Class of 2026



YOUR HOMEWORK

- School Start-up Package
 - Attendance, religious accommodations, medical information
 - Released to families later this month
- Guide to the School Year
 - Available on the board website



COMMUNICATION

- School Website, www.yrdsb.ca/schools/tommydouglas.ss
- E-mail notifications using Inform
- School cash online
- School Sign
- Weekly Bulletin
- Teacher communication - Email/TeachAssist/Phone



ATTENDANCE

- Regular attendance and punctuality to reach goals, good habits part of success
- Participation
- Communicate absences with us

What communication about your child's absence will look like:

- parent/guardian informs school of absence prior to the absence by email or phone call, email us at tommy.douglas.ss@yrdsb.ca
- If the student is absent and we have not received notification of the absence, we will
 - Send an inform email, after absence from period 1, and again if the student misses another class, and/or at the end of the day
 - If a student is absent and their absence cannot be explained by the parent/guardian, the school MAY inform the police

School Year and DAILY SCHEDULE

2 semesters:

- September to January
- February to June
- 4 course each semester

Period	Time
1	8:10 - 9:30
2	9:35 - 10:50
lunch	10:50 - 11:45
3	11:50 - 1:05
4	1:10 - 2:25

REPORTING CYCLE

- Semester 1
 - Interim Reports (levels 1, 2, 3, 4) -- October 14th
 - Parent /Teacher Interviews -- October 19th
 - Midterm Reports -- November 8th
 - Final reports -February



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Did you know? When parents are involved in their teens' high school experiences, students are ...

more successful and better adjusted



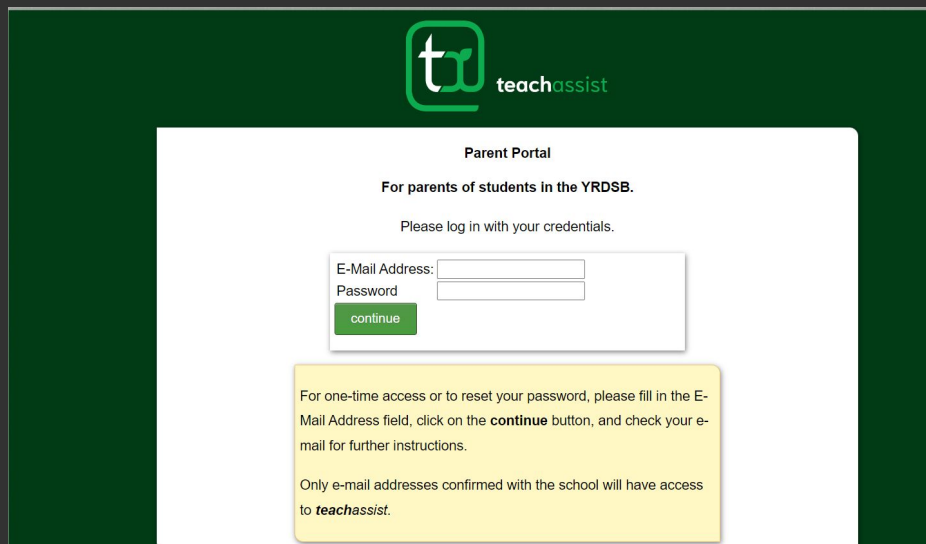
TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Encourage your child to do their best in school
- Remember “personal best” does not mean “perfect” and learning is not the same as achieving high grades
- Your children need the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them
- Help them set goals
- Your attitude towards education makes a strong and lasting impression on your child
- Anxiety is a common experience - everyone feels anxious from time to time... usually these feelings are quite adaptive and keep us safe and performing well



TEACHASSIST

- Parent portal – access on yrdsb website, <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/parents/index.php>
- Information about your child's progress
- Snapshot of their current status in their courses



The screenshot shows the Teach Assist Parent Portal login interface. At the top right is the logo, which consists of a green square containing a white lowercase 't' and a green lowercase 'a' with a leaf-like shape, followed by the text 'teachassist' in a green sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text 'Parent Portal' is centered. Underneath that, it says 'For parents of students in the YRDSB.' and 'Please log in with your credentials.' The login form contains two input fields: 'E-Mail Address:' and 'Password', each with a white text box. Below these fields is a green button with the word 'continue' in white. At the bottom of the form area, there is a yellow box with black text that reads: 'For one-time access or to reset your password, please fill in the E-Mail Address field, click on the **continue** button, and check your e-mail for further instructions. Only e-mail addresses confirmed with the school will have access to **teachassist**.'

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Grade 9 Open House Wednesday September 28th at 6 p.m.
- School Council: First meeting of the 2022-2023 school year is Wednesday September 28th at 7:30 p.m.
- Check your teen's TeachAssist and/or Teacher's websites
- Attend Parent/Teacher Interviews:
- Join us for school events such as presentations and sports



GRADE 9 EVENTS

- Camp Tommy
 - September 23rd
- Picture day for grade 9s
 - September 22nd
- Grade 9 Open House
 - September 28th
- Grade Assemblies -reviewing safe school procedures
 - September 28th and 29th

RESOURCES

- Teachers
- Student Services
 - Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs)
 - for students with an I.E.P
- ESL teachers
- Guidance Counsellors
- Student Success Teacher
- Child and Youth Worker
- Library Technicians
- Administration

