

# Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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**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.

**EQAO** - On Wednesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 19th grade 9 mathematics students taking MTH1W1 semester 1 will write the EQAO Mathematics Assessment. Their math teachers sent emails to families this week with more details. Please contact your child's math teacher if you have any questions.

**Exam Schedule** - Parents are encouraged to read through the email that was sent today, January 13th regarding the semester one examination period.

ALL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023	Friday, Jan. 27, 2023	Monday, Jan. 30, 2023	Tuesday, Jan.31, 2023
Period 1 Exams	Period 2 Exams	Period 3 Exams	Period 4 Exams

Beginning on January 26th, 2023, Tommy Douglas students will be writing their semester one examinations. For most students, the exams are scheduled from **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and begin at 8:30 a.m.** Please note that some courses do not have a written examination as part of their course requirements. Some courses will have oral examinations or performance-based tasks in lieu of a formal, written examination.

The cafeteria will be open for quiet study from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. before each examination. No food service will be available.

## Contact Us

Phone 289.342.0001

Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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Trustee

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## School News and Information

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 is a modified day schedule for Exam Review Day as follows:

Period 1: 8:10-8:45 am

Period 2: 8:50-9:25 am

Period 3: 9:30-10:05 am

Period 4: 10:10-10:45 am

LUNCH: 10:45-11:45 am

\*11:45-2:25 pm – Individual Meetings with Teachers

Please be advised that Friday, February 3rd, 2023 is a Professional Activity Day. Students are not to attend school on this day. Semester two begins on Monday, February 6th, 2023.

**Hallway Blitz-** Our staff are working hard to minimize the number of students who are in the hallways during instructional time. When students are in the halls and not in their classrooms, inappropriate behavior can occur. In order to minimize these disruptions we will be holding regular hallway 'blitz' weeks throughout the year. Your child may share with you that staff are approaching them when they are in the halls to ask if they are headed to class, etc. We all know that the best place for students to be during instructional time is in their classrooms. More information will be shared as we approach semester two.

**Course Selection Parent Presentation** - On 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>

**Student Second Semester Timetables-** Second semester student timetables may be visible in Teachassist but our Guidance Department could be working on staffing and timetable changes up to one week before the start of the semester. Students should review timetables during exams before the semester starts. Students can connect with a guidance counsellor should there be any issues with courses.

## Important Dates

### January 18 and 19

- EQAO Math Assessment for First Semester Grade 9 Math Students

### January 26 - February 1

- Exams

### February 3

- P.A. Day

### February 6

- 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:**

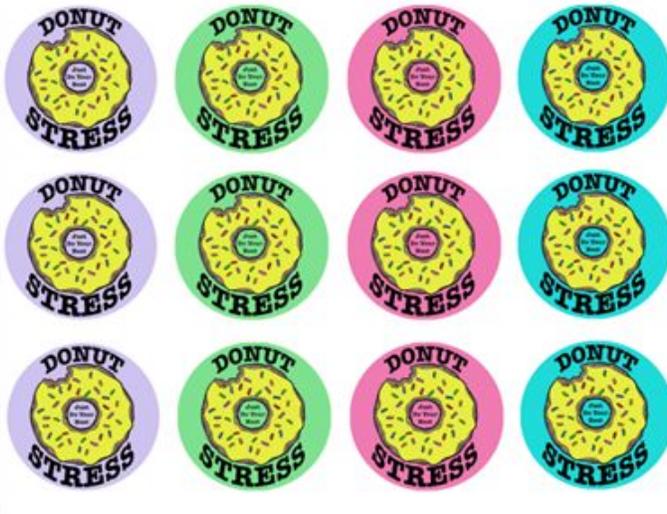
**Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:**

**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



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### DONUT Stress Just Do Your Best Campaign

With exams fast approaching our teachers have been working diligently with our grade 9 students to help them prepare for the writing their first exams. In addition to this work we have also given each student a sticker for their computer and a Krispy Kreme donut! We hope that with our efforts

they DONUT Stress, just do their best!! We thank Krispy Kreme for their generous donation of 420 full sized donuts!