

Principal's Message - October 25, 2024

So proud of our Division 6 cross country winners this week!



SHSM Programs are Fully Underway!

Our Health & Wellness, Design & Construction, and Business Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) students have been out in the community, learning more about themselves and about their chosen career fields. Learning how to be a true leader? Check. Working on a mini-project with our Sector Partner, YMCA Cedar Glen Outdoor Education Centre? Check. Learning about skilled trades from a Pearson alum? Check!

Next up: trips to Guelph-Humber University, Centennial College, and Seneca College.



BSA Trip to the Provincial Celebration + Networking Event @ Chinguacousy Secondary School (Brampton)

Students from our Black Student Alliance ventured to Brampton to meet school BSA groups from across the province this past Monday. They were welcomed with a Pep Rally and rotational workshops on Hair Politics, Black Hair Care, Cultural Games + Symbols, Coding, Narratives of Black Excellence and Resilience, African Drumming as well as workshops on how to run a successful BSA. With a surprise visit from our Superintendent Monday Gala to show his support to the excited chatter at the Pep rally and keepsakes from their interactive workshops the students felt very ***validated, represented and motivated*** to plan their goals for our own LBPCI events for the upcoming school year!





News from Student Success:



"Pearson Pause" is a whole-school initiative to support student wellness and credit rescue. It is a day when no new material will be taught in class and students have an opportunity to catch up on any missing assignments or work. This semester,

Pearson Pause will take place **for ONE day during the week of October 28th to November 1st, 2024.** Every teacher will choose to “pause” on the day that best suits their class’s needs. If students are caught up in their particular class, they can spend time studying for upcoming tests/quizzes.

Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT)

On October 30th and 31st all grade 10 english classes will participate in a practice literacy test during class time. These practice tests will only be for grade 10 students who are currently taking English during semester 1; there will be another practice test in semester 2.

The literacy test will begin in November, and as we move closer to the month of November these dates will be shared.

Literacy and Numeracy Support

Our **After School Literacy and Numeracy Program for grade 9 and 10 students** started this week! If your child is in grade 9 or 10 and struggling with literacy or numeracy, they may want to participate in our support program and it’s free!. Please email your child’s VP, qaiser.ahmad@tdsb.on.ca (A-L), and michelle.robinson@tdsb.on.ca (M-Z) and they will get your child connected with a tutor!.

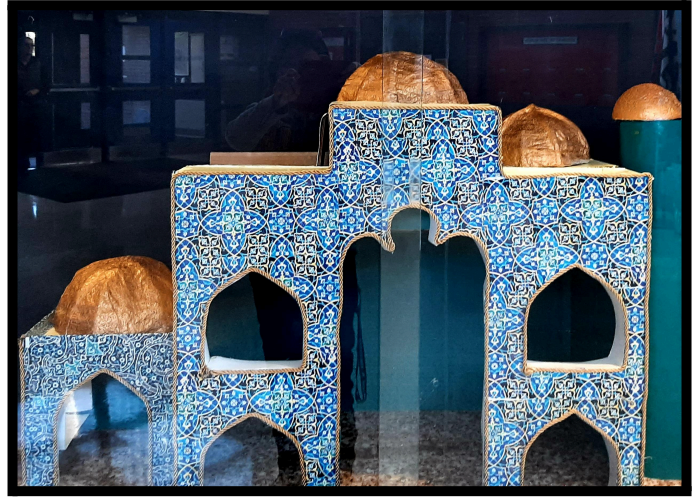
Peer Tutoring

On Monday , Tuesdays and Thursday students can drop in Room 358 at lunch for Peer Tutoring from our Pearson students. We have tutors who can tutor Grade 9,10 and 11, 12 Math, Grade 9 and 10 Science, and Grade 9 and 10 English, Grade 9 and 10 French and Grade 9 and 10 Geography. We also have a paid student tutor available to work with your students after school. Please send an email to our Math ACL Jeganathan Nanthivarman @ jeganathan.nanthivarman@tdsb.on.ca to pair your student with a tutor. Please indicate in the subject line <Grade><Subject Need Help With>

Coming soon from the Computer Science Club

The computer science club will be starting “Program Jams” where students will get into groups to create programs based on the week’s challenge! Look for it!

