



November 21, 2021

Good Afternoon S.O.L.E. Students and Families:

Hope you all had a nice weekend. Please see below for important information for this week.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

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#### HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help Mondays starts on Mon. Nov. 22 in the Student Lounge 2:45-3:45. Come get help with completing assignments and understanding course material.

#### LUNCHTIME WELLNESS BREAK

Students are invited to join Caitlin in Room 328 at 12:00 noon sharp on Thurs. Nov. 25 to learn quick and easy yoga moves for relaxation!

#### MINISTRY UPDATE

The Ministry of Education shared a number of updates to support the health and safety of students and school communities across Ontario. The TDSB will review these in more detail and more information will be provided as it pertains to our work in the TDSB. You can read the full media release [here](#), but some of the key highlights are:

- Secondary schools are able to return to a regular semester model, starting in February 2022.
- All Ontario public school students will be sent home with [five rapid COVID-19 tests](#) to use over the holidays and throughout the return to in-person learning.
- The Ministry also reminded families to review the established [federal international travel policies](#) – including the [guidelines for unvaccinated, school-aged children](#) – in advance of the December break in an effort to prevent absences in January related to post-travel requirements.

As we receive more information, we will provide info to our school community.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Student Council meeting: Wed. Nov. 24, 2:45, Room 328

Samosa sale on Wed. Nov. 24 at lunch. Bring your loonies! Fundraiser for David Suzuki Foundation. Visit our website to make a larger donation to this important environmental organization.

Clothing Swap: Dec. 1, lunchtime, Room 328



We also have a week of cozy and festive holiday activities coming up! More details t.b.a.

#### FROM STUDENT SERVICES

##### University/College Applications

Book an appointment with Rob if you need assistance applying to college or university:

[robert.reed@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:robert.reed@tdsb.on.ca)

#### SCHOOL WITHING A CAMPUS (SWAC) & DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

##### Dual Credit/ SWAC Info Sessions

Attend college courses and earn high school credits at the same time! Students interested in pursuing Dual Credits or SWAC (Schools Within a Campus) in Semester 2 must attend one of two info sessions:

- Wed. Nov. 24, 2:45-3:15 pm OR
- Thurs. Nov. 25, 2:45-3:15 pm

Registration for Dual Credits and SWAC fills up fast, so if you are interested, be sure to attend a session to get signed up asap. Email Caitlin for more info: [caitlin.hewitt-white@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:caitlin.hewitt-white@tdsb.on.ca).

#### NUTRITION PROGRAM

Thank you to our student volunteers for their ongoing assistance with serving nutritious food in the mornings. If you need community hours, we are still accepting volunteers for set-up and clean-up.

Contact Rob: [robert.reed@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:robert.reed@tdsb.on.ca).

#### PIAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: BRIDGING THE GAP

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to join us for a free, two-day virtual events organized by parents for parents, school councils, students and community members. The event, hosted in partnership by the Parent Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC) and the TDSB is an opportunity to engage with others from across the TDSB as we learn and share best practices, reconnect mentally and socially with ourselves, our schools and our communities. Hear from speakers and participate in workshops focused on bridging gaps in our schools in mental health, parent engagement, curriculum and school councils.

Hear from two amazing keynote speakers: Colleen Russell-Rawlins, TDSB Director of Education on Saturday and Dwayne Matthews, innovation evangelist and future of education strategist on Sunday.

Registration is now open! Registration closes on November 25, 2021. Participants must register in advance. See the full Program Agenda and check out the Workshops.

November 27 and 28

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[www.tdsb.on.ca/piacconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/piacconference)



### TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized in January nationally since October 2016, provincially since March 2004 and by the TDSB since 2016. This coincides with one of the most important festivals celebrated by Tamils in South Asia and all over the world. Traditionally, during this month, Tamils, irrespective of their religion, celebrate Thai Pongal, a harvest festival that offers prayers of thanks to the sun and nature for giving bountiful crops. The theme for this year is: Our Histories. Our Legacies. Our Homelands. (எமது வரலாறுகள். எமது மரபுகள். எமது தாயகங்கள்).

All TDSB students are invited to participate in the Tamil Heritage Month Poster Challenge.

Deadline: Friday, December 10, 2021 by 3:00 pm. It must be sent to

tdsbTamilHeritageMonth@gmail.com in a .pdf or .jpeg format with the student name, grade, email and contact phone #.

Full details with the contest guidelines are available in the [attached document](#).

### WARD FORUM

A reminder of this week's Ward 15 Forum. [See attached flyer](#) for details

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

#### TPH AND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority and everyone plays a role. Toronto Public Health has made updates its [COVID-19 screening for students/children in childcares and JK to Grade 12 schools](#). Please use this updated version when conducting your daily screening before coming to school.

Here is the revised [TDSB Health Pass](#) paper version and these updates are reflected in the TDSB Health Screening App.

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- 1) First doses, second doses and booster doses and FLU Vaccines:



- First doses, second doses and booster doses continue to be available at our clinics to eligible groups by walk-in and appointment.
- In addition, we would also like to remind you that it is also encouraged to get the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu and its potentially serious complications. Health Canada recommends everyone more than six months old get the flu vaccine every year. [Learn more about the flu vaccine](#) and [see a list of locations in East Toronto offering the flu vaccine.](#)

2) Take-home COVID-19 PCR testing kits

Fact sheet with commonly asked questions found here: <https://tehn.ca/about-us/common-questions-about-mghs-take-home-covid-19-test-kits>

Translated versions of instructions can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o6n98opwkwclki4/AADesQGWX2OKcyDgHtQf76M1a?dl=0>

We now have translations in: French, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Pashto, Slovak, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrinya and Urdu.