

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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

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School Drop Off and Safety - 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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Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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School News and Information

Final Assessments - 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.

Cafeteria Service - We were advised that the cafeteria service is scheduled to resume between November 22 - December 2.

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage -- The series, *Moving Forward Hand in Hand*, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on “**Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health**” and will be offered in person on November 23rd and repeated on November 30th. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please review the [flyer](#). Register by November 20th, 2022.

Washrooms and Vandalism - In the past few weeks we have been investigating incidence of vandalism in one of our washrooms. Please remind your child that partaking in any inappropriate behaviour in our school washrooms that result in property destruction will come with significant school consequences. Vandalizing school property will also be reported to York Regional Police.

Important Dates

November 16

- School Council

November 17

- Semi-Formal and
- Post-Secondary Fair at Emily Carr

November 18

- P.A.Day

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

PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

POST-SECONDARY FAIR



Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 6:00-8:00pm
HOSTED AT EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
4901 Rutherford Rd. Woodbridge
ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME



ABOVE ARE SOME OF OUR CONFIRMED REPRESENTATIVES

JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING