

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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Administrative Changes for Next School Year

On Tuesday, June 7th at the York Region District School Board meeting of trustees and senior administrators, decisions were made regarding administrative assignments. The following changes were made to the administrative team at Tommy Douglas for next school year.

Ms. Paul has been promoted and will become the Principal at Emily Carr Secondary School and Mr. Cashmore will be moving to Stephen Lewis SS as a Vice-Principal.

Joining us in September are two experienced administrators, Ms. Antoinetta Grieco & Mr. Paull Simmons.



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Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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[School website](#)

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Administration

Principal

[Sandra Sardone](#)

Vice Principals

[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#) (A-G)

[Elizabeth Sloan](#) (H--PAS)

[David Cashmore](#) (Pat-Z)

School Council

[Joe Giusto](#)

[Amir Bigloo](#)

Superintendent

[Bill Cober](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

GRADE 12 GRADUATING STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

HOURS: In order for your child to meet their graduation requirements they must complete 20 hours of community service. Please have your child submit their hours immediately if they have not done so already.

SHSM: For those students who are enrolled in SHSM they must meet all SHSM requirements in order to graduate. If your child does not feel that they will be able to complete their SHSM requirements please have them book an appointment with a guidance counsellor immediately. If your child is unable to fulfill all of the SHSM requirements and they do not drop SHSM, then they will not meet their graduation requirements.

PRIVATE SCHOOL CREDITS AND CREDITS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF YRDSB:

If your child is taking a course in private school or outside of YRDSB they must submit proof of completion of their credit to guidance by June 22nd.

GRAD SWEATERS: For those who purchased grad sweaters we are aware that there is an error on the sweater and are working to rectify the situation. We will be ordering new ones and will communicate further when they arrive. Please have your child return their grad sweater to guidance if they have already picked theirs up.

IS YOUR CHILD STILL LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER?

Colleges have a continual entry program. They will continue to accept applications until they are full. To see what programs are still accepting applications please go to www.ontariocolleges.ca . For students interested in university programs, please log on to www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101 to see what programs are still available.

Lastly, please remember that all offers of admission are conditional upon meeting specific program requirements. We encourage all students to work hard right to the very end.

Important Dates

**Tuesday, June 14th and
Wednesday, June 15th**

- Grade 9 EQAO Math

Wednesday, June 22nd

- Culminating Day - Period 1

Thursday, June 23rd

- Culminating Day - Period 3 (Block 2)



Friday, June 24th

- Culminating Day - Period 2 (Block 3)

Monday, June 27th

- Culminating Day - Period 4

Tuesday, June 28th

- Culminating Support

Wednesday, June 29th

- Feedback Day
- Graduation

Thursday, June 30th

- PA Day

Helpful Links

PUBLIC HEALTH LINKS:

york.ca/safeatschool

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Kids Help Phone](#)
[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

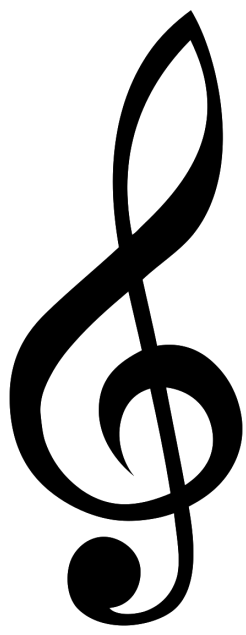
Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

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



From Our Students:





Athletic Banquet





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Ms. Bittenbinder's Class Making Ice-Cream



THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

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Centre for Black Student Excellence

YRDSB is pleased to have launched the **Centre for Black Student Excellence** in May 2022, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

Partners

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Upcoming Events at YRDSB

Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Annual Student Achievement Awards 2022 | “Celebrating Black Excellence”

School staff may nominate a student in Grades 4-12 for demonstrating success in one of the following areas: the arts, academics, athletics, and citizenship. Please speak to your school administrator for further information.

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (EST)

Location: Virtual

Scholarships

[BFCN Scholarship](#) BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Their Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post-secondary education and support Black students and their families.

Deadline: July 31, 2022

The **[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association](#)** (MACCA) will be awarding Scholarships of \$1,000 to each selected recipient. Selection is based on students' involvement and dedication to their community and academic achievements. One outstanding student that excels in these areas and demonstrates that they have gone above and beyond will receive the President's award.

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Upcoming Community Events

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) and Sankofa Mentoring Program | Summer Outdoor Program

The Sankofa Program is offering a solution to online fatigue. The entire family is invited to reconnect and have fun. Join on most Saturdays for family fun, / food /games, prizes, African drumming, and workshops to bring the community together. For more information visit

[YRAACC](#).

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Date: Most Saturdays May 25 to September 17, 2022

Time: 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: In person sunshine or rain at the Safety Village in Markham 3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

Register now as space is limited.

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) | YRDSB Pandemic Recovery: Summer Reading Camp

MACCA Markham is hosting a summer reading and robotics camp.

Date: July 11-August 19, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville Meadows P.S., 365 South Unionville Avenue, Markham

Registration Fee: \$100

Register by phone: 905-946-9998

SHINE Podcast



Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge. Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more.

Recent Episodes include:

- Dr. Olubimpe Ayeni
- Jayden Hamilton (Lil' J Hollywood)
- Jillian Danford (Auntie Jillian)
- Saeed Renaud

Free Summer Tutoring Program by Project Abraham's Homework Club

June 20, 2022 - August 31, 2022

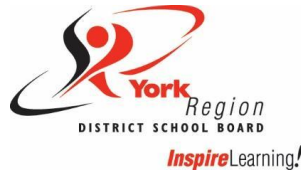
Project Abraham's Homework Club is here to help
by providing:

- Free qualified tutors from SK to Gr. 12
- Online and/or in person
- Focus on English literature and Math
- Tutoring based on individual needs
- Weekly one-on-one sessions
- Up to 2 hours per week

[Register](#) by June 15th will guarantee a spot

For more information contact:

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تدریس خصوصی رایگان تابستانه برای دانش آموزان

موسسه "پروژه آبراهام"

20 جون, 2022 تا 31 آگوست, 2022

با همکاری آموزش و پرورش یورک ریجن و موسسه "پروژه
آبراهام" باشگاه کمک درسی ارائه می شود .

- معلم خصوصی رایگان از مهد کودک تا کلاس 12
- بصورت آنلاین یا حضوری
- با تمرکز بر انگلیس و ریاضی
- یا بر اساس نیازهای درسی دانش آموزان
- تا دو ساعت در هفته

لطفا تا 15 جون, 2022 ثبت نام کنید. پس از آن با توجه به
ظرفیت موجود ثبت نام انجام می شود.

[ثبت نام](#)



