



Something To Hoot About!

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28 February 2025

Upcoming Dates

March Break
March 10 – 14

Grad Photos
Wednesday, March 19

Pizza Lunch
Thursday, March 27

BTC Poetry Night
Thursday, March 27

Grade 6's @ Mono Cliffs
April 7 – 9

School Council
Tuesday, April 15

Pizza Lunch
Thursday, April 24

Identity Showcase
Thursday, April 24

EARLY PICK UP

If you need to pick up your young person early for an appointment, please avoid arriving during recess time as you will need to wait until the end of recess. We are not able to redeploy staff supervisors to track down students!

AM recess: 10:10 – 10:25

Lunch recess: 11:55 – 12:35

PM recess: 1:55 – 2:05



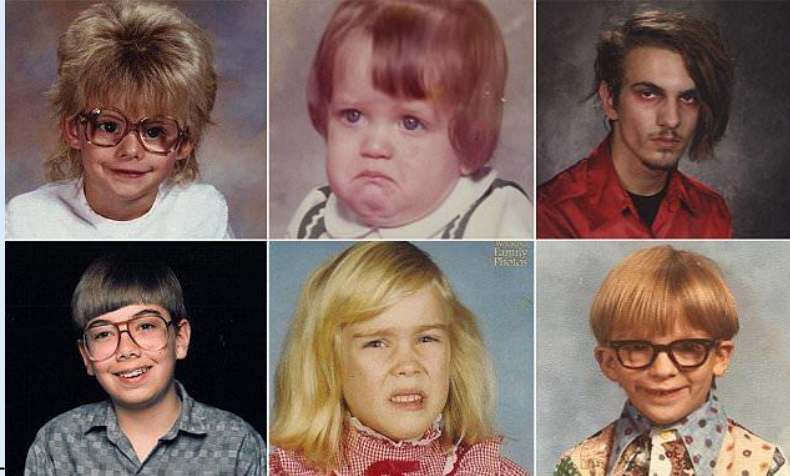
Volunteering at McMurrich

All parents and guardians who would like to volunteer at McMurrich, including parents driving to events, must have a Vulnerable Sector Check. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information and link to the form.

Please ask the school office if you require more information.

Grad Photo Reminder

Grade 6 Grad photos will take place on March 19th!



Please see the attached flyer from Edge Imaging!

OPAL ITEMS STILL WANTED

Our students engage in creative, challenging, and fun play during recess. **If you have old wagons, buggies, indoor/outdoor rugs, wooden planks or chairs our students will put them to good use!**

You can leave donations by the OPAL shed in the mornings of any school day and we will incorporate them into play!

TDSB Property and Dogs

Please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on TDSB property unless they are a certified service animal with proper documentation and apparatus.

If you bring your dog when picking up or dropping off, please ensure that you have someone with you who can wait outside the fence with your furry friend.

Many of us have dogs and we love them however we do want to respect the By-Laws in place to create a safe, hygienic, and welcoming environment for all students.



We're Making a Cookbook – and we need YOU!!

We're on a Nutrition Mission this year, and it's been lots of fun seeing how excited students are getting about fresh fruit and other snacks at the free Snack Bar!

We want to nurture this feeling and promote nourishing, exciting, affordable cooking and eating by gathering cherished family recipes from all of you!

We are hoping that you'll share your recipes for your all-time family favourites. It could be a favourite dish for a celebration, an amazing snack that you can't do without, a dessert, a great packed lunch idea.....something that is a part of your family! You are encouraged to share any stories which enrich and season the recipes, and sprinkle in some photos and other artwork too!

We will gather a selection of the recipes to print into a cookbook which will have a limited number of copies printed as well as an online format for all McMurrich families to access. We plan to launch the Cookbook at the Identity Showcase on April 24th because we can't think of anything which encapsulates our identities more profoundly than food!

This means that we'd appreciate receiving your recipes as soon as possible. Please use the Google slide template provided to upload your recipes and any accompaniments. **WE HAVE EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO MARCH 19!**

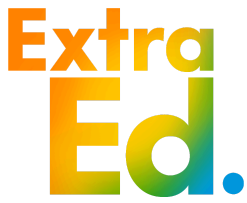
We can't wait to see what mouthwatering morsels you're going to serve up!

This project is part of the School Council Innovation Grant project lead by our Student Nutrition Program volunteer co-ordinator, Sarah Bowness.



