

TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®



June 2024

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- June 16
 Father's Day
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End of the School Year

The school year is nearing completion and the staff and administration of TCPS would like to thank students and parents for their support during this year! We are now making plans for the formation of classes, staffing, and other important decisions for September 2024. If you have not yet done so, please submit your registration form as soon as possible as spaces are filling up quickly. Registering your child today will ensure that they can be in the same school as their friends and classmates for the upcoming school year. Click the links to register for the 2024-2025 School year and Summer Camp 2024.









Open House

Town Centre is hosting the final Open House of the school year on Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Pre-School, Elementary, and High School division will be open for visitors. The open house is a great opportunity to find out more about what to expect for the next school year. We welcome all visitors and hope to see you there!

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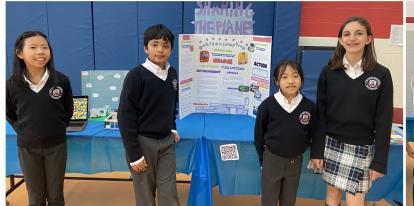
IB Learner Profile for June:

REFLECTIVE

"We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development."

Gr 5 PYP Exhibition

Our Grade 5 students recently concluded their PYP Exhibition, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey. The PYP Exhibition is the culminating project of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), typically undertaken by students in their final year of the program. Over the past weeks, these young inquirers engaged in deep, self-directed exploration of diverse real-world issues. They demonstrated remarkable creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills as they researched, took action, and developed insightful presentations. The exhibition showcased their hard work and learning, with students confidently sharing their findings and reflecting on their growth. This event not only celebrated their achievements but also highlighted their readiness to transition into the next phase of their education. Congratulations to our Grade 5 students for their outstanding effort and dedication!





Gr. 8 MYP Community Projects

Our Grade 8 students completed their MYP Community Projects, showcasing their commitment to service and social responsibility. The MYP Community Project is a significant element of the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), designed for students in their third or fourth year of the program. Throughout this project, students identified pressing local and global issues, devised actionable solutions, and implemented initiatives that made a positive impact in their communities. From environmental conservation efforts to social awareness campaigns, their projects reflected a deep understanding of the importance of civic engagement and global citizenship. The culmination of their hard work was presented to the school community, highlighting their problem-solving skills, creativity, and dedication. Congratulations to our Grade 8 students for their inspiring projects and meaningful contributions!

Spring Concerts

On May 9 and 10, our grades 2 and 3 classes performed in our Spring Concerts. The students sang and danced to some delightful songs and wore sparkly costumes. The performers had a great time and we hope the audience did too!. Congratulations to the students and teachers for a terrific job and thank you to Ms. Carmen So for putting on a wonderful show this year!



Band Concerts

Or Band Concerts were held on May 16 and 17 with fantastic performances by our grades 4 to 8 bands and choir. All the bands performed exceptionally well including the grade 4 band who played in their very first band concert! Congratulations to all the student performers and our music teachers Ms. Carmen So and Mr. Danny Friedman for two wonderful Band Concerts this year!



Instrument Return Day June 7

If your child in grades 4 to 8 has a rented instrument from Harknett Music, you have 3 options for the end of the year:purchase the current rental instrument, renew the rental agreement now for the next school year, or return the instrument by June 7.

Students who are purchasing or renewing the rental of their instrument for next year should not return their instrument but keep it at home over the summer. Students who are returning their rented Harknett Music instrument must bring their instrument to school on or before **June 7**, to Mr. Friedman's or Ms. So's Music rooms. As well, parents may return their rented instrument to Harknett Music directly at 2650 John St. Unit 15 in Markham, 905-477-1141.

TC the Tiger SAYS:



The last day of school for this school year is Tuesday, June 25. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!



Happy Father's Day

We wish all our great Dads a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 16.

We hope you have a very happy weekend with your family!





Parent Teacher Interviews Term 3

Term 3 Report cards will be distributed on Friday, June 24 and the Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday**, June 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be a non-school day for students. A detailed memo will be sent out to parents soon. Regarding how to sign up for Parent Teacher Interviews. We look forward to speaking with you!

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Awards and Graduation

On Tuesday, June 18, we will hold a Grade 7 Awards ceremony to celebrate our students who have achieved an Honour Roll, Principal's List, or academic award. Parents of award winning students will receive an invitation to attend this award ceremony which will take place at 9:30 a.m. More information will be available soon.

Wednesday, June 19 is our Grade 8 Graduation date. We ask parents of grade 8 students to save the date to attend our grade 8 graduation. Parents will be invited to the Graduation Ceremony which will take place in our main gymnasium at 9:30 am to approximately 12:00 noon. After the ceremony, the students will travel by bus to the Crystal Fountain banquet hall to attend their student luncheon and graduation dance. Parents may pick up their children as usual afterschool. More details will be sent home to parents shortly.



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Important Information on Pertussis (whooping cough) and Pertussis Vaccination for Parents and Guardians

May 31, 2024

We wanted to inform you of several pertussis cases in Ontario this year, including four cases of infants under one year of age in York Region. The province of Quebec has also been experiencing many pertussis cases in recent weeks.

Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious vaccine-preventable disease that infects the lungs and airways. Anyone can become ill with pertussis, but it is particularly severe in babies and young children and can lead to complications such as pneumonia, seizures and death. Newborns are most at risk of developing complications, especially if they are infected before they can receive or complete their vaccinations.

As pertussis (whooping cough) spreads, the best way to protect young children at increased risk of serious complications from pertussis infections is to ensure they are up to date on their vaccinations. Vaccines to protect against pertussis are very safe and effective.

In Ontario, free vaccines and boosters for pertussis (whooping cough) are given to:

- Infants at 2, 4 and 6 months of age and a booster dose at 18 months of age
- Children 4 years of age as a booster dose before starting school

Protection from the vaccine fades over time, so getting a booster dose is important. This is especially important if you are in regular contact with an infant or young child. Many young children catch pertussis from parents, siblings and caregivers who have milder symptoms and do not realize they have the disease. Getting a booster dose helps protect you and your children. You may need a booster dose for pertussis if you are:

- Between 14 and 16 years of age
- An adult and you have not yet received a booster dose in adulthood
- Between 27 and 32 weeks of pregnancy. This helps reduce the risk of disease in your newborn before they can be immunized. Note: if you are unable to receive the booster at this stage in your pregnancy, you can talk to your health care professional about getting it earlier or later, as it will still provide some protection to your baby

The pertussis-containing vaccine is available for children and adults at their family physician or pediatrician's office and some <u>walk-in clinics</u>. Eligible children in junior kindergarten to grade 12 can get this vaccine by <u>appointment</u> at a York Region Public Health community clinic.

For more information about pertussis symptoms, how it spreads and how it can be prevented, please see the <u>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)</u> fact sheet and the <u>Public Health Agency of Canada's Pertussis</u> webpage.

Thank you for keeping our children and our communities safe and protected from pertussis.

