

# Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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## EXAMS and Summative tasks (See P.g 3 for more details)

All students must participate in the final summative assessment(s). These assessments make up the final evaluation representing 30 percent of student report card grades. Students are expected to complete all final summative assessments at the place, date and time indicated by the teacher and by the examination schedule provided by the school. **Students cannot leave early for vacations, employment or other activities such as summer camps during the examination schedule. A full exam MEMO was sent out to students and parents.**

## Progressive Pride Flag Raising in June

YRDSB fully embraces and affirms 2SLGBTQI+ visibility, diversity and inclusion. The expectation is that all learning and working environments are identity-affirming for students and staff members. Creating safe spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ students and staff upholds the principles outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which reflect the values held by Canadians and Ontarians. **It is important for us to actively and visibly show support to our 2SLGBTQI+ students, staff and community members by raising the Progressive Pride flag at all YRDSB schools and work locations to celebrate Pride month in June. It's important for students and staff to see their identities reflected in their school board and community, and to have their identities celebrated.**



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Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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## Online

[School website](#)



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## Administration

Principal

[Sandra Sardone](#)

Vice Principals

Antonietta Grieco (A - G)

Elizabeth Sloan (H - PAS)

Vera Katyshev (PAT - Z)

## School Council

[Joe Giusto](#)

[Amir Bigloo](#)

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

## Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



### School News and Information

#### Attention families of graduating students

**The 2022-2023 graduation will take place at the Terrace Banquet Hall on June 27th, all guests and parents should arrive by 6:15pm. Address: 1680 Creditstone Road, Concord , ON.**

Each graduating student will automatically receive 2 tickets with their graduation package. Extra seating is very limited as we have over 400 graduating students this year! Families can purchase ONE extra ticket on School Cash On line. If the option to purchase an extra ticket is not visible on School Cash it means that the maximum number of extra tickets have been purchased.

#### Student Graduation Packages

The package includes their gown, stole, hat and the cost of the graduation venue. This year the cost is \$75. We ask that families purchase their child's grad package order as soon as possible.

#### Summer School Registration Is Now Open On MyBlue Print

Summer school registration is open on MyBlue Print. If you are interested in learning more about summer school including method of deliver, timelines etc. please [see attached link](#).

Registration is completed on [MyBlue Print](#) by clicking on the Continuing Education tab found on the left hand side of the screen and by following the prompts.

#### Library Materials Due

As the end of the school year is approaching, so are the final due dates for all library materials. Students are asked to return all TDSS Library materials on or before **June 12th**.

#### MARKHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION



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. A complete application should be mailed to MACCA by Friday June 30, 2023. [Application and registration can be found here](#)

### Important Dates

**June - Progressive Flag**

**June 12- Library Materials due**

**June 14 and 15- EQAO Gr 9.**

**June 20-27 - Exams**

**June 27- Graduation arrive by 6:15pm**

### 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

### Exams and Culminating Assessments

**Please Note that the first day of grade 12 exams will be on June 20**

**DO NOT** make plans for travel, appointments, etc. during the exam period (**June 20-27**) students are required to write ALL exams at the scheduled time. Failure to report for an examination may result in a mark of "0". If a student is absent from an exam for medical reasons, documentation is required. Illness or emergencies will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Please note that students missing exams for reasons approved by the administration will be required to write all missed exams at the earliest possible date.

[EXAM SCHEDULE HERE](#)

### Extended Absences

Regular attendance is closely connected to academic success and we expect that students will attend school every day except in the case of illness. However, we understand that there may be circumstances when it is necessary for students to be away from school for family or personal reasons. If a student will be absent for an extended period of time they must consult with their teachers, **at least two weeks** prior to the absence to

- Understand the potential impact of the extended absence on learning;
- Identify missed learning goals and assessments;
- Create a plan to complete missed work identified by the teacher. The student is responsible for catching up on all missed work during their absence;
- Schedule a time to complete/submit missed assessments upon return.
- Sign off on the plan- students are responsible for picking up an Extended Absence Form from the main office at least 2 weeks prior to an anticipated extended absence from school.
- ***A meeting with an Administrator may be scheduled if the absence is expected to interfere with the successful completion of a course.***

Absences longer than 15 consecutive days require additional documentation and procedures in accordance with Board Procedure #NP 681.0. Failure to follow these procedures will lead to a student being removed from the school's register. In these circumstances, please speak directly to an administrator prior to completion of this form.