Instructions to submit your recipe:

1. Click on the [Google Slide Recipe template](#).
2. You will be instructed to make a copy.
3. Once you have your copy you can enter your recipe – make sure to include the title of your recipe, your family/student's name, Ingredients, Method (Instructions), any photos or illustrations, and any stories or information about your recipe.
4. Once you have entered all your information, please SEND your recipe slide to: Laura.Scott@tdsb.on.ca.
5. We can't wait to see all your special foods!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SPRING 2025

MCMURRICH JR & WINONA SR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



 Register online now at: [ExtraEd.ca](https://www.ExtraEd.ca)

Drama

Grades 1-3

Through a variety of exercises in voice, movement, and expression, our students develop the tools to express their unique performance abilities—often unlocking skills they didn't even know they had.

Monday After School

Mar-17 to May-5 3:15 to 4:15 \$206.50 +HST

Stop Motion Animation

Grades 4-8

Through pen, paper, camera and clay, participants learn the basics of stop motion. They delight in seeing their own animations spring to life as they test their patience, planning and creativity.

Monday After School

Mar-17 to May-5 3:15 to 4:15 \$206.50 +HST

Chess

Kindergarten - grade 6

Chess study has many benefits away from the board. Students exercise the cognitive skills of focus, patience, and mindful decision-making, as well as interpersonal skills of respect and sportsmanship.

Tuesday After School

Mar-18 to May-6 3:15 to 4:15 \$236.00 +HST

Robotics

Grades 1-4

Working in groups, students tackle each LEGO robotics build together. They make a plan, assign roles among their team, and follow step-by-step instructions to completion.

Wednesday After School

Mar-19 to May-7 3:15 to 4:15 \$236.00 +HST

Drawing & Sketching

Grades 2-8

We always have ample paper on hand because our students draw non-stop. By program's end they will each have a folder of their work, brimming with art to feel proud of.

Wednesday After School

Mar-19 to May-7 3:15 to 4:15 \$236.00 +HST

Art Club

Kindergarten

From week-to-week we introduce a variety of artistic mediums. Our students practice pencil sketching, collage, watercolour, 2D sculpting, and many other imaginative avenues for image making.

Thursday After School

Mar-20 to May-8 3:15 to 4:15 \$236.00 +HST

Coding

Grades 3-8

Students are introduced to the basic logic and principles of programming. They build familiarity with these concepts through fun and simple exercises following ordered sets of commands

Thursday After School

Mar-20 to May-8 3:15 to 4:15 \$236.00 +HST



ECONOMIC INCLUSIVITY

Every child is able to participate in our programs, regardless of a family's economic circumstances. If cost is a barrier, parents may register their children and pay less, or even nothing with no questions asked. Details available at registration.



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SAVE THE DATE

*Come
meet
your
SAC!*

WINONA
STUDENT SHOWCASE OF
EXCELLENCE & FUNDRAISER
Wednesday March 5, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

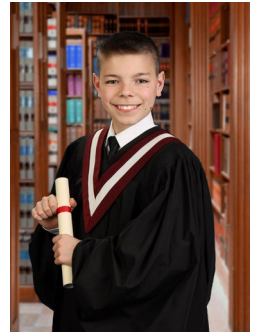
The Winona Student Showcase of Excellence is a celebration of the creativity, hard work, and passion that drives our students. Attractions include an Art Auction fundraiser, student-led businesses, music entertainment, a photo gallery by our BSA, button making by our GSA, and an introductions to Winona's STEAMMD program. This event offers a unique opportunity to engage with the next generation of artists, entrepreneurs, photographers, musicians and scientists.

Join us as we honour their achievements and inspire the bright futures they are building!

GRADUATION PHOTOS



**Capture the magic and
showcase your best smile!**



Take the next step of your journey in style.

- Opt for a timeless look with a white collared shirt and a tie or choose an outfit that best represents your unique style and charm, whatever makes you feel your best!
- Your photographer will capture 4 photos, a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to you once proofs arrive!
- Anticipate the arrival of your smile! Your proof should arrive approximately two weeks after your shoot. Please place your order online at edgeimaging.ca/order



TPS Online VSC Process

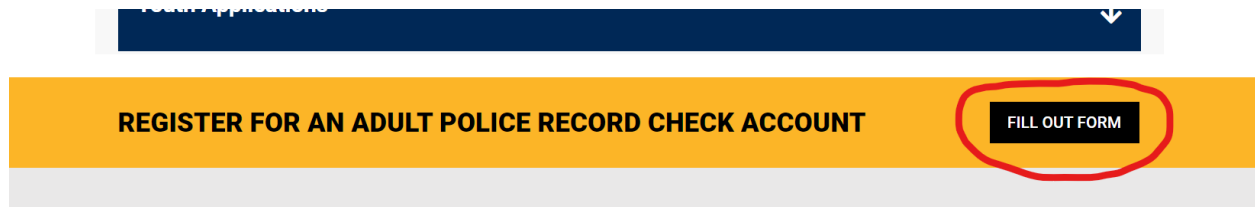
Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online.

