

Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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

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Interim Reports Update - There is a board wide delay in the distribution of interim reports. Interim reports will be distributed via student GAPPS accounts.

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 were shared with students and to be completed by Tuesday, October 25th.

Interview Evening -- A friendly reminder that October 26th is an opportunity for families to meet with teachers to discuss student progress and achievement. Please see the Inform letter sent to families earlier this week for more information.

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

Very Important Message for the Families of Graduating Students

When your child applies to post-secondary programs please ensure that they closely check their marks and graduation requirements recorded either on the OCAS or OUAC sites. It is imperative that your child check to see if this information is accurate. If it is not, please ask your child to book an appointment immediately to speak to a guidance counsellor, so that we can rectify this. We also ask that your child check the mark section of their application after each mark transmission to ensure that the marks uploaded are accurate. It is their responsibility to inform us of any discrepancies.

Mark Transmission Cycles

What is being transmitted	OUAC	OCAS
Demographics, grade 11 and any grade 12 grades taken	November 4th, 2022	October 8, 2022
Student Information and midterm marks	November 18th, 2022	November 18th, 2022
First semester marks	February 16, 2023	February 16, 2023
Second semester midterm marks	April 27th, 2023	April 28th, 2023
Second semester final marks	July 6th, 2023	July 7th, 2023
Summer school and e-learning final marks	August 1-31, 2023	August 11th, 2023



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University Application and OUAC Guide -- Please find attached a very important resource for students applying to university. It provides information on a variety of topics such as how individual universities feel about failed and repeated courses, summer school, night school and private school, whether alternate offers of admission are given, grade 11 grades, supplemental applications, ranking on OUAC, scholarships and even residence 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.

Important Dates

October 26

- Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

November 2

- Take Our Kids to Work Day (for grade 9 students)

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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From Student Success: Our Peer Tutor Program is up and running. The program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:50 to 11:40 in the library. Students interested in peer tutor support must complete the Tutee Request Form found on *The Peer Tutor Google Classroom* at least one day prior to meeting with a peer-tutor. Having done this, the student is to go to the Library on Tuesday and/or Thursday at the beginning of lunch where a tutor will be assigned. Please connect with rosella.mottola@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions.

Clubs and Teams Information -- Information about clubs is posted on the bulletin board near the main office doors. Team information is displayed on the monitor in the hall near the gym doors. Information is also shared in physical education classes and on Instagram @TDSS_Athletics. Students interested in joining a club or trying out for a team should regularly read information posted on the bulletin board, monitor and Instagram.

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.

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



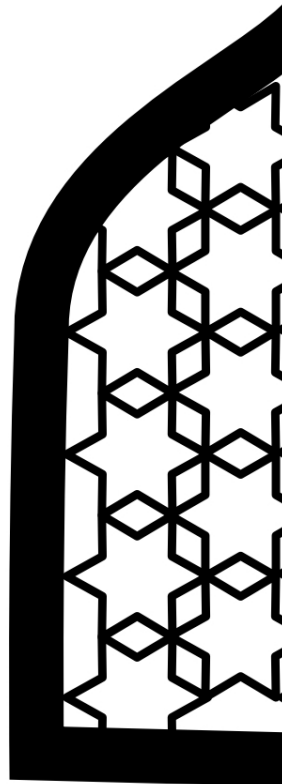
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