

Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Oct 9 - Oct 13, 2023



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

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This week:

Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 10	Away Game - Sr. Boys Volleyball
Oct. 11	Cross Country Meet Home Game - Sr. Boys Soccer Away Games - Sr. Girls Basketball
Oct. 12	MLL Vellore Village C.C. - 9:30am Away Games - Jr. Boys Volleyball, Jr. Boys Soccer, Jr. Girls Basketball
Oct. 13	

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Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

Administrative Team

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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 16 - ATC10/20 - Dance Workshop in class

Oct. 17 - MLL to Vellore Village - 12:00 pm

Oct. 17 & 18 - Interim Reports distributed electronically

Oct. 19 - College Fair @ Enercare Centre

Oct. 20 - PA Day

Oct. 23 & 24 - Grade 9 Science Trip Kortright Centre

Oct. 23 - Picture Retake Day - for students who were absent Sept. 20 or 21

Oct. 25 - Parent-Teacher Night 6-8 pm

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

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

IMPORTANT: Start-up Forms

Each year we ask families to complete **important start-up forms**. You would have received an email a few weeks ago with a link to the online forms. If you have not completed these forms, please do so as soon as possible.

October 20th PA Day

Friday, October 20th 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.

Clubs at TDSS

Students are encouraged to join one/some of the many clubs offered at Tommy Douglas. All clubs are staff supervised and are safe and inclusive spaces for all our students. Announcements, club google classrooms and posters around the school will inform students of when and where clubs will meet. There's a club for every Titan, find your fit!

Your TDSS School Council

School council meets 5 times throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to attend and have your voice heard as the Council works to impact/influence activities that foster student success and school improvement.

2023-2024 TDSS School Council:

Co-Chairs - Amir Bigloo & Lisa Parkyn

Secretary - Lolade Adesina

Treasurer - Gisella Primerano

Grade 9 Open House

Thank you to all parents who attended our grade 9 Open House on Wednesday. If you would like to access the slide decks from the presentation, they can be found below.

[Guidance Presentation](#)

[Science Presentation](#)

[Math Presentation](#)

Grade 12 Parent Presentation on Applying to Post-Secondary

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend the parent presentation on applying to post-secondary on Wednesday evening. For those who would like to review the presentation further, it can be found [here](#).



Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>



7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLITSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)

8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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Grade 9 - Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTW) - Start Planning - November 1st, 2023

Take Our Kids to Work is a national career exploration opportunity for grade 9 students. This year TOKTW will be taking place on November 1st. All grade 9 students will be participating in this event by going to work with a parent, family member, family friend, sibling, neighbour etc. We encourage you at this time to begin exploring potential opportunities with your child. Additional information will be shared in the near future.



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.

