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## Terry Fox School Run

This year, our annual Terry Fox School Run was held on September 22. Our students and staff were able to have fun while being active and showing their support! Students and staff participated by running or walking, and raising funds for cancer research.

There is still time to contribute to this great cause. This year we have a fund raising goal of \$10,000 and donations can still be made online on the Terryfox.ca website until October 13.

[www.terryfox.ca/TownCentrePrivateClaytonMarkham](http://www.terryfox.ca/TownCentrePrivateClaytonMarkham)

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## Grades 6 to 8 Student Activity Council (SAC)



### Elected SAC Members:

President	Vineet
Vice President	Mackenzie
Treasurer	Christina
Secretary	Cindy
Spirit Reps	Aashna, Dina
Class Reps	Shawn, Ella, Dhalia

Thank you to all the participating grades 6 to 8 students who tried out for this year's Student Activity Council. During Spirit Week, the grades 6 to 8 students voted and now the election results are in. Congratulations to the elected students! The SAC will soon begin to plan some fun and exciting activities for the students!

## Halloween Activities

Tuesday, October 31, is Halloween day. Grades 2 to 8 students are welcome to wear a costume to school. Students may bring a change of clothes in case they would like to take off their costume during the day. Students who do not wish to wear a costume may wear casual clothes for the day. Please note that weapons including toy weapons are not permitted at school as part of your child's Halloween costume.



Teachers will post a sign up sheet for pot luck lunch. We ask all parents to be mindful of students who have allergies in the classroom and an ingredient list must accompany all food items. We ask for your cooperation not to send nut or peanut products to school if you are planning on having your child distribute trick or treat items to the other students in class. Classes will participate in fun Halloween activities including carving class pumpkins, which will be on display in the front foyer on Monday, October 30.

### Food Delivery

On Party Days, the school office receives a significant number of pizza and Uber Eats deliveries.

If you order a pizza or other food for your child's classroom, please ensure that the driver has your child's name and room number, and that the order has been paid for in advance.

Please notify the office to expect food deliveries.

## Student Birthdays

We would like to let students who are celebrating a birthday have a special moment at school and receive birthday well wishes from their classmates and teachers. Parents who would like to, may send something special to school for their child's birthday. Parents are asked to keep arrangements simple and limit the birthday celebrations to only a birthday cake or maybe a pizza delivery, as not to disrupt the school day and the learning environment. Please refrain from sending party loot bags and balloons. Please be mindful of allergies in the classroom. Birthday candles are not allowed according to our fire code regulations. The school does not provide plates, cutlery or refrigeration. Even if a pizza delivery is planned, we ask all students to bring their own lunch as usual to avoid any unexpected problems.



## Spirit Week

TCPS students and staff enjoyed an awesome Spirit Week to promote school spirit and to thank the students for their fundraising efforts for Terry Fox! From September 25 to 28, students participated in a week of fun activities like Movie Star Monday, Tropical Tuesday, and Wacky Hair Wednesday. It was terrific to see so many students enthusiastically participating in these special days. Students were assigned to their TCPS House League Teams: Yellow Gryphons, Red Phoenix, Green Dragons, and Blue Thunderbirds. During our exciting Spirit Week Assembly, several student volunteers were chosen to mix together fun and interesting ingredients into a “special” smoothie for a Teacher victim to drink. Mr. Leofanti, Ms. Lau, and Ms. Icyan were great sports and seemed to really enjoy their smoothies made from ingredients like marshmallows, hot sauce, sprinkles, clamato juice. We will announce our final Terry Fox donations total soon! Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for raising amazing school spirit and supporting the school’s efforts for Terry Fox!



**IB Learner Profile Attribute for October:**

**KNOWLEDGEABLE**

“Knowledgeable students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.”



**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Town Centre students wore orange shirts to show their support on Friday, September 29th. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day to learn about the history and unique culture Indigenous Peoples in Canada, raise awareness of the impacts of residential schools and reflect on the loss of culture and freedom experienced by Indigenous children.

This year our teachers and students were encouraged to use art to lead students to engage in creative expressions of support using thoughtful reflection of the concept of “Every Child Matters”.

Parents are welcome to click the link to access the website for the [Canadian Network For Arts & Learning \(eduarts.ca\)](http://eduarts.ca).

