

# Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Mar.25 - Mar. 29, 2024



Link to Club Codes →

School Website: <http://tommydouglas.ss.yrdsb.ca>

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## This week:

Mar. 25	Interim Reports go out electronically
Mar. 26	Interim Reports go out electronically
Mar. 27	Wellbeing - Cookie Decorating School Council - 6:30 pm Library Learning Commons
Mar. 28	Squash @ York University - PAI30, PLF4M
Mar. 29	GOOD FRIDAY - No School

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## Administrative Team

Sandra Sardone, Principal

Cynthia Therrien, Vice Principal (A - G)

Elizabeth Sloan, Vice Principal (H - O)

Milton Hart, Vice Principal (P - Z)

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

**Apr. 1** - Easter Monday (no school)

**Apr. 2** - Senior Badminton Tournament

**Apr. 3** - Euclid Math Contest

**Apr. 4** - Parent-Teacher Interview Night 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

**Apr. 4** - Fryer, Galois, and Hypatia Math Contests

**Apr. 8** - Dismissal at 11:40 am - Solar Eclipse

**Apr. 10** - Eid al-Fitr

**Apr. 11 - 12** - SHSM CPR

**Apr. 12** - Senior Badminton Team Tournament

**Apr. 15 - 16** - Human Trafficking Presentation - Phys. Ed.

**Apr. 17 - 18** - OSSLT

**Apr. 17** - Therapy Dogs - Period 2

**Apr. 18** - Roy Thompson Hall - Sr. Guitar Classes - 8:50 am

**Apr. 19** - Tommy's Got Talent - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Apr. 23** - Passover

**Apr. 26** - Culinary Arts field trip to Centennial College

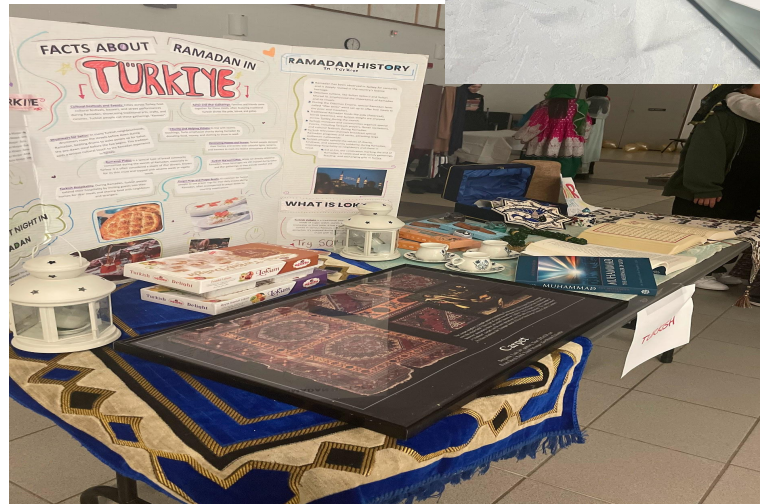
**Apr. 29 - 30** - Rock Climbing - Phys. Ed. Classes

**Apr. 30** - Model UN Conference

To support your family planning, the 2023-2024 YRDSB School Year Calendar is available on the [YRDSB website](#).

### IFTAR

On Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> TDSS hosted our annual Iftar in celebration of Ramadan. The evening was a great success with over 180 students in attendance. We are very proud of our organizing committee and how hard they worked to ensure that a wonderful evening was had by all. We are also very grateful to our sponsors with whom this evening would not have been possible. Many thanks to: The Islamic Society of Vaughan, The Canadian Turkish Friendship Community, TDSS, Anatolia Fine Foods, Super Asia Foods and Sherbon, Northern Lights Foundation, Toronto Cigkofte, Mahmud Cigkofte, Nos Bakery, Mrs. Virgi, Kizilitas family and Yigit family. For those students that were unable to attend but would have liked to, we look forward to hosting you next year!



