



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 11, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

June 14th – Art Express Performance
June 20th – Happy Father's Day
June 25th – Grade 8 Graduation
June 25th – Report Card goes home
June 29th – Last Day of School

2021-22 School Year Calendar

Last week, we received notification that the Ministry of Education approved the TDSB's 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. The first day of classes for students will be September 9, 2021. Visit the TDSB website for the full calendar, including PA days and holidays. We have shared the approved calendar with staff, parents/guardians and students in TDSB Connects, as well as on the website and through our social media channels. If you have any questions, please contact Interim

Pride Month – JUNE 2021

June is Pride Month 2021 at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQ+ community. TDSB school communities are encouraged to hold intentional sessions with their students about issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia and biphobia on TDSB students, staff and community members. Schools can reach out to the Equity staff or community organizations such as P flag, Rex Pride and the519 for additional resources.

Here are some of the things we're doing at the TDSB to recognize Pride Month 2021:

- Following the name change approval at Board last night LGBTQ2S will now be referenced as 2SLGBTQ+ as we move forward we honour the knowledge of the two spirit, Indigenous and the work of communities to decolonize settlers

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- Two Spirit Indigiqueer Pride - June 16-22, 2021
- Sharing curriculum resources with all schools: please visit Gender Based Violence Prevention Links and Resources and the TDSB Urban Indigenous Education Centre to learn more about how to respectfully and intentionally honour 2-Spirit identities and how to best cultivate transformative, healthy and equitable learning spaces at their school in solidarity with Indigenous sovereignty movements.
- The TDSB's Professional Library has pulled

together a list of resources to celebrate

Pride, including an 2SLGBTQ+ Resource

Guide [https://tdsb-on\[1\]ca.libguides.com/LGBTQ2S](https://tdsb-on[1]ca.libguides.com/LGBTQ2S)

- Virtual raising the Pride flag at 5050 Yonge (Details to follow)
- Participating in the city's Virtual Toronto PRIDE 2021 Parade on Sunday, June 27th—Everyone is welcome!
- Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pride to learn more about these activities and find out how you can get involved.

Follow and join in the conversation on Twitter, #PrideTDSB, and share the attached poster with your community. For additional support and resources for 2SLGBTQ+ youth needing a safer space, community, flexibility, and/or a curriculum that reflects who they are, and are disengaged please connect with The Triangle

Program <http://triangleprogram.ca/>.