



# TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®

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## Upcoming Events:

- **December 10**  
Report Cards distributed
- **December 12**  
PTI Gr. 6 to 8,  
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- **December 13**  
PTI Gr. 2 to 8,  
8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **December 20**  
Last day of school
- **December 21**  
PD Day, no classes
- **Dec. 24 to Jan. 4**  
Christmas Break
- **January 7**  
First day of school

December 2018



## Remembrance Day

TCPS students and staff attended Remembrance Day assemblies on November 9 to honour the men and women of the Canadian Forces. For this year's Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund, we raised \$1806.70 with your generous contributions. Thank you for your support of our local Markham Veterans Association!

## Scholastic Book Fair!

Are you looking for the latest books to read during the Winter Break? Are you shopping for the holiday? Why not check out the Scholastic Enchanted Forest Book Fair? We invite you to purchase the latest and greatest children's books. Your support of this event will help us obtain new books and resources for our LRC. You have a chance of winning \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! The Book Fair will run December 11 to 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the LRC Room 145.



The LRC is having a **Book Drive** which will run from Monday, December 3rd until Wednesday, December 19th. By donating new or gently used books, you will help furnish books for the Learning Resource Centre. Purchases from the Scholastic Book Fair are also welcome. With your generous donation, you will have a chance to win an Indigo gift card worth \$75! If you would like to donate books, please stop by the LRC and drop your books in the drop box!

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## IB Learner Profile Attribute for December: Communicators

Communicators express information confidently and creatively,  
and in a variety of modes of communication.  
They work effectively in collaboration with others.



### After School Courses

Participating in After School Courses is a wonderful way to enrich the school experience for your child. Parents are reminded that the last day of Term 1 After School Courses will be on Friday, December 7. Term 2 will commence on Monday, January 7, and will continue until Friday, March 1.



### Choir and Brass Band

At TCPS, we are pleased to continue the tradition of having our Choir and Brass Band perform Christmas carols while parents and students are arriving to school in the morning. The Brass Band will be playing on Tuesday, December 18 at 8:15 a.m. and the Choir will be singing carols on Wednesday, December 19 at 8:15 a.m. Please visit the school's front foyer on these mornings to support our Choir and Brass Band!



### Last Day of School

*Happy Holidays!*

Thursday, December 20 is the last day of school for 2018 for the Main Campus. We would like to wish all our students and their families a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday, January 7, the first day of school for 2019! Please note that Friday, December 21 is a PD Day and the Main Campus will be closed for professional development workshops for teachers and staff.

Students will be doing a locker cleanup during the week of December 17 to 20 and parents are asked to take home all your children's belongings. Thursday, December 20 is a party day. Students are invited to bring food to share with the class. Please look for the sign up sheet outside your child's classroom door to sign up for food items and to check for allergies. Parents are asked to provide an ingredient list for all food items. Students may wear civvies clothes on this day.

## Bullying Prevention Week

From November 19 to 23, TCPS promoted Bullying Prevention Week. As part of the initiative to develop awareness, grades 6 to 8 students were visited by Police Constable Mo Chong who spoke to the students about cyberbullying and internet safety. Grades 2 to 8 students had a fun Buddy Day during which the older students were paired up with the younger students to bond over anti-bullying activities and trade Friendship Bracelets. During Intramurals, the students had an exciting day of sports and teamwork, playing for their House League teams, Yellow Gryphons, Blue Thunderbirds, Red Phoenix, and Green Dragons. Students also attended a special assembly and were encouraged to wear pink shirts to promote inclusivity and positivity. Thank you to all the teachers and students who helped organize an amazing week!



## TCPS CARES: SAC Toy Drive and Food Drive

In conjunction with Bullying Prevention Week, the Student Activity Council promoted a TCPS CARES campaign. The SAC sold Friendship Bracelets during Bullying Prevention Week, and organized a Food Drive and a Toy Drive. The SAC raised \$805 from the sale of Friendship Bracelets and will deliver this donation along with the toys from our Toy Drive to the Children's Ward of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

During the TCPS CARES campaign, the generous response from our families has been truly amazing! We were able to donate over 1000 items (30 large boxes) to local food banks! Special mention goes to the students in the following classes that donated over 100 items to the Food Drive!

2-119 Ms. Mah and Ms. Bhogal,  
 2-121 Ms. Prasad and Ms. Lalani,  
 3-126 Ms. Therrien and Ms. Massey,  
 3-127 Ms. Pinto and Ms. Laserna,



Go Tigers!



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## Parent Teacher Interviews

The first term of the school year is nearing completion, culminating with report cards and Parent Teacher Interviews. The grades 2 to 8 report cards will be sent home on Monday, December 10. We look forward to speaking with you on **Parent Teacher Interview Day, Thursday, December 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** We have added additional interview time slots for grades 6 to 8 parents on Wednesday, December 12, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For Parent Teacher Interviews we will be using an easy on-line booking program called PTCFast.com. Please use the link below, which can also be accessed through the school Web site, TCMPs.com. This link will only be open until December 11. If you need assistance, please inquire at the Main Office.

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Town\\_Centre\\_Private\\_Schools\\_1](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Town_Centre_Private_Schools_1)

The Parent Teacher Interview Day is an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is a non-school day for students. If students accompany parents to the interviews, please ensure that your child is not left unattended. In order to stay on schedule, it is important for the teacher and the parent to use only their allotted time. If necessary, a continuation may be requested on an alternate day. Parents are reminded that teachers will be unable to meet parents who do not have an appointment.

## Author Visit with Ms. Julia Ahadie!

The LRC hosted an author visit with Ms. Julia Ahadie for the grades 4 to 6 classes. Ms. Ahadie, who teaches high school Calculus and Physics, has been at TCPS for two years. She has a passion for Physics, especially Astronomy, and believes in sharing her love of science with the world. We would like to thank Ms. Ahadie for sharing her story and her experience writing her first published book!

In *Alice and Bob*, Ms. Ahadie shares with us an insight about time travel. When Alice and Bob discover an abandoned spaceship with only one seat during their summer vacation, the rivalry begins, to see who will get to travel to space to find life. Little do the siblings know that the victor of a seemingly innocent coin toss will end up putting more than distance between them.

Students who are interested will have an opportunity to order a signed copy of *Alice and Bob* at the Scholastic Book Fair.

You can check out her book here:  
<http://www.blurb.ca/b/8986547-alice-and-bob>

