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PETHS Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year

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, October 30

→ TSAC Spirit Day: Meme Monday

Tuesday, October 31

→ TSAC Halloween Haunted House

Halloween Reminders for Families

The health and safety of our students remains a top priority for us. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind when choosing costumes:

- Replica weapons of any kind are not allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping.

- Halloween masks are not to be worn and students should only use single-use make-up (no sharing of make-up)
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol, or drugs are not permitted.

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that costumes do not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Wednesday November 1

→ Take Your Kid To Work Day (grade 9)

→ November 1 - Grade 8 students visit Trudeau

Thursday, November 2

→

Friday, November 3

→

Coming Up...

November 7 - Grade 9 French Trip to Le Papillon

November 8 - Drama Field Trip

November 8 - Last of Semester 1 Term 1

November 9 - First Day of Semester 2 Term 2

November 9 - Grade 9 French Trip to Le Papillon

November 9 - Fire Drill

November 10 Remembrance Day Assemblies

Important School Information links

- [Staff Directory](#)
- [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

October School Council Meeting

Our School Council meeting took place on October 19. Use the link below to find out what information was shared.

[October School Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 1st

This is a reminder to the parents of Grade 9 students to fill out the [Google Form](#) for November 1st.

We are excited to announce the upcoming "Take Our Kids to Work" Day, which will be held on Wednesday, November 1st for Grade 9 students. This day presents a unique opportunity for your child to explore career options and gain insights into the professional world. No in-person classes will be held at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School.

For "Take Our Kids to Work" Day on November 1st, students have two options:

Virtual or In-person Workplace Visit: Your child can accompany a parent, guardian, or friend to their workplace in-person or virtually to experience a typical workday. This option allows students to see firsthand what various careers entail and ask questions about different professions.

Independent Career Exploration: If a workplace visit is not feasible, your child can participate in career exploration activities at home. We will provide resources and guidance to help them explore different careers, industries, and develop a greater understanding of the world of work.

To make this day a success, we kindly request that you complete the following [Google Form](#) by Monday, October 23rd. The form is essential for us to coordinate activities, ensure safety, and tailor the experience to your child's choice of participation.

We are confident that "Take Our Kids to Work" Day will be a memorable and educational experience for your child.

Halloween Hairstyles and Makeup

PETHS TRULECA Hairstyling and Aesthetics classes are hosting services for Halloween to students this year. Students can pay by school cash online or cash at the door and drop by on October 30th and 31st.

SERVICES OFFERED

Halloween manicure

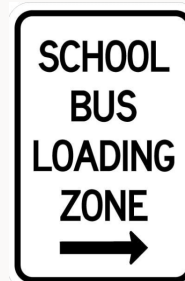
Hairstyle to enhance your costume

Special effect of a bruise/ small wound



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.



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 [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) 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.

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/>



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](#)

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.



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/>

SMOKE-FREE ACT of ONTARIO

According to the Smoke-Free Act of Ontario (2017), any individual, including students, caught vaping on school property can be subject to a fine imposed by a Tobacco Enforcement Officer. This fine amounts to \$305. We believe it is crucial to make you aware of this regulation, as it serves as a reminder of the legal consequences associated with vaping on school grounds.



We kindly request your support in educating your child about the risks and legal consequences of vaping. It is important that they understand the rules and regulations in place to ensure their safety and the safety of their peers. Unfortunately, we had a fire alarm go off at Pierre Elliott Trudeau on Wednesday September 27th which we suspect was due to vaping in a washroom. Vaping not only poses health risks but also disrupts the learning environment and sets a negative example for others.

Your assistance in talking with your child about the health risks of vaping is important. If you require support in this area, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy school environment.

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-_TC8qENZuuNkK9sS/view?usp=drivesdk

Link for flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jdOGgS9LAdTvdgRH5wEewuhnWWFI-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.

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Resources for Families

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](#)

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**Here 2 Help
Walk In Clinic**

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](#)

BRIEF COUNSELLING SERVICE



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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](#)

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](#)



First Come First Serve - No Appointment Needed

No Health Card Needed

[Hong Fook Walk In Counselling](#)

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](#)



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