

Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Nov. 6 - Nov. 10, 2023



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

General Email/Attendance: tommy.douglas.ss@yrdsb.ca

This week:

Nov. 6	Fire Drill
Nov. 7	PAF Classes - Air Riderz SHSM - CPR Training Jr. Girls Basketball - Playoff Game
Nov. 8	SHSM - CPR Training Term One Ends
Nov. 9	OUAC 1st Transmission Deadline
Nov. 10	Grade 9 Geography - Exhibition Place

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Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

Administrative Team

John Glezakos, Principal (Interim)
Cynthia Therrien, Vice Principal (A - G)
Elizabeth Sloan, Vice Principal (H - O)
Milton Hart, Vice Principal (P - Z)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 12 - Diwali

Nov. 13, 15 - Squash York University - PAI3O, PLF4M

Nov. 15 - Yorkdale Mall - BBI2O, BMI3C

Nov. 16 - Semi Formal - Montecasino Place

Nov. 17 - PA Day

Nov. 21 - Swim Meet, SHSH SPE/ICE Event, Grade 12 Law Trip

Nov. 22 - Therapy Dogs

Nov. 22 - School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

Nov. 28, 29 - OSSLT

Nov. 29 - Full Disclosure Date

Nov. 29 - Grade 8 Open House

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

November 17th PA Day

Friday, November 17th is a PA Day, there is no school for students.

The link above will provide you with details of the professional development activities that will be taking place that day for the staff of Tommy Douglas.

SCHOOL NOTICES:

School Year 2023-2024 New Bell times

Please note the **NEW BELL TIMES** starting September 2023. **School will begin at 8:00am.** All periods will be 75 minutes long.

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

Literacy Loop

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) News:

DATES: November 28th and 29th

****November 29th will have a modified schedule, more details to follow.**

START TIME: 8:00 AM

- Students in Grade 10, Grade 11 and NON-GRADUATING Grade 12's WILL write the test this semester.
- If your student is taking the test, they have access to Literacy news, resources and strategies through the TDSS OSSLT Google Classroom, class code **wr5gz6q**.
- Materials such as practice tests, slides on different test sections and skills, and other practice materials including guiding videos can be found on the Classroom.

Students who will be writing In November will be receiving a letter shortly indicating that they will be completing this Ontario Secondary School Diploma Graduation Requirement.

Titan Athletics

The YRAA Winter sports season is about to begin! Tommy Douglas will be competing in the following sports; Junior Boys Basketball, Junior and Senior Girls Volleyball, Alpine Skiing, and Snowboarding. We are currently working on a plan for a Senior Boys Basketball Team.

Listen to announcements, check the announcements board or look to the monitor outside the gym for tryout dates.

Good luck to our Junior Boys Volleyball, Junior Girls Basketball and Senior Boys Soccer teams as they continue their playoff runs! GO TITANS!

Sr Boys Soccer YRAA Championship Game

Our Senior Boys Soccer team in the YRAA Championship game. The Athletic Council is arranging a Fan Bus to go and support the team. This will be treated as a SCHOOL FIELD TRIP, students are expected to represent Tommy Douglas in a respectful manner.

The bus will leave TDSS at 1:30 PM and arrive back to TDSS at approximately 4:45 PM - students who travel with the TDSS bus MUST return back to the school on that same TDSS bus. They cannot go home on their own after the game.

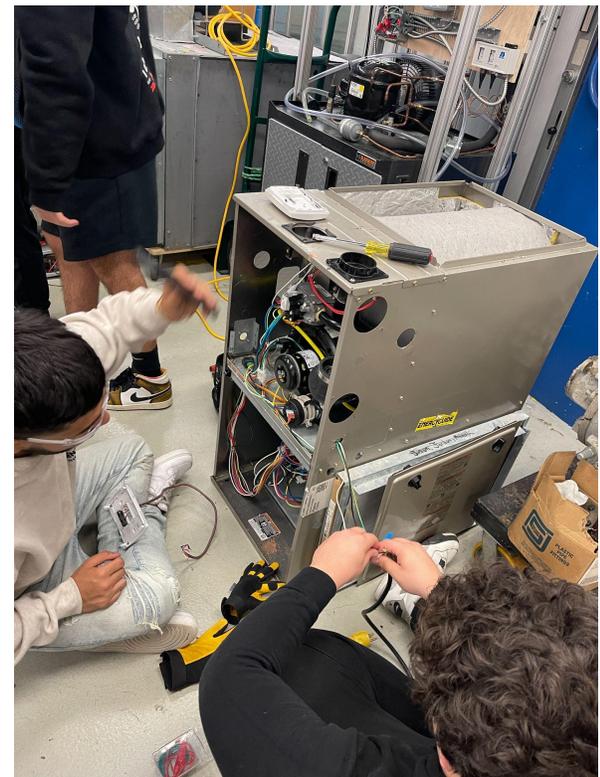
DATE: Tuesday, November 7th at Crosby Park in Richmond Hill

There is a limit of 44 spots on the bus for Tommy Fans. This is a first come first serve event.

The cost is \$10/student, this can be purchased on School Cash Online. If more than 44 students purchase a ticket, the first 44 will get a spot on the bus, the others will receive a refund.

Trades All Around Us

We are thrilled to share the exciting experience our grade 11 and 12 students had at the Trades Day Fair held at Centennial College Oct 26th. Our students actively engaged in hands-on workshops in electrical and HVAC, gaining invaluable insights into these essential trades. This immersive event not only broadened their horizons but also allowed them to explore potential career paths. We are proud of their enthusiasm and initiative. It's an important step towards helping our students shape their future careers.



TDSS Educational Supports

The following supports are available to all students throughout the semester. Please encourage your student(s) to access these resources to help support their learning.



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

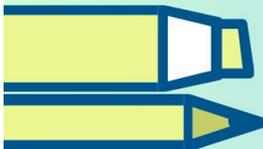
MON, WED, FRI:
ROOM 229 - P3
ROOM 232 - P4
FOR EXTRA-HELP OR A QUIET SPACE TO WORK.

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

YOUTH GAMBLING AWARENESS SERIES

This workshop series is designed to offer educational prevention sessions to adults involved in young people's lives on gambling awareness including potential risks, making informed decisions and healthy and active living.

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these free virtual sessions!

November 7, 2023: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Game Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling

This session explores unconventional forms of gambling available to minors, the signs of problem gaming and gambling and explores the potential risks of these activities. Parents will learn strategies on how to help your child make safe and healthy decisions and information on community support services will be provided.

November 14, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling

This session discusses items of value used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Financial risks of gambling will be explored while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

November 21, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Media Impact

This session will explore the increased youth exposure to gambling-related content on social media platforms while providing media safety tips for parents and information on community support services.

November 28, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stigma and Gambling

This session will define stigma associated with gambling while providing factual knowledge and awareness to support a compassionate approach to reducing stigma and facilitating an open dialogue. Information on community support services will also be shared.

[REGISTER](#) Now For These Free Sessions Today!



These free information sessions are organized by York Region District School Board in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Toronto Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP).

For more information please feel free to contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252.

PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

POST-SECONDARY FAIR



Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm
HOSTED AT EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
4901 Rutherford Rd. Woodbridge



ABOVE ARE SOME OF OUR CONFIRMED REPRESENTATIVES

JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

SCHOOL SAFETY - Student Drop Off and Pick Up



We encourage all students to walk / bike to school as part of their daily physical activity.

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.

