



# TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS™

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Main Campus Elementary Information Bulletin

February 2018

### Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 2  
Gr. 1 to 5 Winter Carnival
- Feb. 7  
Grad Photo Day,  
Photo Retake Day  
Teams Photo Day
- Feb. 12  
Term 3 After School Package  
Distributed
- Feb. 14  
Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb. 16  
Gr. 7 to 12 Talent Show
- Feb. 19  
Family Day Holiday
- Feb. 21 and 22  
Heart and Stroke Fundraiser
- March 12 to 16  
March Break

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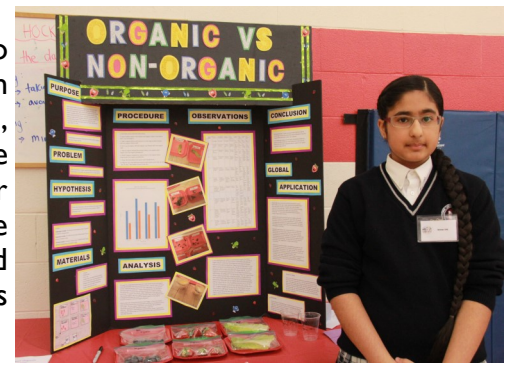
## REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2018!

Thank you to all families who have already re-registered for the next school year. If you have not yet done so, please submit your registration forms as soon as possible to guarantee your positions for the next school year. The 4% full payment discount lasts from February 1st until April 1st. For monthly payments, \$100 off the June prepaid fees is available until April 1st. If you have any questions about IB, or what you can expect for the next school year, please speak to a Vice-Principal who will be happy to answer your questions.



## You're Invited to Visit our STEM Fair!

We would like to invite parents to visit our STEM Fair in the Main Gymnasium on Thursday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The finalists will be presenting their projects to the judges who will be selecting the grade champions. Good luck to all our participating students from grades 6 and 8!



Keep updated with the latest news and events!  
Help us grow our presence;  
like us on Facebook, "Town Centre Private Schools"  
and follow us on Twitter, "tcmps@tcmps".

# SUMMER CAMP

2018

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp! The Summer Camp has something for everyone with our wide range of super fun classes, activities, theme days and trips. The camp will operate from July 3 to August 24 with flexible enrolment from 1 to 8 weeks. As usual our extended care hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. are available at no additional cost. Please visit the Main Office to register now and take advantage of the discounts.

**Registration Discounts Expire April 1st**  
**◆ 2 WEEKS TO RECEIVE \$25.00 OFF!**  
**◆ 3 OR MORE WEEKS TO RECEIVE \$50.00 OFF!**



## The TCPS Summer Camp:

- ◆ Tiger Tracks!
- ◆ Ready Set Go!
- ◆ Super Star Sports!
- ◆ Computer Craze!
- ◆ Fun Science!
- ◆ Awesome Art Adventures!
- ◆ Mathematics and Language!
- ◆ New Weekly Themes!
- ◆ Summer Treat Days!
- ◆ Gymnastics and Robotics Workshops!
- ◆ Carnival Day and Water Play Day!
- ◆ Recreational Swimming!
- ◆ Exciting Activities and Day Trips!

### **Ready Set Go!**



On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! With fun games, races, and challenges designed to build cooperation, teamwork, and friendly competition, campers will race to the finish!

## **IB Learner Profile Focus for February:**

### **Caring**

“Students show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.”

## **Valentine’s Day Activities**

On Wednesday, February 14, the grades 2 to 8 classes will have Valentine’s Day parties starting at 12:00 p.m. The elementary students are asked to wear party clothes or red, white, or pink clothing instead of their school uniform. Students are welcome to bring snacks to share for this special occasion. Sign up sheets will be posted outside of each classroom. Please provide an ingredient list with your contribution so we can check for allergies.

## **After School Courses: Term 3**

Participating in our After School Courses is a wonderful way for students to further enjoy their school experience. Parents are reminded that the last day of regularly scheduled After School Courses for Term 2 will be on Friday, March 2. The packages for Term 3 of the After School Courses will be distributed on Monday, February 12. Parents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to reserve your child’s spot. Term 3 will commence on Monday, March 19.



## **Income Tax Receipts for 2017**

At the end of February, all parents will automatically receive a receipt for tuition fees paid for 2017. All tax receipts will be distributed to the students to take home; parents do not have to apply for the receipts. Receipts will not be available prior to the end of February.

