

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

Dear families and students,

UPCOMING DATES:

Christmas Spirit Week: December 18th – 22nd

- December 18th, Monday - Mr. Clause Monday, wear a Santa hat
- December 19th, Tuesday - Tacky Sweater Tuesday, wear your tackiest sweater
- December 20th, Wednesday - Winter Wonderland Wednesday, wear white and blue
- December 21st, Thursday - Christmas Themed Thursday, wear green, red or anything that shows off your Christmas spirit
- December 22nd, Friday - Fuzzy Friday, wear your coziest holiday clothes or pajamas

Early Dismissal: December 19th, classes end at 1:46pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Administrative Changes: This morning we announced the following changes to our vice-principal team.

- **Quincy Kelly**, currently Vice-Principal at NDSS, has been assigned Vice-Principal at Wellington Secondary, effective January 8, 2024.
- **Elena Kemp**, currently Learning Coordinator and recently added to the Vice-Principal Secondary Pool, has been assigned Vice-Principal at NDSS, effective January 8, 2024.

We would like to share a heartfelt thank you to Quincy for all the hard work she has done to get the year off to a good start. The detailed information on our incoming grade 8 students has enabled us to set them up for success and has provided data to make decisions on where additional supports are needed. Quincy has connected with many students and staff and will be greatly missed.

France/Spain trip Fundraiser: There are many events taking place to raise extra funds for the students going on the trip. One of them is through the Canucks offering discounted tickets to a couple of games.

It's an opportunity for hockey fans to get some discounted tickets to select games.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/NDSS>

University of Toronto's Math Outreach

The University of Toronto's Math Outreach department now has winter programs available for students. Resources and registrations are now open on the Outreach Department's website.

[Winter Term 1 Online Math Programs \(Grades 1 - 12, 4 Weeks\)](#) - Registrations Open!

Math Contest Club (Gr 1 - 12) - Math Contest Club provides preparation for students interested in writing math contests, such as Math Kangaroo, Math Caribou, and the various Waterloo Contests. Students will sharpen their problem-solving skills before most of the contests are written later in the winter term.

Introduction to Coding (Gr 5 - 8) - Introduction to Coding focuses on logical reasoning, problem-solving, and mathematical foundations that are necessary to begin coding. In this course, students will explore the beautiful connection between Math and Coding through fun and interactive projects that help them understand the basics of coding. *Students are expected to have little to no knowledge of coding for this course. We will be offering an intermediate level Math in Coding in Winter Term 2**

- **Date:** January 9 - February 3, 2024 (4 weeks)
- **Location:** Online (Zoom & Google Classroom)
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm - 6:00pm (ET - Local Toronto Time)

For schedules and descriptions: <https://www.mathematics.utoronto.ca/outreach/current-programs/grades-1-8-programs>

To Register: <https://mathplus.math.toronto.edu/secure/register>

[Winter Term 2 Enrichment and Intermediate Coding](#) - Registrations Open!

Intermediate Math in Coding (Gr 5 - 8) - The Intermediate Coding is intended for students with some experience coding. In this course, students will apply their coding experience to new projects that optimize mathematical problems and situations. This will only be offered online.

- **Date:** February 6 - 29, 2024
- **Location:** Online (Zoom & Google Classroom)
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm - 6:00pm (ET - Local Toronto Time)

Questions? Email us at outreach@math.toronto.edu

EDAS

Everybody Deserves A Smile (EDAS) is back in the district again, and as usual, the NDSS Student Council will be leading our portion of it. We will be having a competition between all A Block classes again this year. Starting **this Friday, December 1st**, we are collecting items such as gently-used clothing, toques, gloves, scarves, socks, and toiletries for the local homeless population and less fortunate over the holidays. Please ask the students of your A Block class to bring items to donate to the cause. Donation collection and the competition will conclude on **Tuesday, December 19th**. The class that collects the most donations will win a pizza party. Thanks in advance for your participation!

Have a great week, everyone!

Sincerely,
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