*Art News: Grade 12 Visual Arts Students
Celebrate Islamic Heritage Month*



With Sabr - patience, perseverance, and persistence - Pearson's grade 12 Visual Arts students created models of various mosques and Islamic architecture from around the world. From Cordoba to Munich, their models capture key Islamic architectural elements with their ogival arches, golden domes and towering minarets. Their models can be viewed in Pearson's front showcase for the month of October to celebrate Islamic Heritage Month.

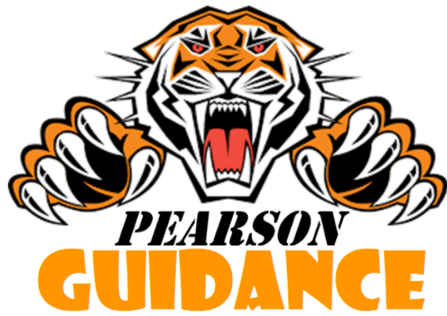




Athletics Update:

The fall season for sports has begun with our Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball teams, Girls Basketball Team and Cross Country team. The students and coaches have been working hard in the morning and after school to get prepared for their seasons. Good luck to the teams and we look forward to seeing great success on the hardwood and the courses!! Go Bengals!!





Guidance Update:

The most important way to research your future University or College program is to visit campus. There you can speak to professors/students in your desired program (find out about each course you will be taking), try out labs/lectures, see where you would eat, sleep, study, and check out the clubs/teams/facilities. Does it feel like a place you want to be? Every campus has general and subject specific tours that you can register for online. Further, [every campus has a Fall Open House](#) coming up soon. Every campus also has lots of virtual opportunities.

Two important Newsletters are in the Guidance Google Classroom for Grade 12s. The first one is tips for Applying to Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. Applying is definitely a lot of work, but worth it! Deadlines happen throughout the year. There are many scholarship opportunities for students of all backgrounds and abilities. You do not need to have a 90% average. If you take the time to do some research and fill out some applications, you may be able to finance part or all of your education. It never hurts to apply – if you don't, someone else will! For Graduating students, a few scholarships require a nomination from your school (most do not). If you wish to be nominated for a scholarship, please let Guidance know at least a month in advance. If you are selected, we will give you three weeks to complete your application. We select based on profile pages, so please make sure they are completed ASAP.

The second important newsletter is the Pathways Newsletter. It explains how to research and apply to your pathway (COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/APPRENTICESHIP/JOBS) next year. Please read and understand both fully. Please also put all dates in your personal calendar. We had our Pathways Assembly on October 24th and important slides are posted to the Guidance Grad Google Classroom. The slides include important information and deadlines on applying to College, University, Apprenticeship and the Workplace.

Upcoming events include a UTSC Health Science Presentation on November 4th in Room 322 over lunch, our Postsecondary Pathways Fair on November 5th and Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day on November 6th.

Take Our Kids to Work Day is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada offering them the chance to see the world of work firsthand, explore a variety of careers and sectors, and look at what skills are important to thrive in the world of work. We believe it is an important learning opportunity and would greatly appreciate it if you could encourage your student to participate.

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to shadow a parent/guardian or another adult approved by their parent/guardian. If students cannot find a placement, we will be posting some opportunities to our Guidance Google Classroom. Students can find a permission form here [Take Our Kids to Work Day Parent/Guardian Consent Form \(studentscommission.ca\)](#) or pick up a permission form from the Guidance Office or the Main Office and return it to the Main Office by November 1st.

Lastly, our amazing Renita Davies (CYC in Guidance) has started an Instagram Account with the handle **Pearson_CYC**. Renita will be posting information on events and opportunities in and around Pearson. This may include information on Job/Volunteer opportunities, Homework Help, Counseling Services, Recreational programs, Fun events and more. Please join!

Prayer Space

Prayer spaces are available for all students. We have a prayer room for girls in Room 128 and a prayer room for boys in Room 333. The two rooms will be available afterschool until November 1st. From November 4th onwards, the two prayer rooms will be available during lunch hours.

