



Friday, December 3, 2021

Dear Dundas Families,

Please find information in our Dundas Digest outlining our Hot Lunch program which has been very successful this month. We also have information on - Winter Weather, Rapid Antigen Test Kits, TPH Holiday Travel, Switch requests, Parent and Community involvement policy, Mental Health Workshop and our Social Work Community Fair.

We wish you all a great weekend.

Georgia and Lee-Anne

Upcoming Dates:

[December 3 - Elementary Switch Form Opens](#)

[December 3-10 - Hot Lunch Payments on School Cash Online](#)

[December 20-31 - Winter Break](#)

[January 7 - Deadline to complete Elementary Switch Form](#)

Hot Lunch/Snack Program - School Cash Online Now OPEN!

Payments/Enrollment for the Hot Lunch Program and Snack Program are **now open** on [School Cash Online](#).

This payment will cover:

From - January 3 (when we return to school from the break)

To - February 17 (The day before the long weekend).

We extended the month to February 17 as there may be a change in student population effective February 22 depending on the number of students involved in the upcoming learning platform switch (see below).

The price for Hot Lunch Program for these dates is \$132. There will also be an additional payment option for **\$20 for snack donation.** All students will receive a morning snack regardless of payment and we thank our families for their ongoing support of the nutrition program.

The payment option will be open on [School Cash Online](#) from December 3- 10. December 10th is a firm deadline and there will be no extensions. For any families receiving hot lunch subsidies, there is no need to sign up again, your hot lunches will continue. Any other families in need of a subsidy for the Lunch Program, please let us know in the office.

If you are already enrolled in [School Cash Online](#), you should receive a direct message notifying you of the payment option.

If you are not yet enrolled in [School Cash Online](#), please do so. Contact the office if you need assistance.



Winter Weather

Winter weather is here! The students have been having a wonderful time playing in the snow this week. We are encouraging our students to play safely (sculptures, playing and drawing in the snow etc.) and to avoid making and throwing snowballs which can cause harm.

Putting on winter clothes, slower traffic and slippery sidewalks can mean that getting ready for school and getting to school can take a little longer. We've had a large number of students arriving late this week. **Please build in extra time to arrive on time to school.** Thanks for your cooperation.



Rapid Antigen Test Kits for Student Use over Winter Break

As announced by the Ministry of Education, students will be receiving test kits to take home for the winter break. We are still awaiting the shipment of tests as well as the specific instructions for use. We will be sending communication once we have the kits and more information.

Holiday Travel TPH Guidance

If travelling over the holidays, please note the current protocol for travel outside of Canada:

If a child has returned from travel outside of Canada. The child stayed home for the 14-day travel quarantine period and complete testing if required. The child can return if they are well with no symptoms.

Or

A child has returned home from travel outside of Canada. The child was **fully vaccinated (Fully vaccinated means 14 days or more after getting a second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 series or as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Health)** prior to their entry into Canada and has completed testing if required. The child is well with no symptoms.

If your child has had to quarantine over the holidays (or after) please complete the return to school form

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/9072-Screening-Questionnaire-Staff-Visitor-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School.pdf>

(this is the same form we use any time a child is symptomatic as well)

Please stay up to date on current TPH guidelines as with new variants, guidelines may be adapted.

Thanks for working together to keep our school safe.

Requests for Switching Between Learning Models- FORM OPENS TODAY

As you know, all TDSB students selected either in-person or virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year. At the time of selection, we communicated that there would be one opportunity to switch between in-person and virtual learning in February 2022.

In order to plan ahead for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning for February 2022, parents/caregivers and students requesting a change **must complete an Elementary Switch Form between Friday, December 3 and Friday, January 7**. A form must be completed **for each student requesting a switch**. Parents/caregivers and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form.

If you are considering a switch, please speak with your child before submitting a Switch Form. We expect that parents/caregivers with shared decision-making responsibilities will come to an agreement before completing the form.

We recognize that we are asking for this decision well in advance of February and thank you for your understanding, as this process takes time to complete. While we cannot guarantee that all switch requests will be met, it is our goal to accommodate as many as possible based on available programs and space (e.g. French Immersion, Extended French, Specialized Programs, Alternative Schools, other limited circumstances).

More information about the Elementary Switch Form will be shared directly with parents/caregivers on December 3. Elementary classes will reflect changes due to switches beginning on February 22, 2022.

Whether you choose a switch in learning model or not, a limited number of teachers or classes (or school for virtual learning classes) may change due to a possible re-organization.

For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/switchform. Please contact Georgia and/or Lee-Anne with any questions.

TDSB Parent and Community Involvement Policy

The TDSB is currently in the process of renewing the P023-Parent and Community Involvement Policy. P023 outlines the ways in which parents/caregivers participate in the Board. Parents/caregivers are invited to join us on Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M in co-drafting the policy statements that will be reviewed and possibly revised by other parents/caregivers and staff during the consultation process. For further information and to register, please visit [TDSBengage](https://tdsbengage.com).

Let's Connect about Mental Health and Well Being: Spotlight on Student Voices

Parents, caregivers and students are invited to join our Professional Support Services staff for our next Let's Connect About Mental Health and Well-Being session with a focus on student voice and mental health. Hear TDSB student voices and experiences about well-being and increase your knowledge of mental health strategies to better

support your child's overall mental health and well-being. Please share with your school communities and parent councils! We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

www.tdsb.on.ca/letsconnect

Monday, November 29

6:30 – 8 p.m.

See the Webinar Link below:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/s/92642080216>

TDSB Social Work Community Fair

TDSB SOCIAL WORK presents **VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FAIR**

For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Adults with Special Needs

Meet local community agencies that provide support to children, youth and young adults with special needs. Learn about Therapy Options, Funding Options, Post-21 Programs, Recreational and Respite Services

When??

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021,
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**AND
Wednesday, December 15, 2021,
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Let's talk about Autism Resources and Funding!

- ❖ **What is Ontario Autism Program (OAP)?**
- ❖ **How do you apply?**
- ❖ **How do you use the funding?**

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

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The Virtual Fair will give parents/caregivers an opportunity to talk to persons representing key organizations that support students with:

- Intellectual Disabilities
- Physical Disabilities
- Dual Diagnosis
- Autism

***This Virtual Community Fair is part of a series of fairs that will take place during the school year.



For more information contact Jill Elliot Brennan at 647-229-0728 or Larena Case at (416) 570-3314 or Vanessa Wong at (647) 229-0730 or Irene Au-Yeung at (416) 420-3559

Zoom Link:

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