



SAC NEWS

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MEET YOUR 2023/2024 SAC CO-CHAIRS!

Dear Dovercourt community,

On behalf of your School Advisory Council (SAC), we want to thank you for an incredible fall. It was wonderful to see so many families join us at our Open House in October. We are also grateful to everyone who participated in the Fresh From the Farm fundraiser—the proceeds will be used to provide enrichment activities for each of the school's four divisions: Kindergarten, Primary (1-3), Junior (4-6), and Intermediate (7/8).

We want to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as co-chairs. This is Ben's fourth year with the SAC, having spent the last three as treasurer. Peggy is returning as co-chair, having held the role from 2019 to 2021.

We have found our time on the SAC to be rewarding and hope that more parents will join us this year. There are plenty of ways to connect. You can join one of our committees (Pride, Eco, Events, and more) or come out to a monthly meeting to get to know other parents and guardians who are working to shape the student experience at Dovercourt. Visit our website:

www.dovercourtsac.com to learn more.

As we head toward the winter break, we hope you all have a restful time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Peggy Gibbons and Ben Peto
SAC Co-Chairs, 2023/2024

Dovercourt SAC meeting schedule Mark your calendars

We've set our Dovercourt SAC meeting schedule through to April 2024. Please mark your calendars for the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, December 5th, 2023:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm (*Note: this is a budget meeting only—no other SAC business*)
- **Tuesday, January 16th, 2024:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, March 19th, 2024:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, April 16th, 2024:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Please note that meetings will take place on **Tuesdays** going forward, not Wednesdays.

Also note that meetings will be virtual through the winter (a.k.a. the snotty season). All Dovercourt parents and caregivers are welcome to join! If you'd like a meeting link, please email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.



Spring Fling/Spring into Summer: Get ready! Get involved!

Sure, there's snow on the ground, but our minds are already on our fun-tastic annual school celebration. If you're new to Dovercourt, **Spring Fling** (known last year as **Spring into Summer**) is a day of fun, entertainment, games, and community-building, held near the end of the school year. We'll be starting a task force in the new year. If you'd like to get involved, or if you have ideas for fundraising, please email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com!

BY THE NUMBERS: \$1,057

That's how much Dovercourt PS kept from our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. Huge thank you to everyone who ordered, and everyone who volunteered to sort and distribute our order. We hope you'll all enjoying your delicious fresh Ontario fruit and veg!



Holiday Food Drive: Help our Oasis Dufferin neighbours

Did you know that nearly **25%** of Toronto now experiences food insecurity?

This holiday season, Dovercourt Student Council, with the support of SAC, is helping neighbours at the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre. Oasis Dufferin provides vital food, counselling and support services in our community. Every donation makes a difference!

Can you help?

- **Donate food:** Bring or send non-perishable food and/or personal care items to the donation box in front of the office. (Deadline: December 18th)
- **Donate grocery cards:** Drop unused gift cards for major grocery stores in the school donation box. (Deadline: December 18th)
- **Donate money:** Via our fundraising page for Oasis at canadahelps.org. (linked at this QR code). Tax receipts are available!



Poopwatch 2023: A friendly reminder for dog owners

We continue to have a poop and pee problem at Dovercourt, as neighbourhood dogs continue to relieve themselves on school property—places our students eat and play. As we get into snowy season, a reminder that TDSB policy states that **dogs are not allowed on school property at any time**—even after school. Please keep this in mind when walking your furry friend—and remind your fellow pet parents of the same. Thank you!

Next SAC meetings: December 5th and January 16th

We have two meetings coming up. Our December 5th meeting is to discuss budget matters only. Our January 16th meeting will discuss all regular SAC matters. Both will take place virtually. Please email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com if you'd like to join.



Give the gift of Dovercourt Spirit Wear!

A reminder that Dovercourt Spirit Wear is now available at our online store, powered by Entripy: dovercourtspiritwear.entripyshops.com.

T-shirts, hoodies, baseball caps and more are available in a range of sizes, styles, and colours—all proudly bearing our Dovercourt Dragon. You can even customize your fit with a name and/or number (for a small added fee).

They make a great gift for the students, siblings, parents, caregivers—or the grandparents who have everything!

Best of all? Dovercourt PS receives 10% of all sales—money that goes directly to enrichment activities and other things to benefit our school.

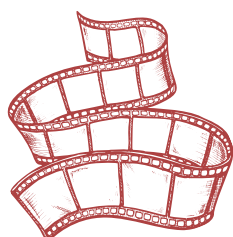
Note: While you can order from the store at any time, please be sure to get your order in by **December 7th, 2023** if you'd like to guarantee delivery before December 24th.



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COMING SOON: MOVIE PARTY

Heads-up, movie buffs! Our SAC Events team is planning some fun activities to beat the winter blahs, and at the top of our list is a **Movie Party** in the school gym in January. We're still sorting out details, but there will be popcorn, and there will be fun!

To help organize or volunteer, email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

