



## Together We Are Better

**PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**E-NEWSLETTER**

***December 13, 2019***



## SAC Holiday Spirit Week

**December 16 to 20**

**Daily Themes**

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## **TSAC Spirit Week and giving back to our community**

Next week our Student Council will host a week of holiday themed activities culminating in a Winter Carnival on Friday. In keeping with the spirit of community and 'giving back', we are encouraging our students to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation to school on Friday.

### **Winter Spirt Day Modified School Day Friday, December 20, 2019**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Period</b>
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<b>9:16 am – 10:09 am</b>	<b>Period 2</b>
<b>10:13 am – 11:06 am</b>	<b>Period 3</b>
<b>11:10 am – 12:03 pm</b>	<b>Period 4</b>
<b>12:07 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Period 5</b>
<b>1:00 pm – 2:50 pm</b>	<b>Winter Carnival</b>

## WEEK OF: DECEMBER 16, 2019

Monday, Dec. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Spirit Week—Pajama Day</li> <li>• Winter Melodies Concert, 7:00 p.m. Markham Theatre</li> <li>• Grad Photos, December 16 to December 20, in the Library presentation room</li> </ul>														
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## LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Break—No school</li> </ul>
Monday, Jan. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes resume</li> </ul>
Tuesday, Jan. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant Faith Day—Eastern Christmas</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Jan. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Thursday, Jan. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Boys Basketball</li> </ul>
Friday, Jan. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama Assessment Tours</li> </ul>

## Message from Our Trustee

One of our top priorities as a school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and be successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

### Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

Providing [Board-wide training](#) for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.

Acknowledging [Treaties Recognition Week](#), and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.

Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual [SpeakOut conference](#) for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.

Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned [Quest conference](#).

I have had the opportunity to attend various school meetings and spoken to parents, students and educators firsthand, this includes, School Councils, Regional School Council Forum, Quest Conference and York Regional labor market information night. It is important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. In the recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region, we learned and shared together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and problematic gaming. It was wonderful to see so many family members there. I have visited no less than eight school council meetings so far this year and it is my mandate to visit every school council in the school year as it provides me with great opportunities to listen to and interact with families. As a pilot project commencing since the beginning of the year, a few schools piloted Active School Travel, which promotes students to walk or cycle to schools with their families. It was well received and feedback was also received from families.

The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

### Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on [extreme cold or inclement weather days](#), and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham, Wards 2, 3 and 6

## Winter Melodies concerts

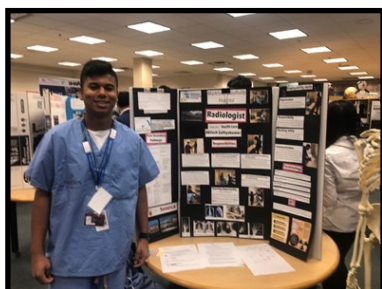
Our Music Department proudly announces that tickets are now available for the annual Winter Melodies concerts. Both concerts take place at Flato Markham Theatre (171 Town Centre Boulevard).

The 1st concert on Monday, December 16th and will feature our Grade 9 Concert Winds, Grade 10 Symphonic Winds, Grade 11 Wind Symphony, TruJazz and our String Orchestra. The 2nd concert on Tuesday, December 17th will feature our Grade 9 Concert Band, Grade 10 Symphonic Winds, Grade 12 Wind Symphony, Chamber Choir and Jazz Attack

Tickets are \$15.00 per person for each concert or \$25.00 per person to attend both concerts. Both performances begin at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are available using School cash online.

## Co-Op Career Fair

Today our Co-operative Education department hosted a career fair. Our Co-Op students shared information about their job placements, the Co-Op program and SHSM.



## Exams

Exam schedules have been distributed to students GAPPS email accounts. Students will write only one exam per day corresponding to the subject in that specific period. All exams will begin at 9:00 a.m. The exam schedule will be as follows:

- January 23, 2020 – exams for classes in period 1 will be written
- January 24, 2020 – exams for classes in period 2 will be written
- January 27, 2020 – exams for classes in period 3 will be written
- January 28, 2020 – exams for classes in period 4 will be written
- January 29, 2020 – exams for classes in period 5 will be written

[January exam schedule](#)

[Student guidelines](#)

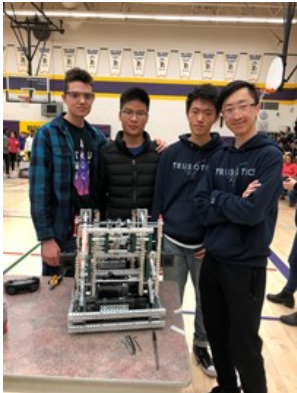


# Club News

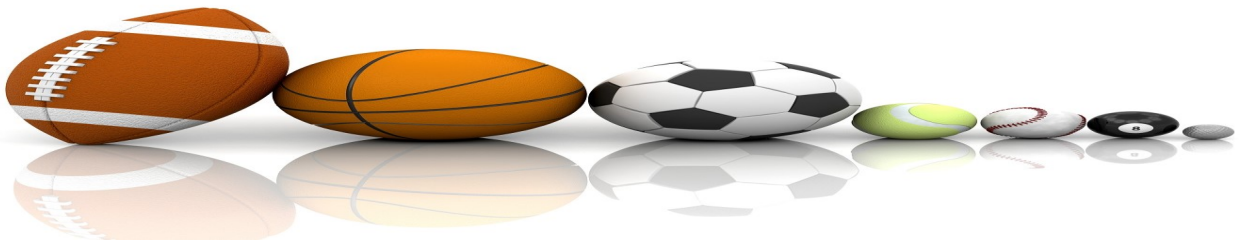
## Robotics Club

On Saturday, December 7th the Robotics club at Trudeau participated in one of the regional VEX Robotics Qualifying Tournaments. The students were required to design and build a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge.

Team Z was able to make it all the way to the final match and qualify for the Provincial Tournament in February. They have demonstrated dedication, teamwork, and perseverance. Congratulations and good luck in February!



## Athletics News



### Senior Boys' Basketball

Our senior boys' basketball team were victorious against 2 opponents this week. On Monday the team faced Brother Andre CHS and outscored them 59 to 53. The final score of the Thursday game against Markham DHS was 63 for PETHS and 50 for MDHS. Congratulations to the team.

## Bus or School Cancellations

With winter weather already here, we want to share some important reminders for families.

When an **inclement weather** or **extreme cold** or day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) are cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. If you drive your child to school, or your child takes alternate transportation, you must make arrangements for your child to get home at the end of the day. Please call the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **emergency winter events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

# Your Portrait Session

Your fee includes a professional portrait session with both classic Cap & Gown and new Casual poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

*\*Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



**POSES:** 10 Poses

**OUTFITS:** Cap & Gown, Casual and Vintage Hollywood

**BACKGROUNDS:** A variety of up to 4 backgrounds *\*poses and backgrounds may vary*



## Graduating Class Composite

Just like the one on your high school walls, you'll receive your own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

*A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.*



*\*Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*

## Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Enter your school code and student number to get started.

**SCHOOL CODE:** **WPE**



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES – 2019-2020**

February 20, 2020

April 23, 2020

May 21, 2020

**All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Library**

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