

NMPPS Weekly Message
Saturday Oct 10, 2026

No School Monday - Thanksgiving Holiday

Just a friendly reminder that there will be no school on Monday, October 12. We hope all of our families have a wonderful, restful long weekend filled with great food, warm moments, and quality time together. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday!

Forest of Reading: Volunteers Needed!

This year students at Mandela will be participating in the [Forest of Reading](#) program, a national program for children of all ages, designed to foster a lifelong love of reading. More information will be shared with families closer to the launch of the program. To support this initiative, we have partnered with an incredible team of artists from Arts Access to build a "forest" in the foyer of the library centred around a giant, 3D tree. This will transform the space into a cozy, welcoming reading nook for students to enjoy.

The first phase of the project runs from October 13 - 22, and the second phase is December 14-18. If you are willing and able to volunteer with this project please email Ms. Stanislawska at tonya.stanislawska@tdsb.on.ca

NMPPS Cross Country Team

The Cross Country Team ran their hearts out at Sunnybrook on Wednesday. It was a beautiful, sunny day. All the 22 runners did their personal best times and represented our school with pride and accomplishment. Running can prepare many students for other sports at our school. Please think about having your child join next school year, all students from Grade 1 to 8 can

join! Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped out on the day of the event.



History Made! The Inaugural NMPPS Junior Girls Soccer Team!

What an incredible start for our Inaugural NMPPS Junior Girls Soccer Team!

The girls came out ready to play, showing outstanding teamwork, determination, sportsmanship, and Panther pride! They kicked off their journey with an amazing 5–0 victory in their first game, followed by another outstanding 7–0 win in their second game!

Coach Mason, Coach Dawn and our entire school couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you! Your hard work, commitment, and dedication to one another have made this a truly special start to our team's journey.

Congratulations, girls, on making history and being part of something so special! You have set the bar high and given NMPPS so much to celebrate. Your contributions, both on and off the field, have helped make this inaugural team one to remember. Keep believing in yourselves, supporting your teammates, and playing with heart. This is only the beginning!



NMPPS Senior Boys Soccer Tournament

Congratulations to our NMPPS Senior Boys Soccer Team on an amazing tournament! The boys finished with **2 wins and 2 losses**, showing determination, teamwork, and Panther pride throughout the competition.

- Mandela 3-Lord Dufferin

- Mandela 1 Sprucecourt 2
- Mandela 8 Equinox 2
- Mandela 7 Earl Haig 1

A huge shout-out to **Coach Alok and Coach Tony** for doing an amazing job coaching and supporting this group of talented athletes. Your dedication, encouragement, and leadership helped the boys give their best on the field.

To our players, you should all be proud of what you accomplished! Soccer is about more than just winning and losing — it's about teamwork, sportsmanship, perseverance, and representing your school with pride. You came together as a team, competed with heart, and created memories that will last beyond the tournament.

The entire NMPPS community is incredibly proud of you! Thank you for representing our school and wearing those Panther colours with pride.

Congratulations, Senior Boys! Once a Panther, always a Panther!



PIAC Annual Conference – Saturday, November 7

The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) invites all TDSB parents and caregivers to our Annual Conference, Together We Thrive: Parents, Schools, Communities.

Event details

- Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: Westview Centennial Secondary School, 755 Oakdale Rd, North York
- Free for all TDSB parents and caregivers
- Lunch provided
- Bussing and childminding services available

Parents will take part in two interactive workshops (School Councils That Thrive, and Parent Engagement: Every Voice Matters), connect with other families, visit TDSB program tables, and meet their PIAC representative.

Register by October 31: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2002302666175?aff=oddtcreator>



The poster is for the PIAC Annual Conference, featuring a green and blue color scheme with a leaf motif in the background. At the top left is the PIAC logo (PARENT INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE) and at the top right is the Toronto District School Board logo. The main title 'ANNUAL CONFERENCE' is in large green and blue letters. Below it is the tagline 'Empowering Parents. Supporting Students. Strengthening Our Schools.' followed by four icons and their descriptions: 'CONNECT' (people icon), 'LEARN' (lightbulb icon), 'COLLABORATE' (handshake icon), and 'MAKE AN IMPACT' (bar chart icon). The event details section includes a calendar icon for 'SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026', a clock icon for '10:00 AM - 3:30 PM', a location pin icon for 'WESTVIEW CENTENNIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL' with the address '755 Oakdale Rd, North York, ON M3N 1W7', and a green banner stating 'ALL TDSB PARENTS ARE INVITED!'. At the bottom, there is a globe icon for the website 'www.torontopiac.com', the slogan 'Together, we make a difference!', and the words 'ENGAGE • EMPOWER • INSPIRE'.

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