

(Gr. 11-12) Week 4: Learning Outside the Classroom

Continue your journey of learning over the summer.
You can choose to explore as many activities as you wish each week.

College before Graduating?

Did you know TCDSB students can attend college while they are still in High School?

The [Dual Credits](#) program allows High School students to attend college and they will earn both a college and secondary school credit which will count towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (elective credit).

Students are on campus at the College once a week and have access to all of the college facilities including: library, computer labs, athletic facilities, and other specialized facilities! Students also have access to college services such as: learning skills workshops, peer tutoring and peer mentoring programs, Career Centre and career advisors, personal and academic counseling services, post-secondary pathway planning, and much more!

Visit the [TCDSB Dual Credits](#) Site for more details!

Reflection

Read about the 12 Powerful Habits of Lifelong learners:
[12 Powerful Habits of a Lifelong Learner](#)

In your journal reflect on the following:

1. Which habit can you begin to build on immediately and why?
2. Which habit surprised you most and why?
3. List what you have been reading this summer and consider what other things you would like to add to your summer reading list.
4. As you prepare for grade 11 and 12, what questions do you have? Create a list of the questions and then seek advice from your guidance counsellor to help you answer the questions.

Community and Online Learning

There are so many great learning opportunities outside of school hours! If there is something you want to learn, there is likely a YouTube video or free online resource to help you get started!

There are also community organizations that offer free lessons and classes for students.

[Toronto Public Library](#) - Programs and courses (crafting, coding, gaming etc) at Libraries across the city.

[Learn/Practice a Language](#)- All you need is a (free) Library card!

[Coding Workshops](#)- Try the #TeenLearningCode

Mental Health and Well-being

They say that laughter is the best medicine, so try some simple activities to help you and your family have fun and reduce some of the stress in your lives. Here are a few activities you might want to try to bring the benefits of laughter into your home:

- Have a joke night at your house and have every family member tell a joke.
- Make a poster of funny family photos.
- Post funny comics on the fridge.
- Have a crazy dress up night.
- Have a fun playing games like charades/ pictionary.

Parents & Guardian Connections

You can learn more about the government-funded [Dual Credit](#) program on their website. Giving students the opportunity to experience life on campus is a great way to have a little taste of college life.

This is also an excellent time to start to look in to campus tours at any post-secondary training centres, colleges or universities your child may be interested in attending. Being able to picture themselves walking the campus, stopping for a coffee with friends and studying in the library is a helpful start to their next transition. Most institutions will have details about possible tours on their prospective student websites.

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