

# Tommy Times - Parent Edition

Week of Sept 25 - Sept 29, 2023



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## This week:

Sept. 25	<b>SAFETY WEEK - Fire, Lockdown, Hold and Secure and Bob Threat drills happening all week</b> Yom Kippur
Sept. 26	Junior Girls Basketball 3:45 Junior Boys Soccer 3:30
Sept. 27	Grade 9s Camp Tommy
Sept. 28	Cross Country Meet Senior Girls Basketball 3:30/Junior Girls Basketball 4:45
Sept. 29	Clubs Fair

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## 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. 4 - Grade 9 Open House 6 - 7:30pm

Oct. 4 - Grade 12 Post Secondary Registration Information Session 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Oct. 4 - School Council Meeting 7:30 pm (School Library)

Oct. 5 - Terry Fox Event

Oct. 25 - Parent-Teacher Night

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

### *Safety Week*

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

### *School Council*

There are [many ways you can be engaged in your child's learning](#) at home and at school. This includes getting involved with the school council. The school council provides advice on school matters and helps to strengthen the important relationship between schools, families and their communities. The council includes family members, school staff and community members.

#### **How do I join?**

At the beginning of the school year, all parents/guardians have the opportunity to become a voting member of council. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, fill out the **School Council Nomination Form that will be part of your start-up forms** by **September 29, 2023**. Hard copies are available in the main office.

Elections shall occur within the first thirty days of the start of each school year. All family members (voting member or as an attendee) are encouraged to attend school council meetings.

Our first meeting is October 4, 2023, 7:30 p.m. in the School Library.

### Traffic Survey Report - Road Safety

# LET'S CIRCLE BACK TO ROUNDABOUTS

## Safety benefits of roundabouts

Roundabouts are a safe, efficient, & environmentally friendly alternative to traditional intersections. While they may take some getting used to, the most important benefit is fewer crashes.

### Roundabout Dos & Do Not

#### Do

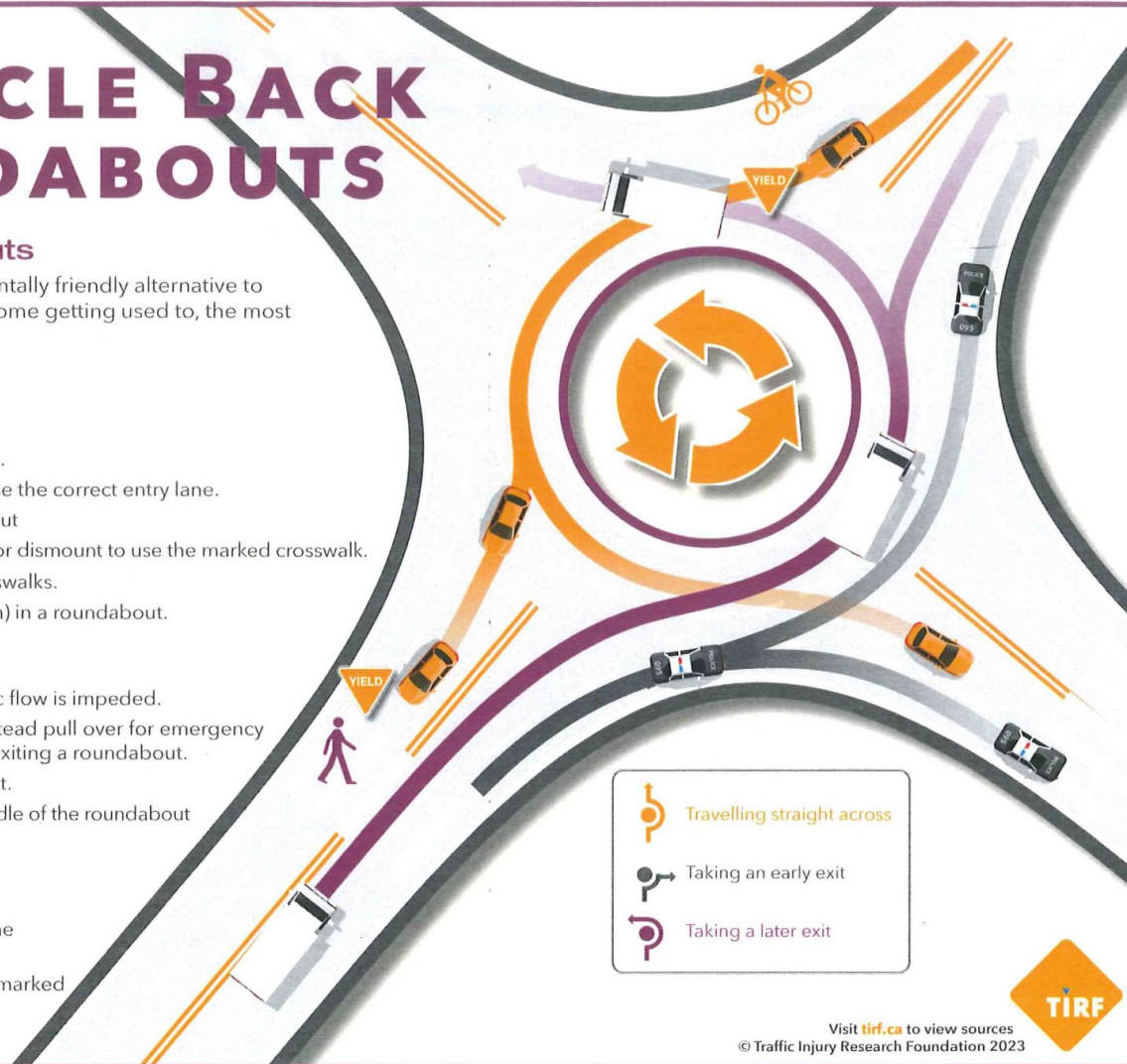
- Only enter when it is safe to do so.
- Observe the lane signs and choose the correct entry lane.
- Signal when exiting the roundabout
- As a cyclist, follow road rules and/or dismount to use the marked crosswalk.
- As a pedestrian, use marked crosswalks.
- Maintain a low speed (i.e., 20km/h) in a roundabout.

#### Do NOT

- Stop in a roundabout unless traffic flow is impeded.
- Pull over inside a roundabout; instead pull over for emergency vehicles before entering or after exiting a roundabout.
- Change lanes inside a roundabout.
- As a pedestrian, cut across the middle of the roundabout
- Block crosswalks.

#### YIELD

- To vehicles or cyclists already in the roundabout.
- To pedestrians and cyclists using marked crosswalks.



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### 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.