Please follow the steps below to complete your VSC online.

Weblink : <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

TDSB Code: **202309TPSOND7EFC**

Applicants are required to register for a Police Record Check (PRC) Account.



Monitor the email you provide below for any messages from TPS while your record check is being processed (check your junk/spam folder).

Your completed record check will be sent electronically (or by mail in certain circumstances) and you will receive an email notification with more details at that time.



Registration Account Information

-- European Union residents may not apply to this platform. --

Registration Information (* = mandatory field)

* First Name:	<input type="text" value="your first name"/>
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="your last name"/>
* City of Residence:	<input type="text" value="your city of residence"/>
* Province of Residence:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Phone (daytime):	<input type="text" value="your day time phone"/>
* Email Address:	<input type="text" value="your email address"/>
* Email Address (verify):	<input type="text" value="your email address for verification"/>
* Security Question 1:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Security Answer 1:	<input type="text" value="answer to security question 1"/> ⚠ (case sensitive)
* Security Question 2:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Security Answer 2:	<input type="text" value="answer to security question 2"/> ⚠ (case sensitive)
* Agree to EULA:	<input type="checkbox"/> View agreement ...
* Agree to FG Consent:	<input type="checkbox"/> View statement ...
* Agree to Police Consent:	<input type="checkbox"/> View consent ...

Process My Registration

PLEASE NOTE: For privacy reasons, we strongly recommend that you use an email account to which only you have access, and that you can check regularly for messages from the police regarding the status of your application.

As part of the process, the police may need to send you email correspondence regarding your application. In some instances, these emails may contain highly confidential information concerning records found during their background queries, and requests for details to help determine whether or not those records belong to you, or another person with a similar name and/or birthdate.

For this reason, and to ensure your personal privacy, please keep this in mind when providing an email address in your account set-up.

Please keep the record of your log-in credentials.

- Your Username
- Your Password
- Your Security Questions and Answers

TDSB’s Unique Code:

Once the account is registered, the applicant can apply online Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) with the following code.

- TDSB Code: **202309TPSOND7EFC**

Costs:

The payment can be made with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard or American Express.

- Volunteer - \$26.72

Please log in your account to start the online VSC process.

Date Started	Report	Documentation / Date Provided	Demographics / Date Provided	Payment Status / Receipt	Authentication Status	Application Status
2023-Sep-05	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Report Selection Required

click shield & go to stage

Report Selection / Requirement (ensure your selection is correct, there are no refunds)

All prices listed are in Canadian funds. Applicable taxes are included.

Vulnerable Sector Check

NOTE - you must be 18 years or older
Specifically for those who ARE working or volunteering with Vulnerable people (i.e. children, elderly)

<input type="radio"/> \$71.72 - Employment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Volunteer <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i>
<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Unpaid Student Placement <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i>	<input type="radio"/> \$71.72 - Other <i>Note: (i.e. Paid Student Placement, Professional Licensing or practicum, etc.)</i>
<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Adoption, Kinship, Family Member, In-Home Placement	





Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check

NOTE - you must be 18 years or older
NOT for those who are working or volunteering with Vulnerable people (i.e. children, elderly)

<input type="radio"/> \$26.72 - Employment / Other	<input type="radio"/> \$0.00 - Volunteer <i>(you receive NO monetary compensation)</i> <i>Note: (Must be accompanied with signed letter on organization's letterhead indicating your volunteering status)</i>
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TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

Please provide the details of the volunteer duties with TDSB.

Reason for the Police Record Check	(* denotes mandatory, no acronyms)
NOTE: Due to the nature of the Criminal Records Act and the RCMP rules governing this, only one (1) Position and only one (1) VSC Organization Code can be listed on your Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) record check. If you require a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) record check for more than one (1) Position/VSC Organization Code, you must submit separate applications.	
* Position:	
	TDSB School Volunteer
	Description of the position, such as coach, teaching assistant, personal support worker, etc).
* VSC Organization Code:	
	202309TPSOND7EFC
	A code provided to you by an organization approved by the Toronto Police.
* Vulnerable Clientele Duties:	
	Helping in the classroom assisting a teacher to prepare lessons. Reading with primary grade students. Washroom routine help.
	Responsibility details should include how you will be interacting with the clientele AND include their age range.
* List which vulnerable sectors you will be working with (list all that apply)::	
	Children
	Indicate Children / Elderly / Physically Disabled / Mentally Disabled

