



May 2, 2022

Hello Students and Families,

We hope you had a nice weekend. Wishing all who celebrated the end of Ramadan a joyful and peaceful Eid al-Fitr. Eid Mubarek!

[Jewish Heritage Month](#) 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.

[Asian Heritage Month](#) Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally throughout Canada through an [official declaration](#) that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the [Asian Heritage Act](#) (2005), and the TDSB passed a motion to recognize [Asian Heritage Month](#) 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.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE & ACADEMIC WORKPLACE LOGIN

The login method to Academic Workspace (AW) and Google Workspace will change on May 7, 2022 from using the student/employee number to the email address for all staff and students. Passwords will remain the same. This change will align the AW and Google Workspace access method with Brightspace, Zoom and myINFO and allow access to Google Workspace when IT maintenance work occurs.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE TDSB: CREATIVE ART CHALLENGE

Italian Heritage Month has been proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB since a motion was passed by the Board of Trustees on May 16, 2012. The Province of Ontario also marks Italian Heritage Month since 2010 because the Italian Heritage Month Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10i17>) was passed.

This year's theme is Buongiorno Italia!

An invitation is being extended to all TDSB students from kindergarten to grade 12 to submit a creative art piece that reflects this year's theme of Buongiorno Italia! Submissions of creative art may include all



forms of expression - i.e , painting, drawing, architecture, sculpture of an Italian site artefact or landmark of significance. A brief video of no longer than 1-minute is to accompany the submitted item to describe the submission and what it means to you.

Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2022, by 4:00 pm

Please see the [attached document](#) for full details.

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 [attached a copy](#) to this update for families who are unable to access through Permission Click. Please visit the [TDSB website](#) for access to FAQs about the requirement.

PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING HERITAGE MONTH – POSTER DESIGN CALL-OUT

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB. This year our theme is Andorinha! Watch us Soar!

We are proud to invite all TDSB students from all grade levels (Kindergarten to Grade 12) to submit a drawing that they feel best represents this year's theme for Portuguese-Speaking Heritage month, Andorinha! Watch us Soar!

Deadline: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 by 3:00 pm

Please see the [attached](#) document for full details.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council meeting - ALL STUDENTS invited - Pizza provided

Come discuss important changes to our school with our Principal, Amalia. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Wednesday May 4th, 1:55 pm.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Dual Credits: Spring and Summer semesters

Students 16 years of age or older and who can potentially graduate within 1 year can sign up for Dual Credits courses. These courses, offered virtually by local Colleges, enable students to get a college AND high school credit.

May/June Dual Credit courses are now open for registration. Students should come see Caitlin in room 328 a.s.a.p. if interested. Courses with seats still open include:

- Criminal Justice And Society @ Centennial
 - Social Psychology @ Humber
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- Intro to Business @ Humber

Additionally, July Dual Credit courses are now available. Courses run from as early as July 4 to as late as July 29.

Summer courses available:

- Culinary Fundamentals (in person)
- Baking Fundamentals (in person)
- Social Psychology (online)
- Canadian Criminal Justice System (online)
- ... and more!

Caitlin can also be reached at caitlin.hewitt-white@tdsb.on.ca

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

The test will take place in person at SOLE on Friday May 6 at 9 am. Students should arrive early to be ready to start writing at 9 am.