### ***TIME IS RUNNING OUT GRADS!!***

The 2024 TDSS Graduating Class Hoodie is now for sale on Cash Online. The cost is \$45 and the **deadline for purchase is Friday, March 29, 2024**. For sizing information, please see the description on Cash Online.



### ***GRADUATION DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2024.***

Graduation from high school is a milestone reserved for those who have met the criteria. You are eligible to participate in this year's ceremony and commence with your classmates if you have successfully achieved the criteria below:

- You must have obtained 26 credits by the end of Semester 1 towards the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- You must have completed your forty (40) hours of volunteer work by May 3, 2024
- You must have passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to report any credits that you have earned at night school, summer school or through private school to the guidance office **by May 2, 2024**. If you do not meet all three criteria listed above, you may not be eligible to take part in this year's graduation ceremony and you may be considered as part of next year's graduating class.

Our Graduation Ceremony will be held at Paramount Eventspace, 222 Rowntree Dairy Rd., Woodbridge, ON L4L 9T2.

Please go to our school cash online to complete the purchase of the Graduation package. This package includes your gown, cap, tassel and **two guest tickets**. There will be no substitutions for the gown package.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews - Thursday, April 4, 2024 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will have an opportunity, beginning Thursday, March 28th, to set up a 5 minute interview time with each of their student's teachers. Schedules will be available on the Parent Portal of Teach Assist starting Thursday, March 28th. If you have not done so already, please create a Parent Account on Teach Assist. Please follow the steps below to create your Parent Account.

If you are unable to access Teach Assist you can send an email to your student's teachers ([firstname.surname@yrdsb.ca](mailto:firstname.surname@yrdsb.ca)) to request an interview time slot.

Spots are limited.

#### **Instructions to create Parent Teach Assist account**

- Google - Teach Assist Parent Portal
- Enter the email address that is on file with the school (leave the password empty)
- Click "Continue"
- Go to your email
- There will be an email from "Teach Assist" - it may be in your junk or spam folder
- Open the email from "Teach Assist"
- Copy the link that is in the email
- Paste the link into a google search
- The link will take you to a screen where you will set up your password - you can use capitals, letters and numbers. Do NOT use special signs.
- It asks you to verify your password - enter it again
- Congratulations - you have created a parent account for "Teach Assist"

#### **Things you can see on Teach Assist**

- Your student's marks
- The marks for each assignment, test or project in all of your student's classes
- Appointments - you will be able to make Parent Teacher Interview appointments here



### Tommy Douglas SS STUDENT SIN CLINIC May 9, 2024

Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your Social Insurance Number on the Spot!

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
Tommy Douglas SS	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, <b>no photocopies accepted.</b></p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card <b>or a</b> Confirmation of Permanent Residence <b>or</b> A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder “may accept employment” or “may work” in Canada</p>	<p><b>or</b> A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth</p> <p>Learn about the new Federal Dental Program</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

### PEER TUTORING LUNCH PROGRAM RETURNS - Room 109

We're halfway through the semester and the Peer Tutor Program is up and running. Don't wait to get some additional support! Please encourage your student(s) to attend if you think they could benefit from this support resource.

The program runs every **Tuesday and Thursday** at the beginning of each lunch. Period four Peer Tutoring will begin at 12:30 in room 109.

If you'd like some support from one of your peers for free, please join our classroom with this code [so62fle](#) and fill out the Tutee Request Form before each session so we can make sure to have a subject specific tutor for you.

**Drop ins are also welcome.**



### TDSS STUDENT SUPPORTS

#### PEER TUTORING

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS PERIODS 2,3,4- TUTEES REGISTER EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY BY FOLLOWING THE LINK IN THE CLASSROOM. CODE- [so62fle](#)**

#### MATH SUPPORT

**MONDAY - FRIDAY DURING PERIOD 4 IN ROOM 109/239  
WEDNESDAY :PERIOD 3, 2ND HALF IN ROOM 229 EXTRA HELP FOR ALL GRADES & PERIOD 4, 1ST HALF IN ROOM 232**

