

### School of Life Experience – S.O.L.E.

l Hanson Street, Toronto, ON M4J 1G6

May 16, 2022

Hello Students and Families,

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather and had a great weekend. We want to wish all mothers and mother-figures everywhere a very Happy Mother's Day.

This week, construction begins on the wall overlooking the courtyard. During the construction, facilities have blocked off the work area with fencing and the courtyard below will not be accessible. Please be sure to keep away from this area during the day. Anticipated date of completion is September.

We look forward to welcoming potential new students at our Open House, this Thursday evening.

<u>Jewish Heritage Month</u> During the month of May the TDSB celebrates Jewish Heritage Month. The Toronto District School Board's Jewish Heritage Committee (JHC) is made up of close to 80 staff across every level of the system as well as Trustees. Since its inception in 2015, JHC activities have always been focused around teaching & learning in celebration of Jewish heritage and culture – impactful, innovative, and inspirational work with students in fighting antisemitism, and all forms of hate. Last week the TDSB also recognized Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day – commemorating the tragedy of six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

<u>Asian Heritage Month</u> Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally throughout Canada through an <u>official declaration</u> that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the <u>Asian Heritage Act</u> (2005), and the TDSB passed a motion to recognize <u>Asian Heritage Month</u> in April 2007. We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians and their significant role on the global stage. This year our theme is *Many Voices United as One*.

Have a wonderful week.

# NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULE – 2022/2023

Earlier this year, we sent correspondence to discuss a change in the schedule for this year, and that we would send out correspondence regarding future years. Over the past few weeks, we have met with students and staff to communicate these changes. To be compliant with Ministry and Collective Agreement expectations, there will be changes to the school schedule for next year.

The schedule will consist of a four-period cycle, 4/5 days of the week, with Wednesdays being a modified schedule to support credit rescue, student conferencing, school-wide initiatives, and experiential opportunities.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A 9:00 – 10:20	A 9:00 – 10:20	WEEK 1 (A)	A 9:00 – 10:20	A 9:00 – 10:20
B 10:25 – 11:40	B 10:25 – 11:40	WEEK 2 (B)	B 10:25 – 11:40	B 10:25 – 11:40
LUNCH 11:40 – 12:40				
C 12:40 – 1:55	C 12:40 – 1:55	WEEK 1 (C)	C 12:40 – 1:55	C 12:40 – 1:55
D 2:00 – 3:15	D 2:00 – 3:15	WEEK 2 (D)	D 2:00 – 3:15	D 2:00 – 3:15

#### **BUDGET TOWN HALL**

The TDSB is holding two virtual <u>Budget Town Halls</u> to ensure that all members of the community, including staff, have the opportunity to hear about the 2022-23 Budget, ask questions and share feedback. Join us on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. to take part in the Budget Town Halls.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 1-2 p.m.

Zoom Link to join the Budget Town Hall at 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 7-8 p.m.

Zoom Link to join the Budget Town Hall at 7 p.m.

The Budget Town Hall will begin with a presentation by staff on the TDSB's 2022-23 budget. Participants will then be able to ask questions or make comments on video or through the chat. A recording of both meetings will be posted online for those who cannot attend on this date.

#### STUDENT TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

On April 28, 2022, students from across the Toronto District School Board voted online to elect their Student Trustees for the 2022-23 school year. Students were also able to learn more about the candidates via online campaign videos before casting their votes. This new, modern way of running student elections has continued to result in an increase in the number of students interested in the positions and overall votes.

Introducing our two new Student Trustees:

- · Jeffrey Osaro, Northview Heights Secondary School
- · Naomi Musa, Central Toronto Academy



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Congratulations!

# TDSB OPTING OUT OF E-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Over the past couple of weeks we have been sending families the opportunity to OPT-Out of the E-Learning Graduation Requirement through Permission Click. We have also <u>attached a copy</u> to this update for families who are unable to access through Permission Click. Please visit the <u>TDSB website</u> for access to FAQs about the requirement.