

# Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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**Monday February 6th, 2023** is a modified day schedule for Exam Review Day and Semester 2 classes:

### Exam Review

HR 8:10 – 8:15

Period 1: 8:15-8:50 am

Period 2: 8:55-9:30 am

Period 3: 9:35-10:10 am

Period 4: 10:15 -10:50 am

**LUNCH: 10:50-11:50 am**

### Semester 2 Classes

Period 1: 11:50-12:25

Period 2: 12:30-1:05

Period 3: 1:10- 1:45

Period 4: 1:50 - 2:25

**Course Selection Parent Presentation - THIS WEDNESDAY** February 8th at 7:00 p.m our School Council will be hosting a presentation for all parents in our cafeteria. Choosing courses with your child can be difficult. Our Head of Guidance will be sharing valuable information with all parents regarding the process of selecting courses as well as tips and things to consider! Please complete the google form if you have any questions that you wish to have covered in the presentation. We want to be sure we create a presentation that covers all parent inquires. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Link to google form <https://forms.gle/NDk8LyNP9G7vkJWz6>

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Extensions

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Attendance 1

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### School News and Information

**Cafeteria Opening- FEB 8th-** Good news! The servery is scheduled to open on Wednesday Feb 8th. A few things to keep in mind as you plan your child's lunch. Food options are unknown at this time. Keep in mind that many students will want to purchase from the cafeteria on the first few days and this means long line ups. With a student body of approximately 1700 students, it is likely that the line ups will cause a delay in purchasing food. Continue to pack a lunch for the next few days even if you plan on making a purchase. We do not want students to find themselves without a lunch before period 3 begins! Plan ahead! Thank you for your patience.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COURSE SELECTION**

Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year is fast approaching. Course selection will open on MyBlueprint on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. and will close on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. It is never too early to begin pathway planning. Some useful websites include: [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) . [www.ontariocolleges](http://www.ontariocolleges). And [www.skilledtradesontario.ca](http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca) . The choices that your child makes in February will determine what courses are offered next year. Please help your child select wisely, including their elective and 2 alternate courses. When your child submits their course selection they must include a parent email for parent approval. You will receive an email immediately following the submission that will ask you approve or reject your child's course selection. This is an important final step. Without this final step, your child's course selection is considered incomplete.

Lastly, guidance will be conducting classroom visits to discuss course selection and pathway planning starting the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding course selection and pathway planning, we are always here to help!

**Timetable Changed for Semester 2:** Timetable changed for semester two are not complete. Guidance will only be working with those students who have been unsuccessful in a semester one course or new registrations.

#### Important Dates

**February 6**

- **EXAM REVIEW DAY & Semester 2 Begins**

**February 8**

**Course Selection Presentation 7:00 p.m.**

#### Helpful Links

##### **PUBLIC HEALTH LINKS:**

[york.ca/safeatschool](http://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



## School News and Information

**Vaping at School-** Vaping at TDSS continues to be a problem in student washrooms. Students who are caught smoking a vape or any other substances will be escorted to the main office to meet with an Administrator.

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. [Health Canada](#) reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

**Academic Dishonesty-Plagiarism-** Our staff have been sharing information with our students regarding plagiarism. With the creation and evolution of many AI applications, the incidence of plagiarism has increased at our school. We will be working with students to ensure they understand the consequences of these actions and to support them to avoid getting into situations where they are questioned for academic dishonesty. All students will receive these messages next week.

### ***What is Academic Dishonesty?***

#### ***The following are examples of plagiarism or academic dishonesty:***

- direct copying or cutting and pasting from sources without acknowledgement
- submitting work done by another student as one's own
- failure to use in-text citations to acknowledge ideas, language, charts, statistics, graphs, images or other materials from sources
- paraphrasing too closely to the original source material
- failure to use quotation marks to indicate phrases and other pieces of language from sources
- failure to accurately and fully record all your references and sources in a Works Cited
- having a tutor, editor or other helper (ie AI tools) write or produce much of the work for you
- re-submitting work that has already been submitted for evaluation

### ***How can you protect yourself from plagiarism and academic dishonesty?***

The onus is on you to provide evidence that your work is your own:

- Produce process work (Brainstorming, outlines, drafts, revisions, etc.)
- Use class time to complete your work and regularly conference with your teacher on the development and organization of your ideas
- Produce work in Google docs (or other applications) assigned to you by your teacher on Google Classroom
- Cite all of your sources (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.)
- Be transparent about what tools you're using throughout the process work with your teacher
- Do not share your work with your peers

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS-** Please remind your child to join these school events!

**WATCH PARTY:** Wednesday, February 8th at 2:25 PM

Movie is King Richard and there will be Pizza, Popcorn and prizes

**THE MURAL PROJECT:** Throughout the month of February

The Mural Project aims to use art as critical consciousness-raising to empower Black youth at TDSS to feel proud of who they are. The project will engage Black youth in conversations on various topics including Black culture, microaggressions, self-love, and more. Youth will work with a Community Arts Educator to create a mural piece that captures their conversations in an expressive way. The final product will be displayed during Black History Month at TDSS and at the Parents Engagement Initiative.

**MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Students will listen to daily announcements highlighting historical events and people in the Black Canadian community.

**STUDENT COUNCIL-**Friendship grams: Tuesday, February 14th

Staff and students are encouraged to purchase a rose or chocolates, more information to follow!