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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, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

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Wednesday October 25

- →TSAC Spirit Day Pajama Day
- \rightarrow Mobyss 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

- → Parent Interview Night 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
- →TSAC Spirit Day Throwback Thursday

Friday, October 27

- → Trudeau Band Workshop
- →- TSAC Spirit Day: Rhyme without Reason

Coming Up...

October 30 - TSAC Spirit Day: Meme Monday

October 31 - TSAC Halloween Haunted House

November 1 - Take Your Kid To Work Day (grade 9)

November 1 - Grade 8 students visit Trudeau

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

	Ctaff	Directory
-	Stall	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

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.

Parent Teacher Interview Night

We just wanted to give you the heads up that this semester's Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview Night will be held on Thursday, October 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All interviews will be held at the school. If you are unable to sign up for an interview please email your child's teacher directly using the teacher's firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca. Teacher names can be found on our <u>board website</u>. They will set up a time to speak with you about your child's progress.

How to book a Meeting for Parent-Guardian/ Teacher Night

Parents should use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Parents-Guardian/Teacher Interview Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/guardians may access appointment bookings starting today through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one-time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book a parent-teacher interview through TeachAssist, please click here. Additionally, students can book appointments in TeachAssist on behalf of parents. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. We recommend that you leave at least 5-10 minutes between interviews for travel time in the building.

If there are no interview slots available, please reach out to your child's teacher directly using this board directory (<u>board website</u>) to schedule an alternative date and time for a meeting or a phone conversation to discuss your child's progress.

Secondary Interim Report Cards will be sent out by October 20th.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Parent-Teacher Interview Night, please contact your child's teacher first or their alpha Vice Principal.

Students with the last name:

A-J – ranjit.gill@yrdsb.ca

K-S – georgia.clifford@yrdsb.ca

T-Z –ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca

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.



Geography Helps the Environment

This past Tuesday, some of our grade 9 Geography students went tree planting at Saigon Trail with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. We planted 190 native shrubs and trees and learned about how these plants contribute to ecosystems and help mitigate climate change. We are proud of their contributions to the environment and the future!



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/



to pay your \$30.00 Student Activity Fee

The Student Activty Fee will fund or subsidize activities such as:

- Student Council Events and school clubs
- Music, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts events
- Athletics
- Guest speakers for Heritage Months and Spirit days

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-_TC8gENZuuNkK9sS/view?usp=drivesdk

Link for flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jd0GgS9LAdTvdgRH5wEewuhnWWFI-7HU/view?usp=drivesdk

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

Student Health Plans

Be sure to return any student health forms to the main office asap. If your child has a medical condition and does not bring home a form, please use the links below to access the appropriate form.. Return completed forms, Ms. Tseng in the main office

Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan Epilepsy Health Care Plan

Asthma Health Care Plan Type 1 Diabetes Health Care Plan

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.



AFTER SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS

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

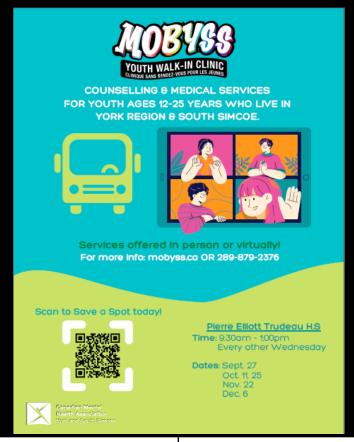
All students are encouraged to exit the building by 4:30 PM unless they are engaged in one of the following activities:

- 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

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



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





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

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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