#### MULTI- LANGUAGE LEARNERS

**MON, WED, FRI:  
ROOM 229 - P3  
ROOM 232 - P4  
FOR EXTRA-HELP OR A QUIET SPACE TO WORK.**

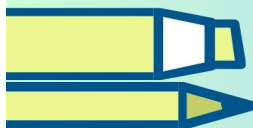
#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

**P1,2,3,4,5  
RESOURCE ROOM  
REGULAR IN-CLASS SUPPORT ALSO OFFERED.**

### SCIENCE

**FOR ALL OTHER SUBJECTS PLEASE CONNECT WITH THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.**

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Phys 11/12. Room 246	Chem 11/12. Room 246		Bio 11/12. Room 246
3	Grade 9. Room 258	Bio 11/12. Room 258	Grade 9. Room 253	Chem 11/12. Room 253
4	Chem 11/12. Room 257	Grade 10. Room 257	Phys 11/12. Room 268	Grade 10. Room 268 Bio 11/12. Room 257



### **JUNE EXAM SCHEDULE**

Second semester exams will begin on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH until WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2023.

All secondary students must participate in the final summative assessment(s). These assessments make up the final evaluation representing 30 percent of the report card grade. **You 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. Students who do not write a final exam will earn a mark of "0" for that portion of the culminating.**

Wednesday, June 19th - Day 1 of exams

Thursday, June 20th - Day 2 of exams

Friday, June 21st - Day 3 of exams

Monday, June 24th - Day 4 of exams

Tuesday, June 25th - Day 5 of exams

Wednesday, June 26th - Exam Review Day

### ***SOLAR ECLIPSE - MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024.***

As you may already be aware, we will be experiencing a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. As a precaution, the school board has directed that our school day will end at 11:40am. Students are to leave the building immediately after the dismissal bell. Please ensure with your student that they have a mode of transportation home.

We will be sharing a schedule for the day in the near future, please stay tuned.

