



August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer.

As your elected public school board trustee, my role is to advocate for you and your child and represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). I am proud of the progress we have made in strengthening student achievement, fostering a sense of belonging, and spreading the joy of learning throughout our schools and community.

This past school year, we have launched the [2024-28 Multi-Year Strategic Plan \(MYSP\)](#) and tackled several critical issues, including cell phone use in schools, social media, and academic achievement. These initiatives are at the heart of our commitment to creating productive and supportive learning environments for all students.

Despite the financial challenges we've faced in recent years, we continue to maintain important supports for students while advocating for the Ministry to provide the necessary and sustainable support for the TDSB to deliver the highest quality education. For more details about our efforts and the key issues we have highlighted, [please review our advocacy letters available on our public webpage](#).

Through the work of my annual Eco Fair and the collaboration with [Arts Intersections Agincourt](#), I continue to focus on promoting student and community engagement, mental wellbeing as well as global citizenship. I invite all interested students and parents to join me to plan and volunteer at these ongoing projects and meetings. The first ward meeting with School Council representatives will be on Monday, October 7, 2024, and Eco Fair 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025.

We are ready to welcome students back on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. To ensure you and your child have a great year ahead, I invite you to explore our website [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) for information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, and helpful resources for the upcoming school year.

As always, I am here to support you every step of the way, ensuring a successful and rewarding educational journey for your child. To stay informed, please [sign up for my newsletter](#) and visit my webpage at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward20/>.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manna Wong".

Manna Wong  
Trustee, Ward 20, Scarborough-Agincourt

### **A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO BEARBELLA ROBOTICS #21393**

Dr. Norman Bethune Collegiate Institute's all-girls robotics team has been selected to represent Canada at the prestigious [FIRST Global Challenge](#) in Athens, Greece from September 26 - 29, 2024. FIRST Global Challenge is an international robotics competition that brings together young minds from around the world.

Follow and support Bearbella's journey as they showcase their skills, determination, and passion for robotics on the world stage through their socials [@bearbella](#) on Instagram. Also consider donating to support their trip at the school cashonline link: <https://bit.ly/GoTeamCanada2024>

Go, Bearbella, Go. We will all be cheering you on for this competition and beyond.



# 2024-2025 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	September 27, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 29, 2024
Winter Break	December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	January 17, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	January 30, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2025
Family Day	February 17, 2025
Mid-Winter Break	March 10 - 14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	May 19, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	June 6, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 26, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2025

First day of classes for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
The last day of classes for elementary students is June 27, 2025.  
The last day of classes for secondary students is June 25, 2025.

### Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

[www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar) [www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance)

### Follow the TDSB on Social Media

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## Parent Concern Protocol

### Classroom Teacher

#### STEP ONE

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

### School Principal

#### STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

### School Superintendents

#### STEP THREE

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

### Trustees

#### STEP FOUR

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

### Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

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