

# 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.**

### Bike/Walk to School Week

On Monday, May 29 to Friday, June 2 the Transportation Technology classes would be running the "Bike Clinic" after school during the week.

Students can go to the automotive section, North part of the building.

They will be able to get their bicycles checked, including their seats, tire pressure and chain adjustments.

### Parent Presentations-Post Secondary

**Wed, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

The TDSS guidance department will be hosting 2 parent presentations. The first presentation is for parents of grade 12 students and focuses on **OSAP and Financial Planning for Post-Secondary**. The second presentation is for parents of grade 11 students and focuses on **Supporting Your Child in Post-Secondary Planning**. This presentation will focus on how to research programs in Ontario, applying to out of province and international institutions including the US and UK, scholarships, and how to prepare a successful supplemental application.

## Contact Us

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Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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## Administration

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## 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 at 6:45 p.m.** 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 starting Monday May 15th. 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. The Terrace Banquet Hall has a maximum capacity of occupants that must be adhered to. Thank you for your support.

### 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 links.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/secondary-summer-school/2023>

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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.

### 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.

#### 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.**

## Important Dates

**June 20-27 - Exams**

**May 29 -June 2 Bike/Walk to School Week**

**June 12- Library Materials due**

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

## 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](#)

### Exam Prep Student Workshop

On **May 31st from 6-7:30 PM** students can learn from YRDSB Alumni, Mental Health Professionals, and Educators about preparation strategies to complete exams, and culminating projects. [Register 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.

### BFCN Scholarship Applications Workshop

Black students and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST.

The workshop is offered to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education and funding options. [Register here](#)



## 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



# THE COME UP



## Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

### 2023 Summer Program

#### Program overview

**The Come Up** summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

**Students entering grade 9** will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

**Students entering Grade 10** will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

#### Eligibility (must meet all criteria)

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

#### Dates

**July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)\***

\*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.

Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.**

**Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS**

Registration opens April 11, 2023

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**by May 26, 2023**



# THE COME UP



## Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?  
Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?  
Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?  
Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series  
on navigating the secondary  
school system.**

**Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Understanding the Secondary System  
(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

**Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: [TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca](mailto:TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca)