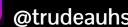


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PETHS Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Click on the link to read the **Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year**

PETHS 2023-2024 Student Handbook

Click on the link to read the Student Handbook 2023-24

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School Information

THIS WEEK @ TRUDEAU

Monday, November 6

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Tuesday, November 7

→ Grade 9 French Trip to Le Papillon

Wednesday November 8

- →Drama Field Trip
- →Last of Semester 1 Term 1
- → Science Pitch Black Workshop Nov. 8 10
- \rightarrow Diwali Event

Thursday, November 9

- → First Day of Semester 1 Term 2
- → Grade 9 French Trip to Le Papillon
- → Fire Drill

Friday, November 10

→ Remembrance Day Assemblies

Coming Up...

November 12 - Significant Faith Day - Diwali

November 15 - CIMC/CSMC Math Contest

November 16 - Celebrations of Bands Concert

November 16 - School Council 7:00 p.m.

November 17 - PA Day - No School

November 21 - OSSLT period 1

November 22 - Mobyss bus

November 23- OSSLT period 1

Nov 27 to Dec 8 Grad photos by appointment

Important School Information links

☐ Guidance

☐ list of clubs

Daily Schedule 2023-24

| Period | Time |
|---------------|--|
| 1 HOMEROOM | 8:10 AM - 9:25 AM 9:25 AM - 9:30 AM |
| 2 | 9:35 AM – 10:50 AM |
| 3 | 10:55 AM – 12:10 PM |
| 4 | 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM |
| 5 | 1:35 PM – 2:50 PM |

Attendance

To report an absence or for questions about your child's attendance, please call 905-887-2216 ext. 190

or send an email to pierre.elliott.trudeau.hs.attendance@yrdsb.ca

If you receive notification that your child has been marked absent and you believe this to be incorrect, please have your child ask the teacher to notify the office to make the correction. All attendance corrections must be verified by the classroom teacher.

School Updates/News



Parent/Guardian Volunteers

We welcome and encourage the important role that family/caregivers and community members play in education. Volunteers, as education partners, bringing their skills and talents, provide a valuable service to students and schools in support of student achievement and well-being.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved at the school. Volunteers perform various tasks that may include: helping on field trips, supporting in the library or classroom, reading with students, coaching, sharing a skill/talent, supporting cultural education/ celebrations, or participating in our school's snack or breakfast booster program.

If you would like to volunteer, please click on the link below to let us know.

Volunteer Form

Cafeteria Update

The cafeteria kitchen is now open. Students can purchase hot and cold items, beverages and deserts.





Grad photos are coming!

Edge Imaging will be here to take grad photos beginning Monday November 27. Don't forget to book your appointment! Please sign up online at www.bookmygrad.ca. Our school code is: WPE. Sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Congratulations class of 2024; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.

Diwali

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, or the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and new beginnings. The Tamil Students' Association (TSA) will be hosting our annual school celebration of Diwali on Wednesday, November 8th 2023 in the cafeteria during periods 3 and 4. Students can participate in fun activities such as the saree wrapping contest, musical chairs and a drawing contest. Thank you Ms.Tang, Mr.McCumber and Mr. Pournasola for helping our club with the supervision!

School Bus Zone - NO PARKING OR STOPPING

Our school bus drop off and pick up zone is beside the curb in the parking lot on the east side of the school. This is a reminder to parents when you are dropping off and picking up students to keep this area open for our buses to stop and allow students to get on and off their bus. Automobiles blocking this area are subject to a ticket from the Town of Markham.



Professional Activity Day - November 17, 2023

Friday, November 17 is our 3rd PA day of the school year. Below is the agenda for the day.

Morning - 150 minutes

- Student Mental Health and Well Being 55 minutes Secondary Educators, Educational Assistants, Library
 Technicians and School Office Support Staff
- School Improvement Plans/Department Meetings 95 minutes Secondary Educators,
- Face to face and web based learning modules and/or Engaging in school activities to support school and classroom planning 95 minutes Educational Assistants, Library Technicians and School Office Support Staff

Afternoon- 150 minutes

Secondary Educators

- Making Learning Accessible for Multi Language Learners Using the STEP Continua 60 minutes Secondary Educators,
- Equitable Assessment Practices Professional Learning 60 minutes Secondary Educators,
- School Improvement Plans/Department Meetings 30 minutes Secondary Educators,
- Face to face and web based learning modules and/or Engaging in school activities to support school and classroom planning 150 minutes Educational Assistants, Library Technicians and School Office Support Staff

Numeracy Sessions

We are excited to announce numeracy support sessions for Grade 9 students will start shortly for students who require additional assistance in math after school. These sessions will be held every Tuesday and are designed to help students improve their mathematical skills and boost their confidence. If your child is in Grade 9 and is interested in attending these sessions, please contact their math teacher or our Student Success teacher for more information to sign up.

Fall Nature Hike

On Sunday the 29th, the Bucket List Club hosted, and led a hiking trip at the Bendor and Graves Tract, a York Region Forest trail. Through this event students were able to reconnect with nature, enjoy the autumn leaves, and appreciate the beautiful sights. Half way through the hike they enjoyed a lunch of grilled hot dogs thanks to Mr. Dance. The hike allowed the students to mentally reset and press pause for a while, and rekindle their spirits while meeting new students and making new friends. Special Thanks to Mrs. Dance for joining us on this trip.







Smoke Free School Environment

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. Health Canada reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.



This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the <u>Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure</u>. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and <u>fines</u> (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. <u>Partnership for Drug Free Kids</u> also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

New School Sign In and Out Procedures at Trudeau

We want to inform you about a new visitor procedure that we are implementing at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. This new procedure is part of our ongoing efforts to create a more welcoming and secure environment for our school community.

We kindly request that all visitors to our school begin their visit by signing in at the main office. This includes parents, guardians, volunteers, and any other guests. After signing in you will be asked to wear a guest tag which can be returned when you are leaving the building and sign out.

This process will help us keep track of who is in the building. By doing so, we aim to create a safer and more secure environment for our students and staff.

Prayer Room

The York Region District School Board promotes respectful and inclusive working and learning environments. In recognition that there are staff and students who would like a quiet place for prayer, reflection or meditation, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS is pleased to announce the availability of a Multi-Faith prayer Room/quiet space in the Guidance Office Reception Area.



French Language Exchange Opportunities:

Language Exchange Programs are a great way to improve and develop French language skills. Below are some Language Exchange opportunities available to youth ages 14-18. Click on the attached links for more information, including how to register. Bonne continuation!

Les Échanges Linguistiques

Les échanges linguistiques servent comme un moyen d'améliorer vos compétences linguistiques. Veuillez consulter les liens ci-joint pour plus d'information et comment enregistrer pour les échanges linguistiques désignées aux élèves de 14 à 18 ans. Bonne continuation!

EXPLORE --> http://www.myexplore.ca/en/

YMCA --> http://my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=612

ISE --> http://iseontario.on.ca/

Canadian Education Exchange Foundation --> https://www.ceef.ca/

Rencontres du Canada --> https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/

YMCA Youth Travel and Exchange --> https://ymcagta.org/youth-programs/youth-travel-and-exchanges

Destination Clic --> http://www.destinationclic.ca/fr/

Odyssey --> http://www.myodyssey.ca/en/



Health & Safety

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.

Practicing 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.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being:

- 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, https://kidshelpphone.ca/
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and

youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.

- Trans Lifeline: https://translifeline.org/
- Black Youth Helpline: https://blackyouth.ca/
- Naseeha Helpline: https://naseeha.org/
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: https://www.youthline.ca/

Ignite Technology Grant (for students with SEA Technology)

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create leadership opportunities, hone communication skills, and increase self-esteem for students with SEA equipment within their school community. The goal is to bring awareness to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning. Please visit www.yrdsb.ca/ignite for more information.



Renewed Computer Technology Applications Now Open

YRDSB will once again be working with Renewed Computer Technology to support limited income families with gaining access to technology. The fall application period will take place from September 21, 2023 - November 23, 2023. Please refer to the letter to families and the RCT flyer.

Link for letter: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jdCRCGuCUj-SpDA-_TC8gENZuuNkK9sS/view?usp=drivesdk

Link for flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1id0GgS9LAdTvdgRH5wEewuhnWWFI-7HU/view?usp=drivesdk

Please download and create PETHS drive links for both of those.

AFTER SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS

PETHS Library is open after school until 3:30 pm for students to utilize its resources and study.

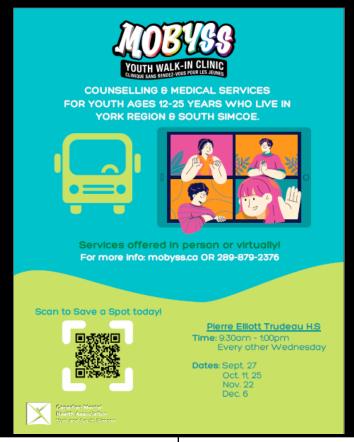
All students are encouraged to exit the building by 4:30 PM unless they are engaged in one of the following activities:

- Attending a club meeting.
- Receiving extra academic help.
- Participating in a special school event.
- Participating in a sports practice.
- Attending a sports game or event.

For the safety and security of our students, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to this policy. If your child is not involved in any of the above activities, please make arrangements for them to leave no later than 4:30 pm.

We understand that there may be exceptions due to unforeseen circumstances or specific arrangements, but we encourage you to communicate with us in advance if your child needs to stay at school beyond this time.









Resources for Families



Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB),is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:30PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more

BFNC Scholarship Application Workshop

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.

Affordable Computers





First Come First Serve - No Appointment Needed

No Health Card Needed

Hong Fook Walk In Counselling

BRIEF COUNSELLING SERVICE





SHORT TERM

Hong Fook Mental Health Counselling for Asian-identifying youth

Age 12 - 25 and their families living in the GTA. Form more information click on the link below

Hong Fook Brief Counselling Service



The Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic

York Hills offers free immediate access to single session counselling from a mental health professional. Click the link below for more information. Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic

Mental Health Workshops

Virtual or in-person workshops for youth ages 12 to 25, parents and caregivers, service providers and educators

Hong Fook Mental Health Workshops

Learn more about

One Stop Talk

One Stop Health

One Stop Talk offers children, youth (within 18 years of age) and their families immediate access to free mental health support. One Stop Talk

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