

# Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Dec. 11 - 15, 2023



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## This week:

Dec. 11	Jr. Boys Basketball vs TDC Sr. Boys Basketball vs TDC Curling Team @ York Curling Club
Dec. 12	Sr. Girls Volleyball @ HNS
Dec. 13	York Region Swim Finals Sr. Boys Basketball @ ECSS Winterlicious 5:00 pm
Dec. 14	SNAP Community Class Basketball 8:45 am Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament All Day @ Middlefield
Dec. 15	Athletic Council Holiday Fair

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Extensions

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## Administrative Team

John Glezakos, Principal (Interim)  
Cynthia Therrien, Vice Principal (A - G)  
Elizabeth Sloan, Vice Principal (H - O)  
Milton Hart, Vice Principal (P - Z)

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

**Dec. 22** - Holiday Assembly

**Dec. 25 - Jan. 7** - Winter Holiday - NO SCHOOL

**Dec. 26 - Jan. 1** - Kwanzaa

**Dec. 25** - Christmas

**Jan. 8** - return to school

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

### SCHOOL NOTICES:

#### **Semester 1 EXAM SCHEDULE - January 25th - 31st**

On Examination & Culminating Activity Days, students will be informed by their teachers which days they need to attend. Students are only to be at the school for their exams or if they have an appointment to meet with a teacher, for extra help, or are returning school materials. Once students have met with the teacher, they are expected to leave the building.

**Vacation time, employment and appointments must not be planned during the scheduled exam period.**

#### **Community Supports for Parents and Caregivers**

##### [Peer Support Group for Parents and Caregivers](#)

- o This group is a support for parents and caregivers raising children and youth with mental health challenges
- o 3rd Monday of each month
- o Aurora Town Hall 6:30- 8pm
- o This group takes a break in December and will return January 15, 2024

#### **Winterlicious @ TDSS**

“Hey Titan Families! Did you know that the Winterlicious event is happening next week on December 13 from 6-8pm?”

The Winterlicious event offers music, dance and drama performances. The Winterlicious event also offers a craft sale run by the visual arts department who will be selling accessories like bookmarks, stickers, and jewelry before the show starts at 5pm.

Ticket sales have already begun and are being sold for \$5.00 each by the performing arts teachers: Ms. DeVries, Ms. Tymoshenko or Mr. Flavelle. Don't miss out on this amazing event!!!”

#### **Grade 9 Math EQAO**

Grade 9 students who are currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Math class will be writing the Ministry mandated EQAO Math Test. This test will run over two days, January 17th and 18th. Students will receive more details in their Math class and will have an opportunity to complete the [practice EQAO test](#). Families are encouraged to visit the EQAO public website for more practice opportunities.

#### **Grad Photos**

Your turn is coming soon Grads! Grad photos will be taking place at Tommy Douglas from **February 20th 2024, to February 29th 2024 ONLY**. You will sign up online. Stay tuned for more information and don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate your successes!



## **Scholarship Application Workshop**

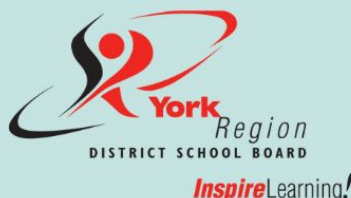
Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop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

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

**Learn more and register at:**  
**[bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023)**


To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at [info@bfcn.ca](mailto:info@bfcn.ca)

**Learn more about our work and how to support at [bfcn.ca](https://bfcn.ca).**



### TDSS Educational Supports

The following supports are available to all students throughout the semester. Please encourage your student(s) to access these resources to help support their learning.



### TDSS STUDENT SUPPORTS

**PEER TUTORING**  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS PERIODS 2,3,4- TUTEES REGISTER EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY BY FOLLOWING THE LINK IN THE CLASSROOM. CODE- **so62fle**

**MATH SUPPORT**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY DURING PERIOD 4 IN ROOM 109/239  
WEDNESDAY :PERIOD 3, 2ND HALF IN ROOM 229 EXTRA HELP FOR ALL GRADES & PERIOD 4, 1ST HALF IN ROOM 232


**MULTI- LANGUAGE LEARNERS**  
MON, WED, FRI:  
ROOM 229 - P3  
ROOM 232 - P4  
FOR EXTRA-HELP OR A QUIET SPACE TO WORK.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
P1,2,3,4,5  
RESOURCE ROOM  
REGULAR IN-CLASS SUPPORT ALSO OFFERED.

### SCIENCE

FOR ALL OTHER SUBJECTS PLEASE CONNECT WITH THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Phys 11/12. Room 246	Chem 11/12. Room 246		Bio 11/12. Room 246
3	Grade 9. Room 258	Bio 11/12. Room 258	Grade 9. Room 253	Chem 11/12. Room 253
4	Chem 11/12. Room 257	Grade 10. Room 257	Phys 11/12. Room 268	Grade 10. Room 268Bio 11/12. Room 257



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EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

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### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

The following resources are available to teens in need of mental health supports.



**Kids Help Phone**

Text 686868

KidsHelpPhone.ca

Call 1-800-668-6868



**360° kids**

Surrounding kids in crisis with care

905-475-6694

www.360kids.ca

**york hills**  
Centre for Children, Youth and Families

905-503-9560

yorkhills@yorkhills.ca

www.yorkhills.ca



**MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS?**

**1.855.310.COPE (2673)**



**Suicide Prevention Canada**

Call 1.833.456.4566

Text 45645

*Mental Health Matters*

#### Need Help Now?

Kids Help Phone Live Chat: [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca) Text 686868

Kids Help Phone Black Student Support: text 741741

Black Youth Helpline: 1-833-294-8650

LGBT Youthline: 1-800-268-9688 or text 647-694-4275

Trans Lifeline: (877) 330-6366

360 Outreach Worker: 647-459-2648 or 647-299-4861

Vaughan Food Bank: [www.vaughanfoodbank.ca](http://www.vaughanfoodbank.ca)

Depressed or Suicidal: [www.youthspace.ca](http://www.youthspace.ca) or text 741741

MOBYSS: [www.mobyss.ca](http://www.mobyss.ca)

Community Crisis Response Services: 905-310-COPE

Naseeha Muslim Student Counselling Service: 1-866-627-3442

For more mental health resources check out [bit.ly/tdssguidance](http://bit.ly/tdssguidance)

### SCHOOL SAFETY - Student Drop Off and Pick Up



As the winter weather is near, we are reminding parents/guardians of the need to help keep our students safe.

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.