For Muslim students in particular, Friday prayers will take place in Gym A from 3:20 pm to 3:50 pm on Fridays until November 1, 2024. From November 8th, the prayer time will be from 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm in Gym A. For more information, students can visit the main office to speak to their Vice-Principal.

TDSB Online Interpreter Training Opportunity

Are you a parent/caregiver with a child registered in the TDSB who:

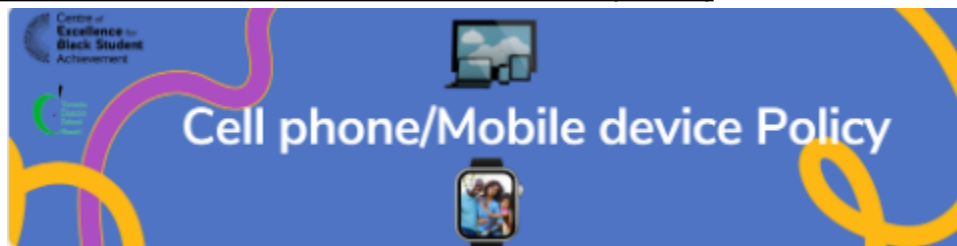
- has full proficiency in English and another language (i.e., Pashto, Farsi, Roma, Ukrainian);
- is interested in being trained as an interpreter to work with the TDSB;
- is comfortable with virtual/online learning;
- has access to a computer, and the internet and has, at minimum, intermediate computer fluency;
- has a recording device, headphones, and dictionaries (hard copy and/or online).

TDSB is the largest school board in Canada and one of the most diverse. 23% of our students were born outside of Canada and there are over 120 languages spoken by TDSB students and their parents/caregivers. Research also identifies communication between the home and the school is essential to student success. Ensuring equitable engagement opportunities for our multi-lingual parents/caregivers, while maximizing their language assets, will enable the TDSB to improve communication between parents/caregivers and the school/Board.

Please join us on October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to join the Online Interpreter Training Opportunity. [Register online today.](#)



TDSB's Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement (CEBSA)



The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is hosting its first session in the Webinar Wednesdays series for 2024-2025 school year. The aim of this virtual series is to provide space for Black parents, caregivers, and families raising Black children to support their children's success, academic achievement and overall well-being as they transition from high school.

Join the discussion led by Claudine Tyrell, Principal of Humberside Collegiate Institute and TDSB Cell Phone Policy Working Group member, and will be supported by Graduation Coaches for Black Students and K-12 Learning Coaches. Join us as we learn about the new cell phone and device policy.

- **Date: Wednesday, October 30th, 2024**
- **Time: 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.**
- Location : Virtual session
- [Application closes:](#) Monday, October 28th, 2024; A meeting link will be sent to registrants on October 29th by 12PM noon.

Malvern Family Resource Center - Youth Hub

The Malvern Family Resource Center (MFRC) hosts drop-in programs in fun and engaging environments for youth ages 12-25. Check out their [Seasonal flyer on their website](#) for programming information, site locations and to get volunteer hours.

- **Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 PM** - Quiet Voices - Discuss the diverse experiences of young women in a supportive space creating empowerment and community (Ages 16-21 at 1321 Neilson Rd.)
- **Fridays 6:00 - 7:00 PM** - LEAD Malvern - Learn, Engage, Advocate and Do in the youth-led advocacy group. To apply for a position check out the MFRC flyer
- Special Events:
 - **October 11** - Youth PA Day Extravaganza
 - **October 31** - Halloween Haunted House (1321 Neilson Rd)

Malvern Native Child

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Community Lunch Drop In 11:30am - 12:30pm		The Owls Nest at Grey Owl Public School Lunch Period	Lunch 'n' Learn at Pearson High School 11:45am - 12:45pm (begins October 3)	Resource Drop-In (Ages 18+) 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Oct 26 School Age Fall Event 12:00pm - 2:30pm <i>See flyer for details!</i>
Manifesting Amazing Dreams Program (Ages 12-20) 4:00pm - 7:00pm *Registered Participants Only*	Anishaa (Ages 6-11) 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Culture Night 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Women Empowerment Circle (Ages 18+) 5:30pm - 8:00pm *APPLICATION REQUIRED* *LIMITED SPACE*	Manifesting Amazing Dreams Program (Ages 12-20) 4:00pm - 7:00pm *Registered Participants Only*	
Stay connected and updated! @nativechildtoronto @malvernaboriginalcfc @ncfclprogramsandevents		For more information or registration, please contact our Aboriginal Child and Youth Workers: Katie Dewling (437)-331-4514 kdewling@nativechild.org Angel Vasquez (416)-371-7403 avasquez@nativechild.org			

