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## ***TOMMY DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL***

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Tommy Douglas family. We are looking forward to meeting you and your child in September. The information outlined in this letter will help to prepare your child for the start of the school year. Should you have any questions please contact the main office. Our summer office hours are: Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 3:30. School office will be closed the week of August 1 – 5<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosed you will find information for Registration on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Follow us on TWITTER @TDSS\_YRDSB for up-to-date information.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

During registration, students will pick-up their timetables, pay their activity fees, purchase their physical education uniform if they have phys. ed. in first semester, purchase a yearbook if they so wish, and have their school picture taken. All items can be pre-paid by using the School Cash Online. If you have not yet registered please visit this website <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com>  
All students must have their picture taken for the purpose of their Student Identification Card. The option to pre-purchase photo packages is also available. Locks will be provided by the school.

The School Activity Fee 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.

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 S.S., the School Activity Fee will fund or subsidize the following:

- Spirit events
- Assemblies
- Club activities
- Celebrations
- Leadership activities
- Wellness Day

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.

At the end of the budget cycle, we will share more specifically how the monies collected through the School Activity Fee have been disbursed.

Since our students come to us from various schools, we believe that it is essential to focus a day on our collective sense of belonging and creating unity as Tommy Douglas students.

Activity Fee	\$25.00
Grade 9 Camp Day (permission forms available on School Cash Online)	\$30.00
Phys. Ed. Uniform (t-shirt and shorts)	\$35.00
SPC Card	\$10.00
Yearbook (developed through the year and delivered next fall)	\$40.00

### **Technology Supported Instruction**

In September of 2016, Tommy Douglas SS will be implementing a 1:1 (Bring Your Own Device/B.Y.O.D.) program. Our intention is to empower all of our students in Modern Learning spaces by embedding the use of technology in all curriculum areas to improve Critical Inquiry and Learning Skills. Students are expected to bring their own internet enabled primary device to school. If a student already has a laptop or tablet, there is no need to purchase new technology. Many manufacturers provide appropriate devices for less than \$300.00 and offer purchase plans.

### **Transportation**

Information about bus routes and times can be found at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Please review this website the week before school begins to determine the bus number and pick-up/drop-off times and locations for your child.

York Region Transit (**YRT**) routes serving the Tommy Douglas community can be found on the following website address: <http://www.yorkregiontransit.com/en/schedulesmaps/school.asp>

### **First Day of School**

**Grade 9 Only day Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.** Students should go to their lockers and leave their lunches, jackets, etc. prior to reporting to their first period class before the bell rings at 8:10 a.m.

Grade 9 Parents are welcome to attend a short presentation from 8:10 – 9:00 in the Lecture Hall.

The school year for our **grades 10, 11 and 12 students begins on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Meet the Teacher**

Grade 9 Parents can meet their child's teachers on **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to tour the classrooms.

### **School Council**

Our first School Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. We will be holding the elections for Chair/co-Chairs at this meeting as well as determining and filling additional positions on Council. If you would like to run for a position on Council please have your child request a **School Council Nomination Form** at registration or from the main office during the first week of school.

Regards,

Ann Pace  
Principal