

Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Sept 18 - Sept 22, 2023



School Website: <http://tommydouglas.ss.yrdsb.ca>

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This week:

Sept. 18	
Sept. 19	
Sept. 20	Grade 9 & 10 Picture Day
Sept. 21	Grade 11 & 12 Picture Day
Sept. 22	PA DAY - No School

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Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

Administrative Team

Mirella Sanwalka, Principal (Interim)

Cynthia Therrien, Vice Principal (A - G)

Elizabeth Sloan, Vice Principal (H - O)

Milton Hart, Vice Principal (P - Z)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 25 - Yom Kippur

Sept. 25 - 29 - Safety Week - practice safety drills (Fire, Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Bomb Threat)

Sept. 27 - Grade 9s to Camp Tommy

Oct. 4 - Grade 9 Open House 6 pm

Oct. 4 - Grade 12 Post Secondary Registration Information Session 6:30 pm

Oct. 4 - School Council Meeting 7:30 pm (School Library)

Oct. 5 - Terry Fox Event

Oct. 25 - Parent-Teacher Night

To support your family planning, the 2023-2024 YRDSB School Year Calendar is available on the [YRDSB website](#).

SCHOOL NOTICES:

School Year 2023-2024 New Bell times

Please note the **NEW BELL TIMES** starting September 2023. **School will begin at 8:00am**. All periods will be 75 minutes long.

Homeroom	8:00 AM	8:05 AM
Period 1	8:05 AM	9:20 AM
Period 2	9:25 AM	10:40 AM
Period 3	10:45 AM	12:00 PM
Period 4	12:05 PM	1:20 PM
Period 5	1:25 PM	2:40 PM

September 22nd PA Day

Friday, September 22nd is a PA Day, there is no school for students.

The link above will provide you with details of the professional development activities that will be taking place that day for the staff of Tommy Douglas.

Camp Tommy

All Grade 9 students are invited to attend Camp Tommy on **Wednesday, September 27th**. It will be a fun-filled day of activities at the school and at Camp Robin Hood to build community, foster a sense of belonging, create a support system and build stronger bonds with other grade 9 students.

Please visit School Cash Online to register your Grade 9 student and to complete the permission form for the event. **The final day for registration is Thursday, September 21st.** Don't miss out!

Itinerary for the day

8:00 - 9:00 am (Period 1) - go to Homeroom, get T-shirt, decorate T-shirts

9:00 - 9:15 am - Students will be called by group # to board the bus

10:00 - 1:15 pm - Camp Robin Hood

1:50 pm - perform cheer in the cafeteria

Indigenous Languages and International Languages: This link will take you to more information about additional credit language courses available to high school students through the YRDSB.

Athletics:

If your Titan is interested in trying out for a team they can find up to date tryout information on the TV Display outside the red Physical Education doors. It will display all athletics related information, tryout dates included. Check out the Athletic Council's social media posts @tdss_athletics **Go TITANS!!**

The following teams are currently in season in the York Region Athletic Association and offered at Tommy Douglas:

Junior Girls Basketball - Mon. Sept. 18th and Wed. Sept. 20th at 2:55 in the gym - Coach: Ms. Kinzett

Senior Girls Basketball - Tues. Sept. 19th and Wed. Sept. 20th at 2:55 in the gym - Coach: Ms. Hunter

Junior Boys Soccer - Tues. Sept. 19th and Thurs. Sept. 21st at 2:55 on the main field - Coach: Mr. Lo Celso

Senior Boys Soccer - Mon. Sept. 18th and Wed. Sept. 20th at 2:55 on the main field - Coach: Mr. Termei

Cross Country - Mon. Sept. 18th at 7:00 am and Wed. Sept. 20th at 2:55 pm

School Council

There are [many ways you can be engaged in your child's learning](#) at home and at school. This includes getting involved with the school council. The school council provides advice on school matters and helps to strengthen the important relationship between schools, families and their communities. The council includes family members, school staff and community members.

How do I join?

At the beginning of the school year, all parents/guardians have the opportunity to become a voting member of council. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, fill out the **School Council Nomination Form that will be part of your start-up forms** by **September 29, 2023**. Hard copies are available in the main office.

Elections shall occur within the first thirty days of the start of each school year. All family members (voting member or as an attendee) are encouraged to attend school council meetings.

Our first meeting is October 4, 2023, 7:30 p.m. in the School Library.



Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Grade 9 and 10 - Wednesday, September 20th
Grade 11 and 12 - Thursday, September 21st

Lawford Area Traffic Study

The project team is hosting an open house on **Tuesday, Sept. 19** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Tommy Douglas Secondary School (4020 Major Mackenzie Dr.). They'll give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. and a Q and A session will follow. However, feel free to drop by anytime between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. [Registration](#) is encouraged.



SCHOOL SAFETY - Student Drop Off and Pick Up

We encourage all students to walk / bike to school as part of their daily physical activity.

Students who are driven to school **must be dropped off and picked up** in the **North parking lot only.**

The South lot is for buses and Staff use only. Please help us ensure the safety of our school community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

