

July 2017

Dear Student and Parent(s)\Guardian(s):

We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. This letter will remind you of some important information about our school opening for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Extended Vacation**

If a student will NOT be returning to school on the first day or within the first 15 school days of the school year (inclusive), parents must complete a "Notification of Expected Return to School Form". One can be picked up from the school office or found on our school website <http://trudeau.hs.yrdsb.ca/>

### **Online Student Activity Fee Payment and Timetable Distribution:**

The Online Student Activity Fee Payment and Timetable Distribution process for the 2017-2018 school year will occur electronically during the summer and will include:

1. Purchase of Activity fee and other school items via School Cash Online (*be sure to print a copy of the receipt when you pay online in order to retrieve the items that were purchased*)
2. Receipt of a timetable via email (*August*)

You can expect to receive further communication containing additional details about this process during the summer and information will also be posted on the school website in July.

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- Convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduction of paper usage
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- Less than 5 minutes to sign up (*see attached for instructions*)
- Secured payments by credit card OR Interac
- Receipts that can be generated for your personal records

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

If you need help with online Student Activity Fee Payment or wish to pay by cash or cheque, please come to the school Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and we will assist you in the Main Office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Timetables will not be available at the school. They will be emailed according to the chart below

<b>Purchase Activity Fee Online by</b>	<b>Timetable will be emailed on</b>
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, August, 15 <sup>th</sup> by noon
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, August, 22 <sup>nd</sup> by noon
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, August, 29 <sup>th</sup> by noon
Between Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, August, 31 <sup>st</sup> by 4:00 p.m.

Your timetable will show which classes you have in each semester and should include all of the core courses that you selected in February. Due to availability of elective courses you may notice that one of your alternate courses has been scheduled. Please check the alpha lists posted on the Library windows on the first day of school for your homeroom in case your timetable has changed.

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## **School Items Available for Purchase:**

Listed below are school items available for purchase. Students and their parents\guardians may purchase these items online, using a major credit card or debit card, beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> by visiting our school website (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/Pages/default.aspx>) and clicking on the "School Cash Online" icon. Students planning to pay with cash or cheque will be able to make their purchase between Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> in the Main Office.

### **Physical Education Uniform \$33**

All students participating in physical education classes are **required** to wear the Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School physical education uniform. The uniform package includes two pairs of shorts, two t-shirts, and safety glasses. If you require a new uniform it can be purchased at this time.

### **Student Activity Fee \$42**

The Student Activity Fee serves to engage students in the broader school community by providing a wide range of opportunities that occur before and after school. In order to fund extra-curricular activities, students who **choose** to participate will be required to pay a Student Activity Fee. 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 student activity fee as they receive a per pupil 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 Student Activity Fee is needed in order for us to continue to be able to provide many opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our school community. At Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School the Student Activity Fee will fund or subsidize activities such as:

- student council events – including dances and semi-formal
- school clubs
- spirit days
- music, theatre arts and visual arts events
- athletics

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 Student 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 Student Activity Fee have been disbursed.

### **Yearbook \$40**

Capture this year's memories by **choosing** to purchase a yearbook.

### **Graduation 2018 (Grade 12 only) \$40**

All graduating students are **required** to pay a fee for all the costs associated with graduation. These costs include a cap and gown for the graduation ceremony and the grad tea. If a student does not graduate, the fee will be returned.

### **Locks \$6**

Students may bring their own combination lock from home or purchase one from the school. If you are in grades 10 and 11, lockers will be assigned on the first day of classes. All students are required to provide the combination of their lock to their homeroom teacher. Due to a limited number of lockers, grade 12 students may have to share lockers.

## Student Price Card

**\$10**

Students may **choose** to purchase this discount card. \$10 gets you one full year of amazing deals on your favourite fashion, food and lifestyle brands!

## **Instructions for the First Day of School – Wednesday, September 6th, 2017:**

Our regular school schedule begins on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. We suggest that students arrive on the first day by 8:00 a.m. All students should proceed to their homeroom listed on their timetable at 8:10 a.m.

PERIOD	TIME
National Anthem and Announcements	8:15
1	8:19 – 9:34
2	9:38 – 10:53
3	10:57 – 12:12
4	12:16 – 1:31
5	1:35 – 2:50

## **Transportation:**

To promote student wellness, environmentally friendly practices and to decrease the traffic in the morning and at the end of the day, we encourage students to walk or ride their bicycles to and from school. Grade 9 – 12 students living in areas where public transit is available are also able to take the YRT to school. Public transportation is operated by York Region Transit and there are several routes that make taking the bus to our school quite easy. Please visit [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) for bus schedules and routes. If a student is eligible for transportation by school bus, parents can confirm the bus stop and schedule by accessing [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) starting the last week in August. Those who are eligible should arrive at their bus stop ten minutes earlier the first few weeks of school.

## **School Council:**

All parents/guardians are invited to attend our School Council meetings. The first meeting for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Elections will be held at our first meeting. Additional information regarding school council is provided in this package. The dates for this year's meetings are:

- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017- elections
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **Important Dates:**

Please note the following important dates for the beginning of the school year. All students and parents will receive a school calendar of a complete list of all important dates during registration.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
August 29 to 31	<b>Student Activity Fee Payment at school</b> (from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
September 5	<b>Orientation Day</b> (Grade 9 only) (8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.)
September 6	<b>First Day of School</b> (Grades 9 -12)
September 13	<b>Photo Day</b> – Yearbook pictures and photo packages for purchase
September 14	<b>School Council Meeting</b> , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library (Elections)
September 25	<b>Professional Training Day</b> – no classes
October 2	<b>Grade 9 Trudeaumania: Spirit Day</b> at Camp Robin Hood
October 9	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> – no classes
October 17	<b>Interim Report Cards</b> Distributed in homeroom
October 19	<b>School Council Meeting</b> , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
October 20	<b>Professional Activity Day</b> – no classes

November 1	<b>Take Our Kids to Work Day</b> for Grade 9 students
November 2	<b>Interview Night</b> (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
November 16	<b>School Council Meeting</b> , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
November 20	<b>Mid-semester Report Cards</b> Distributed in homeroom
November 24	<b>Professional Activity Day</b> – no classes
Dec. 25 to Jan.5	<b>Christmas/Winter Break</b> – no classes
January 8	<b>Classes Resume</b>
January 17 and 18	<b>Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics</b> Assessment - students in math in semester 1
January 18	<b>School Council Meeting</b> at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
Jan. 25 to Jan. 31	<b>Final Exams</b> for Semester I
February 1	<b>Exam Review Day</b> – shortened classes will be held on this day
February 2	<b>Professional Activity Day</b> – no classes
February 5	<b>Semester Two</b> Begins

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. We will be open Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., from July 4<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed during the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Regular office hours for the 2017 - 2018 school year begin on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Have a great summer!**

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Linkewich  
Principal

Ms. C. Civello  
Vice-Principal

Mr. P. Simmons  
Vice-Principal

Mr. R Zoratto  
Vice-Principal