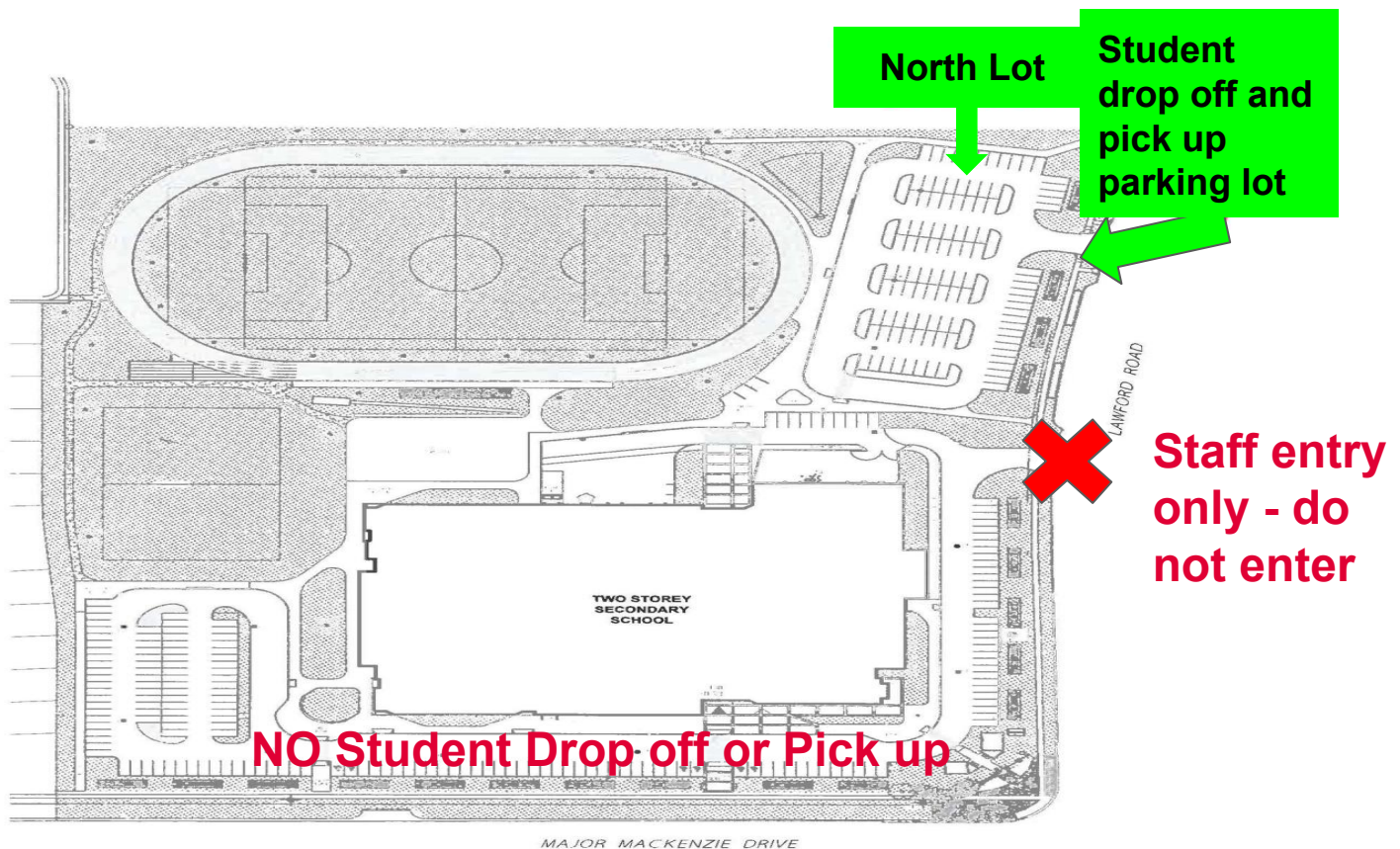


### SCHOOL SAFETY - Student Drop Off and Pick Up

As the weather starts to warm up and students begin to bike and walk to school, we are sharing a reminder with parents/guardians of the need to help keep our students safe.

Students who are driven to school **must be dropped off and picked up** in the **North parking lot only.**

**The South lot is for buses and Staff use only.** Please help us ensure the safety of our school community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.






### WASHROOM HALL PASS:

We continue to remind all students that there is NO loitering allowed in the washrooms and that vaping is both illegal and harmful to them.

School staff will continue to monitor washrooms and move students along that are 'waiting for friends' or sitting on the floors visiting or eating (yes, students choose to eat on the washroom floors). We continue to hear from students that they feel unsafe in the washrooms. The best way we can improve safety is to ensure that students are not gathering and loitering in the washrooms. We have asked teachers to ensure that no more than 1 student is leaving their classroom at any one time and to follow-up with students that have been out of their classroom for lengthy amounts of time. Hall passes were implemented this year as we have been experiencing issues in certain washrooms with vandalism and inappropriate use of facilities. Replacing stall doors takes time which may impact access to affected areas for a period of time. Please reinforce this messaging with your children at home to support our safe school environment

## STUDENT BATHROOM BREAKS



**HONOUR OUR LEARNING TIME**  
Washroom breaks should **not** occur during the first 15, the last 15 minutes of class, or during direct instructional time.




**ONE AT A TIME**  
Only **ONE** student should be out at a time. You should be back to class within 5 minutes.



**SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT**  
Ask your teacher at an appropriate time. When your teacher agrees to your request, fill in the **Google Form**. When you return, fill in the **Google Form** again.



**USE HALL PASS**  
When you leave the classroom, use the hall pass. Staff in the hallways may ask to see your hall pass. The expectation is that you are **respectful** during interactions. Return the hall pass upon reentering the classroom.



**CONTACT HOME**  
Regular issues like frequent or extended breaks will result in:  
A) Your teacher addressing the expectations with you  
B) Your teacher contacting parents or guardians with concerns  
C) Your teacher contacting the school administration

**ATTENDANCE IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.**