The Native Child and Family Center offers drop-in and registered weekly programming. Check it out on [instagram @Malvernaboriginalcfc](https://www.instagram.com/Malvernaboriginalcfc).

Pearson is excited to host **Thursday Lunch N Learn sessions** with Katie and Angel to learn about Indigenous cultural components every Thursday starting October 3.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES - Helpful websites for students and parents:

- **University Information:** www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- **College Information:** www.ontariocolleges.ca
- **Student Safetyline:** www.tdsb.on.ca/safetyline
- **Mental Health Counseling for Youth and families @ East Metro Youth Services:** <https://stridestoronto.ca/>
- **TDSB Alternative Schools:** [Alternative Schools > SecondarySchools \(tdsb.on.ca\)](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AlternativeSchools)

TDSB Connects for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers September 2024 Issue

Reporting Student Absences

A parent or guardian must call the school (416-396-5892) before 9:00 am or email the school at lesterbpearson.ci@tdsb.on.ca to report a student absence. Students cannot leave the school for appointments, illness, etc. without the permission of a parent or guardian. Please send a note with the student if they need to sign-out for appointments during the day, or call or email us.

School Calendar

Please click [LBP Daily Schedule](#) for our daily school schedule and visit our [LBP website for our school calendar](#).

GUIDANCE GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES:

- **Grades 9-11:** 2y2ik67
- **Grade 12s/Graduates:** sqfwqcm

GUIDANCE APPOINTMENTS:

Students can book appointments with their alpha counselor by coming into the Guidance office before or after school or at lunch. By the first initial of your last name Guidance Counselors are:

- **Ms. Allen (A-K)**
- **Ms. Chan (L-P)**
- **Ms. Gilmour (Q-Z)**
- **Ms. Lockhart - Guidance Secretary 416-396-5892 ext. 20040**

Student Agendas

Please click [Student Agenda](#) for a free online version. Students who wish to have a hard copy of the agenda may purchase one in the main office for **\$7**. The hard copy includes a calendar for students to keep track of daily assignments and reminders.

Student Lockers

Students who do not yet have a locker can request one with the main office. Students should not share lockers with other students. Only a combination lock is to be used. Students will need to register their locker combination online when they are assigned a locker by their teacher. Students can use their own locks, or purchase a lock for \$7 in the main office.

Student Activity Fee

All school payments will be made through [School Cash Online](#).

The **mandatory \$30.00 Student Activity Fee** includes:

- The SAC Activity Fee (school intramurals, sports teams, events, extra-curricular activities, pizza lunches for various student groups and events)
- LBPCI Student ID Card (which students need to carry as appropriate ID for the TTC and library).
- 50 free prints on a school printer (this service will only be activated when the Student Activity Fee is made. There is a 5 day processing period as well.)

Yearbook

An LBPCI Yearbook purchase is **optional** for students. The **yearbook fee of \$30** can be paid via School Cash Online.

Please come to the main office if you are experiencing any difficulties with payments and someone will assist you.

Cellphones and Vaping

The Government of Ontario has [announced changes](#) to how students may use cellphones in schools and new rules surrounding social media and vaping starting this September. Please see the [letter to parents](#). Your support and assistance in our quest to restrict cell phones and eliminate vaping in our schools is essential in the learning of our students.

Staff Directory

Please click here for our [Staff Directory](#)

Upcoming Dates

Oct 30 - Late start schedule
Oct 30 -31 Grade 10 Literacy test Practice days
Oct 30 - Parent Council Meeting 6-7 PM in the library

Oct 31- Halloween Haunted House event
Nov 5 9AM - 12:40PM - Person's Pathway Fair
Nov 15 - PA Day - School closed
Nov 19 - Grade 8 Open House