

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



4020 Major Mackenzie Drive West, Woodbridge, ON L4H 4E9

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School Drop Off and Safety -

Thank you to all families who supported our efforts to keep our students safe while arriving at school. In an effort to promote school zone safety and student health and well-being, students are strongly encouraged to consider walking, cycling or taking public transit. There are many benefits to using sustainable modes of travel including:

- Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn
- Improves both physical and mental health
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone on school property and around the school community
- Improves air quality
- Promotes lifelong habits that foster independence and active lifestyles

We understand that walking, cycling or taking public transit is not always a viable option. If you need to drive your student, please consider using the schools designated pick-up and drop-off area, or park a few blocks away and have your student walk to school. Be sure to obey all posted signage and pavement markings.

Please do not drop off your student on Major Mackenzie Drive West in front of Tommy Douglas SS. Stopping is strictly prohibited and may result in heavy fines. The real penalty for not obeying traffic regulations is that you may jeopardize the safety of pedestrians and other road users. School Zone Safety is a shared responsibility. If we all work together we can create an environment that is pedestrian friendly for all. We all have a part to play!

School buses use the front parking lot. Help us keep our students safe by using the parking lot North of the school (located near the back fields).

The South Entrance and Parking lot is for staff parking and BUSES only.

Thank you for working with us to help protect the safety of our students and school zone.

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Attendance 1

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School News and Information



Final Assessments - January 26th to February 1st. As of the 2022-23 school year, the Ministry of Education requires we resume the policy on final evaluations. For Grades 9 to 12, a final grade (percentage mark) is recorded for every course. Final grades will be determined as follows: Seventy percent of the grade will be based on evaluation conducted throughout the course and thirty percent of the grade will be based on a final evaluation administered at or towards the end of the course. This evaluation will be based on evidence from one or a combination of the following: an examination, a performance, an essay, and/or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content. The final evaluation allows the student an opportunity to demonstrate comprehensive achievement of the overall expectations for the course. Students are expected to be present for their final evaluation as such this is not a good time for absences for family vacations. Please plan accordingly.

OSSLT - The assessment is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st. Students expected to write this assessment have been informed by the school.

EQAO Math Assessment Spring 2022 Results -- Grade 10 students who wrote the Spring EQAO Math Assessment in grade 9 will receive their individual results in their homeroom class. Please note that the assessment was only written by students who had grade 9 math semester 2 of last year.

Important Dates

November 24 and December 1

- OSSLT

November 30

- Grade 8 Information Evening

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



School News and Information

Canada in the World Cup of Soccer -- Staff and students enjoyed the game this week. We are cheering on our team for their next games against Croatia and Morocco.