## **Reader’s Choice Awards**

Each winter the Markham Economist and Sun hold their annual Readers’ Choice Awards which recognizes local businesses. This year TCPS has been nominated in the categories of:

**\*2017 Best Day Camp** in Markham

**\*2017 Best Daycare Centre** in Markham

**\*2017 Best Montessori School** in Markham

**\*2017 Best Private School** in Markham

The contest is open to Ontario residents 18 years of age or older. Those who vote for at least 25 categories will be entered into a draw and one lucky winner will receive a \$250 gift card which can be applied to a winning business of the winner’s choice. Voting can be completed online at <https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/6898590-york-region-readers-choice/>. Only one entry is accepted per IP address so please vote from home. The contest closes Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. Thank you for your support!

## Winterfest

Winterfest is a fun week of activities from Monday, January 29, to Friday, February 2. During Winterfest, students have dress up days where they can wear winter hats and mitts, Silly Winter Socks, and Pajama Day and House League shirts. Student are also treated to yummy hot chocolate! The highlight of the week for our grades 1 to 5 students is the Winter Carnival day where students play carnival type games. The grades 6 to 8 students have an active day of intramural sports, and play for their House League teams. Our students are sure to beat the winter blahs with this spirit week!



### Heart and Stroke Fundraiser

In February, the students will participate in the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events, designed to promote and recognize the importance of being active and at the same time promote awareness of heart disease and stroke.

Thanks to the generous donations of our students and parents, we have raised \$387,238.72 to date since 1999 to help fund life saving research into heart disease and stroke. Students will bring home pledge forms shortly for this year's fundraising efforts for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

New this year, we have added a Volleyball for Heart activity for the grades 7 and 8 students! Students should wear their school uniform for the day and gym clothes to participate in Jump, Hoops, and Volleyball for Heart activities.

- Volleyball for Heart for grades 7 and 8, Wednesday, February 21
- Jump for Heart for grades 2 to 4, Thursday, February 22
- Hoops for Heart for grades 5 and 6, Thursday, February 22



**SPOTLIGHT:****Putting Thinking Into Action**

One of the main themes in the IB programme is the development of identity, both individually and collaboratively, as well as the identification of our place in society, drawing on our understanding of how the past influences our present and future. The PYP refers to this theme as, “Where We Are in Place and Time,” and the MYP focuses on “Service and Action” as an application of student learning beyond the classroom.

**Grade 8 Knitting Project**

Grade 8 students were busy knitting scarves for an art project. This unit was linked to their grade 8 novel study book, *Shattered*, about homelessness. Students donated their finished scarves to Raising the Roof, which is a charity that raises awareness about homelessness. Students were able to reflect on their meaningful contribution to the community and put their thinking into service and action. Well Done!

**Grade 4 Ancient Civilizations**

Grade 4 students engaged in an interesting social studies unit of study about Ancient Civilizations. They learned about the lifestyles and cultures of various ancient civilizations, produced a report and made wonderful artifacts. Then the grade 4 students hosted a museum walk for other students, to share their knowledge and display their artifacts. Through this activity, students gained a deeper understanding of their study of Ancient Civilizations. What an amazing display!

**Grade 3 Quilt Making**

Grade 3 students learned the craft of sewing and quilt making during their recent art and social studies unit. Students brought in their pillowcases to make colourful quilt squares and worked to piece the squares together. They produced a wonderful quilt, which is on display near the primary French room. Great Job Grade 3!





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## Family Day

Monday, February 19 is Family Day, a statutory holiday. All Campuses of Town Centre Private Schools will be closed. Classes will resume at their regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, February 20. Happy Family Day to all our TCPS families!

## Reminder About March Break

This year, March Break will be from March 12 through to March 16. School will be closed for Pre-school, Elementary and High School Divisions. School will resume on Monday, March 19. Parents are asked to inform the Main Office in writing if their child will be absent from school due to an extended family vacation. We would like to wish everyone a happy March Break!

## Grades 7 to 12 Talent Show

The Talent Show for grades 7 to 12 students will take place in the Main Gymnasium on the afternoon of Friday, February 16. Students in grades 7 and 8 have been invited to participate in the show and watch the performances. We look forward to the amazing display of talent from our senior students!

## Grade 8 Graduation Photos

On Wednesday, February 7, grade 8 students will have their graduation photographs taken. Students will be provided with a set of proofs within a few weeks. Please note that students are required to wear their full school uniform. Class composite photographs will be available closer to the grade 8 graduation date.

## Photo Retakes

Also on Wednesday, February 7, we will be taking individual photos for any new students, individuals who missed the previous photo day, or those students who would like to have their photos retaken. Please confirm with your child's teacher if your child will have a photo retake.

## Team Photos

On Wednesday, February 7, photographers will take photos of our elementary and high school SSAF sports teams. Please ensure that all participating students have their team uniform, gym uniform, and school uniform at school this day. Please note that we will not be able to take photo retakes for absent students.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop by the Main Office anytime to speak to one of the Vice-Principals.**