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## PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Student and Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. This letter will remind you of some important information about our school opening for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Timetables:**

A copy of the timetable with your teachers' names and room numbers will be given to you on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Registration Day. If timetable changes are required in September, resulting from either a summer school credit you earned or because you have change your mind about your post-secondary pathway, please listen to the announcements in the first week of school for instructions on making course changes. **You must attend all classes on your timetable until you are seen by a guidance counselor.**

### **Registration Day (Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>):**

**New this year**, students are to complete their registration selections on-line. 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. Registration will be in the cafeteria on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for all Grade 10-12 students. On that morning, you will be able to pick up a 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 wear the Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School physical education uniform. The uniform package includes one pair of shorts, two t-shirts, and safety glasses. If you require a new uniform it can be purchased at this time.

### **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 and semi-formal
- school clubs
- spirit days
- 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

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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 this year's memories by choosing to purchase a yearbook.

**Graduation 2015** **\$40**

All graduating students are required to pay a fee for all the costs associated with graduation. These costs include a cap and gown for the graduation ceremony and the grad tea. If a student does not graduate, the fee will be returned

**Locks** **\$5**

Students may bring their own combination lock from home or purchase one from the school. If you are in grades 10 and 11, lockers will be assigned on the first day of classes. All students are required to provide the combination of your lock to their homeroom teacher. Due to a limited number of lockers, grade 12 students will once again be sharing lockers. Partners should go to the main office to be assigned their locker. Please bring your combination information with you.

**Student Parking** **\$20 year / \$10 per semester**

Student parking permits are available for purchase in the Main Office. You may choose to purchase a full year permit for \$20 or a permit for each semester for \$10. Student parking is available in the west parking lot only. Once you have paid for your permit please proceed to the Main Office to receive your tag.

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

**Instructions for the First Day of School – Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014:**

Our regular school schedule begins on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 a.m. We suggest that students arrive on the first day by 8:00 a.m. All students should proceed to the homeroom listed on their timetable at 8:10 a.m. Students who have not registered are to proceed to the cafeteria. Registration will open at 7:30 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 are also able to take the YRT to school. Public transportation is operated by York Region Transit and there are several routes that make taking the bus to our school quite easy. Please visit [www.yrt.ca](http://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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014- elections
- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Important Dates:**

Please note the following important dates for the beginning of the school year. All students and parents will receive a school calendar of a complete list of all important dates during registration.

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The office will be closed during the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Regular hours for the 2014 - 2015 school year begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Linkewich  
Principal

Ms. S. Cheong  
Vice-Principal

Mr. G. Tsigaridis  
Vice-Principal

Ms. P. Viscomi  
Vice-Principal