

# Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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## **New Vice Principal:**

We would like to welcome the newest member of our Administration team, Vera Katyshev. Ms. Katyshev will be taking on Mr Paul Simons alpha (Pat-Z) as of April 3rd. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

## **Proposed School Year Calendar 2023-2024:**

Dear Families,

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023

## **Yearbook 2022-2023 Orders:**

The last day to order a yearbook for the 2022-2023 year is April 3rd. Visit school cash online to order your child's yearbook!

## Contact Us

**Phone 289.342.0001**

Extensions

*Reception* 0

*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)**

**Paul Simons (Pat - Z)**

**School Council**

[Joe Giusto](#)

[Amir Bigloo](#)

**Superintendent**

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

**Trustee**

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



### School News and Information

#### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS**

##### **Grad Packages are Available for Purchase**

The grad package is ready for purchase. Please go to School Cash Online to pay for your child's package. The package includes their gown, stole, hat and the cost of the graduation venue. This year the cost is \$75. **This year's Graduation Ceremony will take place at The Terrace Banquet Hall, 680 Creditstone Rd, Concord, on June 27, 2023.** We ask that families purchase their child's grad package order as soon as possible.

##### **Grad Sweaters**

Grad sweaters are now available for purchase on School Cash Online.

##### **Review of Credit Summary and Courses Taken Outside of YRDSB**

All grade 12 students were given a copy of their credit counselling summary during our recent grad assembly. We have asked students to carefully review their credit counselling summary and to fill in the form found below. We have asked students to indicate if there are any discrepancies and to report any courses taken outside of YRDSB day school. All students must submit this form.

<https://forms.gle/D9yR9EgonLmuCxFv8>

#### **Important Dates**

**March 24th -Interim Report distribution begins**

**March 22nd- Parent Interview sign up available on TeachAssist**

**March 29th- Parent Interviews  
6:00- 8:00 p.m.**

**April 7th- School Closed Good Friday**

**April 10th- School Closed Easter Monday**

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#### **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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### 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. Extended vacations are not considered necessary. If a student will be absent for an extended period of time he/she 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.

**It should be noted that examinations or culminating assessments must be written on the scheduled dates at the time specified. A mark of "0" will be given if an examination or culminating assessment is not written on the scheduled date.**

### Community Service Hours Parent Input:

Please take the time to complete this parent survey regarding our Board's community service hours policy. The form closes April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

[Community Involvement Hours Review- For Parents/Guardians](#)

