

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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

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Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day- On November 2nd all grade 9 students are expected to participate in the national Take Your Kids to Work event. Participation in this event is mandatory. All students are expected to be visiting a workplace, whether it is with a parent, an aunt or uncle, family friend, neighbor or the parent of a friend. Permission forms will be shared with students closer to the time. Please begin to think about what workplace your child will be visiting on November 2nd.

College Fair - All grade 12 students are invited to participate in a field trip on Thursday, October 20th to the Ontario College Fair at the Enercare Center in Toronto. Students will leave TDSS at 8:30 AM and are expected to return to the school at 2:25 PM.

Students will have an opportunity to learn about careers, college programs and occupations. Students will learn more about campus life, housing, and student services and out how to pay for college

Cash online is now open. The cost is \$8.00. Space is limited - so sign up TODAY.

Applying to Post-Secondary - TDSS' Guidance department will be hosting a parent information session on applying to post-secondary. The presentation will take place on October 26th from 5:30-6:30 and is intended for the parents of graduating students. Hope to see you there!

Contact Us

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Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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School News and Information

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!

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

Spirit Day - October 20 is Spirit Day, a day started in 2010 by Brittany McMillan, a Canadian teenager. Brittany created the event after learning about youth who lost their lives to suicide after experiencing bullying related to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity and expression identities. It has become an annual event in October when millions of North Americans wear purple to show their support for 2SLGBTQI+ youth and take a stand against bullying. Students, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals, celebrities, and parents wear purple to convey that 2SLGBTQI+ youth are to be celebrated and respected for who they are. The purple stripe on the pride flag represents spirit, giving this day its name.

Important Dates

October 17

- Photo Retake Day

October 19 - 20

- E-distribution of Interim Reports

October 21

- P.A. Day

October 26

- Parent/Guardian 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



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Student Activity Fee

The School Activity Fee (\$35) serves to engage students in the broader school community by providing a wide range of opportunities that occur before school, at lunch, and after school. Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities that build school spirit and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom and the designated subject curriculum. Sports teams, clubs, and groups benefit from the school activity fee as they receive an allocation of funds based on the overall student population. This subsidy allows for a reduction of costs which in many instances contributes to the overall viability of the event or activity.

This year we have included the SPC discount card with our activity fee. This card entitles students to discounts at local businesses and malls. This promotion will expire as of November 19th.

Your support of the School Activity Fee is needed in order for us to continue to be able to provide a vast array of opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our school community. At Tommy Douglas SS, the School Activity Fee will fund or subsidize the following:

- Spirit events, Assemblies, Club activities, celebrations, leadership activities, graduation

The number of activities/events that can be funded and the extent of the financial support will be determined by the total revenue that is generated through the School Activity Fee. We hope to continue our commitment to many varied opportunities for our students. We appreciate the value of co-curricular activities in building school spirit, fostering a sense of community, and fostering a sense of fulfillment and well-being.

The fee can be paid on School Cash On-Line.

Student Trustees - Applications for the 2022-2023 York Region Presidents' Council Executive Cabinet are now open!. The York Region Presidents' Council (YRPC) is the official student senate of the York Region District School Board, with the mission of promoting and enhancing communication and cooperation, inspiring and fostering ethical leadership, and collecting the voices of secondary school students. The Executive Cabinet is responsible for YRPC operations and works closely with the Student Trustees to bring student voice to Trustees and staff. For example, the YRPC Executive Cabinet hosts monthly General Assemblies, where students can provide input on various educational matters (e.g., policy and procedure), share their opinions and concerns, and network and collaborate with other student leaders. You can find more information about the YRPC in Policy and Procedure 672.0, Student Leadership and Student Voice, our constitution, and on Instagram, [@yrdstudents](#).

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$60.00 to \$250.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$200.00 to \$350.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

With funding from

Canada

Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Renewed Computer Technology

Application Check-List



You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 30th, 2022

Application deadline: November 18th, 2022

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB22

1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB22

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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



WHEEL'N'



WALKTOBER

October 1 - 31, 2022



GET ACTIVE THIS FALL

PLEDGE to walk or wheel to your destinations more often this October!

Your pledge might even help you win a PRIZE!



Check out our Campaigns page at sccy.ca for details