### Upcoming EQAO and OSSLT Spring 2023 results

- On **June 14th and June 15th**, semester 2 Grade 9 Math classes will be writing the EQAO Mathematics Assessment. The assessment will constitute 5% of their final grade and will be written during class time.
- Students who have written their OSSLT (Ontario Secondary Literacy Test) assessment in April 2023 were provided with their results last week. Students who have successfully completed the OSSLT will have this noted on their Provincial Report Card and on the Ontario Student Transcript. The next opportunity to write the test will be in the fall of 2023. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course may be available for some students who have been unsuccessful. Students must meet the secondary school literacy requirements in order to receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma..



## School News and Information

### Canadian Blood Services Field Trip

Ms. Adams our grade 12 Health Care teacher organized a field trip to Richmond Hill for our students to donate blood. This was a great experience and for all of them it was their first time donating.



### Google Takeout for Students that are Graduating or Leaving YRDSB

All retiring students from York Region District School Board - whether they are graduating or moving school boards - have the opportunity to download their Google Workspace for Education files as found in their Google Drive. Once a student leaves our board their access to their GAPS account disappears.

**Please follow the following steps to exhort your data and documents:**

1. Visit [Google Takeout](#) and login with your YRDSB Google Account.
2. Select the Google Apps and Services from which you want to export your data and documents, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours). Use the .zip file option.
3. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to your chosen location (e.g. personal computer, USB/external drive and/or personal Google Drive).
4. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.



### New Bell Times for September 2023

Homeroom	8:00 AM	8:05 AM
Period 1	8:05 AM	9:20 AM
Period 2	9:25 AM	10:40 AM
Period 3	10:45 AM	12:00 PM
Period 4	12:05 PM	1:20 PM
Period 5	1:25 PM	2:40 PM

Please note the new Bell times for the next school year 2023-2024. School will now start at 8:00am. All periods will now be 75 minutes long, each grade will have their own designated 75 minute lunch .



## What Families Need to Know to Help Protect Children, Teens and Young Adults

- 1 in 5 high school students reported vaping in the past month

[CLICK HERE](#) for the guide that explains:

- What is vaping
- What are the health effects of vaping
- Marijuana and vaping
- What parents should know and do





### Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools

Differences That Make A Difference  
with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson

**Monday June 19, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Event**

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences That Make a Difference.

Join the conversation on how to help children learn healthier ways to resolve racial stress.

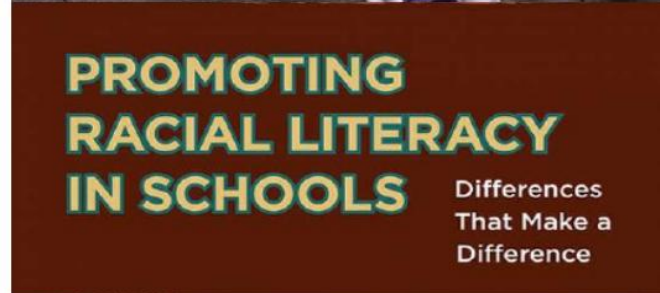
All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services

Workshop funded through the  
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant



HOWARD C. STEVENSON



### Anti-Racism for Families 101 with Dr. Vidya Shah



**Thursday June 15, 2023  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Dr. Bette Stephenson  
Centre for Learning**

Do you ever wonder how you might support racial justice in your home, school, and community?

In this workshop, Dr. Vidya Shah will share tips and strategies for having conversations about race with children and youth and explain how parents/caregivers can support racial justice in schools.

#### **To Register**



All participants in this FREE in-person workshop must RSVP using the link below.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services





# PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend this virtual session!**

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free summer break

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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# How to Support our Children & Youth to develop critical Social, Emotional & Learning Skills!

~Presented by Christina Furtado, MACP, RP (Qualifying)  
Mental Health and Wellness Specialist

*"You can expect to feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful."*

When: Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Oscar Peterson Public School, 850 Hoover Park Drive,  
Stouffville in the Gym\*

\*Child-minding available, Please indicate requirement when registering.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

or use the QR Code.



**Wellness & Learning**  
Initiatives

Schools become a meeting place for cultures, containing children and adults who bring with them multiple facets of their identity, along with unique experiences and perspectives.

NYSED Culturally Responsive-Sustaining  
Education Framework