On October 4th Town Centre welcomes a special guest speaker Karen Chaboyer who is a residential school survivor and a grandparent of two of our Town Centre students. Ms. Chaboyer will speak to our grades 6 to 8 classes about her experiences, which will help our students develop a deeper level of understanding. We look forward to her visit and the opportunity to hear her



**myTCPS App**

In September we launched our new school app, called the **myTCPS App**. The new app improves our connection with parents by providing a modern look, easier communication stream, enhanced multimedia and document sharing, and wider support for the devices. There are more features we look forward to rolling out throughout the year.

As of October, we will only send out parent communications through the myTCPS App and we will no longer send out emails for class or school-wide communication. For those who still don't have the myTCPS App they should do so immediately to avoid missing any important school communication.

Please note for your information,

- Notifications - bugs have been identified and fixed on both platforms, Android and Apple. Parents can now receive push notifications.
- Parents can report an issue or concern by shaking their phone (this works!) and submitting their concern to the support department.
- Parents can also contact [tech@tcmps.com](mailto:tech@tcmps.com) if they have any issues with the App.



## Music Instruments

The school year is well under way and students are settling into their school routines. With the start of the second month of school, we would like to ensure that all students are able to participate fully. By now students should have all their full uniform and all the materials they need for school. For music class, students in grades 2 and 3 should have their music recorder and students in grades 4 to 8 should all have their band music instrument. If your child does not yet have their instrument, please speak to your child's music teacher or drop by the Office.



## School Uniform

All students should be wearing the school uniform and proper school shoes, and looking their best while wearing the uniform. The uniform, if worn well, helps students to develop presentation skills, a sense of self discipline, and an ability to command respect. We want our students to wear the school uniform to convey their pride in being a member of Town Centre Private Schools. Thank you for your cooperation with the following expectations:

- All uniform items must be official TCPS uniform items purchased from InSchoolwear. Substitutions not permitted.
- The uniform needs to be clean, washed regularly, worn neatly with shirts tucked in.
- All items that are in poor condition, too small or have holes must be replaced.
- Replace uniform shoes that are in poor condition, replace missing shoelaces, replace worn out velcro straps.
- Please ensure your child's shoes still fit your child's growing feet throughout the year.
- Students who wear orthotics must have a doctor's note to wear unapproved school shoes.
- Students must have their gym uniform t-shirt, shorts, and running shoes to participate in Physical Education class.
- Elementary school sweaters have long sleeves. Sleeveless school sweater vests are only for High School students.
- A Lost and Found box is located in the Main Office.



Grade 7 and 8 students must wear their tie properly.



Label uniform items with your child's name.



No hoodies please. Students may wear their school uniform sweater.



It's time to get a new sweater!



The uniform must be clean and worn properly.



White gym socks are for gym. Grey socks with uniform pants.



These pants are too short.



This kilt is too short.



Boots are not school uniform shoes.



Black running shoes are not school uniform shoes.

**TC the Tiger  
SAYS:**



**Go Tigers!**

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Arriving late? Students who arrive after O'Canada (9:05) must go to the Office to get a late slip.

Parents should not be in the hallways or at the classroom door during instructional time 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Picking up early? Parents who pick up before 3:30 p.m. must report to the Office to sign out students. Advance notice would be appreciated.

Please inform the Office if your child is going to be absent, or late after an appointment.

If you make arrangements for someone else to pick up your child, please ensure that person is on your child's pick up list or inform the Office of pick up arrangements.

Have you changed phone numbers or moved? Please keep the Office up to date with your contact information and any changes to pick up lists.

### P.D. Day and Thanksgiving Holiday

TCPS staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day on Friday, October 6. Please note that October 6 will be a non-school day for students and the school will be closed.



On Monday, October 9, the school will be closed for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, October 10. We would like to wish all of our TCPS families a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend.

### Sick Students

We are asking for the cooperation of all parents and students to keep sick students at home. If your child has cold or flu symptoms such as runny nose, cough, headache, fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, or is generally not feeling well, please let them stay at home to rest and feel better. Students can return to school after their symptoms have gone for 24 hours. If your child feels sick while at school, parents will be contacted to pick up your child. If your child will be absent from school please inform the school.

**All medication must be brought to the office and a Medical Form must be signed by the parent.** Students may not keep medication in their pockets, lockers or lunch boxes.

With the cooler weather, please ensure that your child is properly dressed for outdoor recess. Students who are well enough to return to school will participate fully in gym class and outdoor recess.

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