



PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Grade 9 Student and Parent/s / Guardian/s:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all our new grade 9 students and their families to Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. This letter will remind you of some important information about our school opening for the 2014-2015 school year.

Timetables: Timetables will be provided on Registration Day. Your timetable will show you 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. A second copy of the timetable will be given to you on the first day of school.

Registration: Our Registration website will open from Monday, August 11 and will close on Monday August 25, at noon. Students and their parents\guardians are asked to visit the school website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/Pages/default.aspx>, click on the registration link and complete the form. All Grade 9 students are asked to come to the school cafeteria on **Tuesday, August 26th, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** On that morning, you will be able to pick up a final copy of your timetable and pay for the items you requested on the registration form:

Physical Education Uniform \$30

All students participating in Physical Education classes are **required** to purchase and wear the Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School Physical Education uniform. The uniform package includes one pair of shorts, two t-shirts, and safety glasses.

Student Activity Fee \$40

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-curriculars, 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, semi-formal and spirit days
- school clubs
- 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 **\$35**

Capture the memories of your first year in high school by choosing to purchase a yearbook.

TRUDEAUMANIA! Grade 9 Spirit Day at Camp Robin Hood on September 24th, 2014 **\$35**

All grade 9 students will spend the day at Camp Robin Hood getting to know each other and their peer mentors, building school spirit and experiencing outdoor education. Transportation, lunch, and organized activities are included in the fee. More details will be provided in September. Don't miss out on this transition activity, meet new friends and have fun at camp. Choose to participate. Permission forms will be handed out in homeroom in the first week of school.

Locks **\$5**

Students may bring their own combination lock from home or purchase one from the school. Individual lockers will be assigned during homeroom on the first day of classes. All students are required to provide the combination of your lock to the Main Office.

Please bring cash or a cheque made payable to "Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School".

Grade 9 Orientation Day (Tuesday September 2nd): There will be an Orientation Day for only Grade 9 students and their parent/s/guardian/s on **Tuesday, September 2, 2014**. Parents/guardians are invited to attend until noon. Please see the schedule below:

Grade 9 Orientation Day Schedule

(Please arrive by 8:00 am so that we can start the day on time!)

8:15	Welcome (please meet in the Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda for the day• Distribution of school maps
8:40 – 10:50	Meet your Teachers (Students and Parents/Guardians) 8:40 – 9:05 a.m. Period 1 9:10 – 9:35 a.m. Period 2 9:40 – 10:05 a.m. Period 4 10:10 – 10:35 a.m. Period 5
10:35 – 10:50	Return to your period 1 class for icebreaker activities with your mentors
10:35 – 11:30	Parent/Guardian Workshop in the Cafeteria
10:55 – 11:30	Student Workshop 1
11:30 – 12:15	BBQ Lunch for all students
12:15 – 12:50	Student Workshop 2
12:55 – 1:30	Student Workshop 3
1:35 – 2:10	Student Workshop 4
2:15 – 2:50	Student Workshop 5
2:50	Dismissal

Workshops Include:

- ✓ How to be Successful in High School
- ✓ A Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Wellness and Resiliency Workshop
- ✓ Digital Literacy Workshop
- ✓ Bully Prevention Workshop

Daily School Schedule(begins Wednesday September 3rd): Our regular school schedule begins on Wednesday September 4th at 8:15 a.m. We suggest that students arrive on the first day by 8:00 a.m. The daily timetable for our school is as follows:

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 can take the YRT to school. Public transportation is operated by York Region Transit and there are several routes that makes taking the bus to our school quite easy. Please visit 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 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 2014 - 2015 school year will be held on Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 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 17th, 2014- elections
- October 15th, 2014
- November 19th, 2014
- January 21st, 2015
- February 18th, 2015
- April 15th, 2015
- May 20th, 2015

Important Dates: Please note the following important dates for the beginning of the school year. A school calendar of all important events is included.

Date	Event
August 26	Registration Day (Grade 9 students from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
September 2	Grade 9 Orientation Day (Grade 9 only) (8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.)
September 3	First Day of School (Grades 9 -12)
September 10	Photo Day – Yearbook pictures and photo packages for purchase
September 17	School Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m.in the Library (Elections)
September 22	Professional Training Day – no classes
September 24	Grade 9 Trudeaumania: Spirit Day at Camp Robin Hood
October 13	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
October 15	School Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
October 17	Interim Report Cards Distributed in homeroom
October 22	Parent Teacher Interviews (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
October 27	Professional Activity Day – no classes
November 5	Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students
November 14	Professional Activity Day – no classes
November 17	Mid-semester Report Cards Distributed in homeroom
November 19	School Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
Dec. 22 to Jan.2	Christmas/Winter Break – no classes
January 5	Classes Resume
January 21	School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
January 20 and 21	Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics Assessment - students in math in semester 1
Jan. 23 to Jan. 29	Final Exams for Semester I
January 30	Exam Review Day – shortened classes will be held on this day
February 2	Professional Activity Day – no classes
February 3	Semester II 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 2nd to August 22nd. The office will be closed during the week of August 4th – 8th. Regular hours for the 2014 - 2015 school year begin on August 25th.

Have a great summer!


Sincerely,



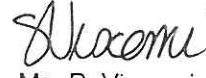
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