

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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Message from the Administration -- We wish our TDSS families a safe, wonderful break and all the best for 2023. May you find the joy, relaxation and warmth you desire. We look forward to growing and learning with you in the new year.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Sardone, Ms. Grieco, Ms. Sloan and Mr. Simmons

Learning Skills -- As a concerted effort to support all students in improving their learning skills and study skills, TDSS is explicitly teaching our students these skills in preparation for final assessments and culminating tasks. During the last two weeks we focused on managing cell phone use when learning or studying and **organizational skills**. In January, the focus will be study skills. Please support this initiative by discussing the learning at home.

Cell Phone Policy and Reminders – We are asking parents and guardians to help us remind your child of the cell phone policy at school. Our goal is to support academic learning and at times, cell phones are distracting and often the reason students get involved in serious student behavior. Please review the Board policy that can be found in our 'Guide to the School Year' with your child.

Board Policy- Pg. 55 of Guide to the School Year -- *At a minimum cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, unless you have clear permission from the principal or the classroom teacher.*

Winterlicious (Drama and Dance Evening) -- The Drama and Dance teachers had great pleasure hosting the annual Winterlicious concert. Students, along with family, friends, teachers, and administrators came together for an evening of dance and drama performances. Everyone had a wonderful time and we cannot wait to continue this very special tradition for many more years.

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School News and Information

Math Support for Selected Student in Grade 9 and 10 -- The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for after school numeracy programs for students in Grades 7 to 12. The goal of this program is to build the mathematical literacy skills of students who may have struggled for many years, experiencing minimal success, and who require additional positive intervention to overcome barriers to their achievement in school.

Teachers have identified students who could benefit from some extra help in mathematics. Students who are selected and register in the program will need to attend all sessions to get the maximum benefit from the program. The After School Program consists of ten sessions of one hour and half (15 hours total). **These sessions will start on Tuesday January 10th and will run until Wednesday January 25th (Monday to Thursday-2:40pm-4:10pm)**. Students will attend the sessions to receive intensive instruction designed to build their own comfort, confidence, and competence in mathematics. At the end of the sessions, each student will complete a checklist of strengths and needs.

While receiving additional assistance through the After School program, Students in the program will continue to receive regular instruction from their classroom teachers related to the mathematics required for their grade level. We are sure that this program will make a difference in knowledge and confidence related to mathematics. For some students, further assistance will be required. For this group of students, a second set of sessions may be offered later in the school year.

If your child is selected, you will receive a letter from their mathematics teacher. Your permission is required for your child to participate in the After School program. Please detach and complete the permission form below and return to your child's Math teacher by **Thursday, December 22, 2022**. Please note that the school is not able to provide transportation for students within the time frame of this program, so there may be a need for you to arrange transportation for your child following each session. In addition, a commitment from 12 students is necessary for this program to run.

Important Dates

December 21

- **Winter Concert at 4:30 pm**

December 24 to January 8

- **Winter Break**

January 11

- **School Council**

January 18 and 19

- **EQAO Math Assessment for First Semester Grade 9 Math Students**

January 26

- **Exams Begin**

Helpful Links

PUBLIC HEALTH LINKS:

york.ca/safeatschool

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Kids Help Phone](#)

[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

[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