

# Trustee Update

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## Important Date Reminder

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### Student Interest Programs Webinar and Resources

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and students in Grades 9 and 10,

On **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**, the TDSB will host a Student Interest Program Webinar. We will provide more information about Secondary Schools without a Boundary, local programs, Out-of-Area Admissions and applying to Central Student Interest Programs. Some Central Student Interest Programs accept applications for Grade 10 or 11 entry. *Please note that there will be a very limited number of seats available at these entry points.*

Program types where one or more schools are accepting applications for Grade 10 and/or 11 include:

- Arts Focus Programs/Schools
- Exceptional Athlete Program
- Integrated Technology School
- International Baccalaureate Programs
- Leadership Pathway Program
- Math, Science and Technology Programs

Application for these programs opens on November 4 and closes on November 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.

#### **Webinar Details: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Student Interest Program Webinar**

Registration link: [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MFibCA5VSoqLJqDF0B6QSg](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MFibCA5VSoqLJqDF0B6QSg)

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are asked to register for the event prior to the Webinar. Requests for interpretation services can be made in the registration form by Friday, October 25, 2024.

To further support students and families with the application process, TDSB staff will host two (2) Central Student Interest Program Application Support Sessions to answer questions that students or families may have about the application. Live, online support will be available on the following dates:

- o November 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ([Click here to join](#))
- o November 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ([Click here to join](#))

Staff will not be able to answer specific program and/or school-based questions at these sessions.

For more information about the programs available at schools across the TDSB, attend the schools' [Open Houses and Information Sessions](#).

To learn more about the central student interest programs, visit the [Central Student Interest Programs website](#).

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## **TDSB Elementary Central Student Interest Programs**

Applications for elementary Central Student Interest Programs open soon. At the elementary level, we offer arts-focused programs at four different schools in the TDSB. Application for these school programs open on November 4, 2024 and closes on November 22 at 4 p.m.

Learn more about each of these programs on the [elementary central student interest programs](#) website. You can also review program and application requirements, get dates for upcoming open houses and webinars and all application timelines.

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and Students in Grades 7 and 8,

A smooth transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 contributes to a strong foundation for success in secondary school and beyond. Grade 8 is a time for students to look to the future and begin thinking about their selection of courses for Grade 9 and throughout high school. The information and links below will assist Grade 8 students and families in planning:

- [Open Houses and Information Sessions](#)
- [TDSB Beyond 8 website](#)
- [Out-of-Area Admissions](#)
- [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#)
- [Central Student Interest Programs website](#)

*Please note: There is a 'Translate' button at the top of the TDSB website that will translate the contents of the web pages to your preferred language.*

### **Preparing for High School Webinars**

The TDSB will host two Preparing for High School Information Sessions, including:

1. [Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transitions](#): **October 29, 2024 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Registration Link:** [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tzXpk9qmTrmFOTCCreWMtw](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tzXpk9qmTrmFOTCCreWMtw)

This session will focus on the Top 10 Tips and Considerations in the Transition to High School. This presentation is designed to augment the work already taking place through secondary open houses and at the Grade 8 schools. For more information, visit the [TDSB Beyond 8 website](#).

2. [Student Interest Programs](#): **October 30, 2024 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

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The TDSB offers over 50 programs with a particular focus. These programs are for anyone who demonstrates an interest and passion in the particular program area. The Student Interest Program Webinar will provide more information about Secondary Schools without a Boundary, local programs, Out-of-Area Admissions and applying to Central Student Interest Programs (CSIP), including:

- Arts Focus Programs/Schools
- Exceptional Athlete Program
- Integrated Technology School
- International Baccalaureate Programs
- Leadership Pathway Program
- Math, Science & Technology Programs

Application for CSIP programs opens on November 4 and closes on **November 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

Requests for interpretation services can be made in the registration form and must be made no later than **Friday, October 25, 2024**. The recordings of these events will be available on the [TDSB Guidance site](#).

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### Students with [Special Education Needs](#)

Students with an exceptionality for whom a change in setting or program is being considered for grade 9 will be discussed at the Annual IPRC Review. Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and no formal identification, will be discussed at the School Support Team (SST) meeting. Please note this meeting will occur with the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s).

### Grade 8 to 9 Transition Timeline

Please use the [Grade 8 Transition Year - At a Glance](#) to help navigate the Grade 8 to 9 Transition process this year.

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## Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Opens November 4

If your family is interested in the Toronto District School Board's Early French Immersion Program (begins in Junior Kindergarten), we are pleased to offer an online process to apply. Applications for September 2025 must be completed online by **November 29, 2024**. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program must complete an online application for the new student. Visit the [Early French Immersion](#) page for more information.


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**Register Now! Parents and Caregivers as  
Partners Conference**



You are invited to join us for the Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. This year's conference theme is **Journey to Joy, Wellness, and Wholeness** and will be a day full of presentations and workshops. Visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) for more information and to register to attend.

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