

# Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023



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## This week:

Oct. 30	Allies for Equity Movie Night Jr. Boys Volleyball
Oct. 31	
Nov. 1	Take Our Kids to Work Day - Grade 9 students
Nov. 2	Swim Meet, Jr. Girls Basketball
Nov. 3	

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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. 6** - Fire Drill

**Nov. 7** - Air Riderz

**Nov. 7-8** - SHSM CPR Training

**Nov. 8** - Term One Ends

**Nov. 10** - Grade 9 Geography - Exhibition Place

**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

#### **Thank you Mrs. Sanwalka, Welcome Mr. Glezakos**

The school year at TDSS is rolling by and we have had a great start! Thank you to Mrs. Mirella Sanwalka for leading us in our start up. Your compassion, commitment to students and staff and expertise helped create a safe and welcome learning environment.

We welcome Mr. John Glezakos in the role of interim Principal. Mr. Glezakos brings with him a wealth of experience, knowledge and enjoys getting to know the students. We look forward to his leadership as we continue to make the classrooms and halls of Tommy Douglas SS a great place to learn.

#### **Take Our Kids To Work - Wednesday, November 1st**

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is a national initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. On Wednesday November 1, 2023, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. There will be no formal instruction/lessons for grade 9 students on November 1st.

For students who cannot find a job shadow placement there is an asynchronous career exploration activity to be completed at home. Students/families must register for these online activities at <https://www.studentscommission.ca/en/take-our-kids-to-work>. All grade 9 students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required work to complete for November 1. Please note that all period 1 grade 9 teachers have posted a copy of the electronic permission form on their google classrooms.

The **TDSS Cross Country team** finished a great season at the YRAA Championship on Thursday, October 19th. The meet took place at Boyd Conservation Park in Woodbridge. The team completed 4km, 5km and 6km races based on their age divisions. Many of our runners also participated in two earlier meets in September and October. They practiced hard this season and had great results. Well done team!

**TDSS Student Council** is proud to host our annual Semi Formal event, on Thursday, November 16th at the Montecassino venue. Cash online is open to all students to purchase their tickets. **The last day to purchase a ticket will be on Sunday, November 6th.** There will be food, dancing, and games.

### 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

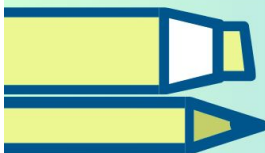
MON, WED, FRI:  
ROOM 229 - P3  
ROOM 232 - P4  
FOR EXTRA-HELP OR  
A QUIET SPACE TO  
WORK.

### 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 268Bio 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](mailto: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.