Vulnerable Sector (VS) Consent	(* denotes mandatory)
I hereby consent to a search being made in the automated criminal records retrieval system maintained by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to find out if I have been convicted of, and been granted a record suspension (pardon) for any of the sexual offences that are listed in the schedule to the Criminal Records Act.	
I understand that as a result of giving this consent, if I am suspected of being the person named in a criminal record for one of the sexual offences listed in the schedule to the Criminal Records Act in respect of which a record suspension (pardon) was granted or issued, I will be requested to provide fingerprints to confirm that record, and that record may be provided by the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, who may then disclose all or part of the information contained in that record to a police force or other authorized body. That police force or authorized body will then disclose that information to me. If I further consent in writing to disclosure of that information to the person or organization referred to in my Vulnerable Sector Check application, that requested the verification, that information will be disclosed to that person or organization.	
* By checking this box, I Agree: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Submit and Continue >>>

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

Personal Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* First Name: <input type="text" value="your first name"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="your last name"/>
* Middle Name: <input type="checkbox"/> check if not applicable <input type="text" value="your middle name"/>	
* Former Last Names: <input type="checkbox"/> check if not applicable <input type="text" value="maiden/previous last name(s)"/>	? (including maiden)
Other Name(s) Used: <input type="text" value="any other names/nickname(s)"/>	
* Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Gender X	* Date of Birth: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/> / <input type="text" value="dd"/>
* Place of Birth: <input type="text" value="where you were born"/>	? (City and Province if Canada/US, Country otherwise)

Contact Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* Phone -Daytime: <input type="text" value="phone number during day hours"/>	? (123) 456-7890 x123
Phone -Secondary: <input type="text" value="secondary phone number"/>	? (123) 456-7890 x123

Canadian Driver's License Information (* denotes mandatory)	
? (if you don't have a Canadian Driver's License, please check the box below)	
* Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/>	* Driver's License #: <input type="text" value="driver's license number"/>
	* Province of issue: <input type="text" value=""/>

Current Employment Information (* denotes mandatory)	
This data is shared exclusively with Forrest Green Solutions and a licensed consumer credit reporting agency (eg. TransUnion) and may be used in the authentication process and/or to update your consumer credit report.	
This information will not appear on your application documents or be provided to the police service.	
? (if this is not applicable to you, please check the box below)	
* Not Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/>	* Current Employer: <input type="text" value="name of current employer"/>
	* Employed Since: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/>

Residence / Home Information (* denotes mandatory)	
* From: <input type="text" value="yyyy"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/>	? (yyyy/mm)
* Street Address: <input type="text" value="street address"/>	* City: <input type="text" value="TORONTO"/>
Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #: <input type="text" value="apartment, unit, suite, box, other"/>	* Province: <input type="text" value="Ontario (ON)"/>
	* Postal Code: <input type="text" value="postal code number"/>

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

*** FOR CRIMINAL RECORD / CRIMINAL RECORD AND JUDICIAL MATTERS CHECK APPLICATIONS ***

The Toronto Police Service will conduct these 2 types of checks for individuals living anywhere in Canada.

To apply from outside of Canada, please visit the [Toronto Police Service Record Checks](#) website.

*** FOR VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK APPLICATIONS ***

The Toronto Police Service can only provide Vulnerable Sector Checks for anyone living in Toronto and surrounding areas (Scarborough, North York, East York, Etobicoke, Old Toronto, etc.) whose **home** postal code begins with "M".

If you reside outside of these jurisdictions, you must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Police Check from your local RCMP detachment or local police.

Vulnerable Sector Checks can only be completed for positions within Canada and must be performed by the law enforcement agency responsible for the jurisdiction in which you live.

Having a **Postal Box** is not the same as residing in an approved jurisdiction.

Do you confirm you live in an approved jurisdiction?

* Confirmation of Residence: Yes No

Mailing Information

(* denotes mandatory if different from residence)

* Same as Residence: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	* City: <input type="text" value="city"/>
* Street Address: <input type="text" value="street address"/>	* Province: <input type="text" value=""/>
Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #: <input type="text" value="apartment, unit, suite, box, other"/>	* Postal Code: <input type="text" value="postal code number"/>

Address History (max:12)

(required if you have moved in the past five (5) years)
(* denotes mandatory)

For International addresses, please select INTL from the Province drop-down and use the Street and City fields to supply as much information as possible (including Country).

? (click the green (+) button to add addresses)

(Postal Code is NOT mandatory)

* Street Address	Apt/Unit/Suite/Box #	* City	* Prov	Postal	* From	* To	
<input type="text" value="address 1"/>	<input type="text" value="address 2"/>	<input type="text" value="city"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="postal"/>	<input type="text" value="yyyy / mm"/>	<input type="text" value="yyyy / mm"/>	<input type="button" value="X"/>

[Save For Later **](#)

[Submit and Continue >>>](#)

** Only valid data will be saved.



Fee Payment

Please ensure the information below is accurate as it will be used for the Identity Authentication process. Once the application has been paid for, these details cannot be changed, and you can only attempt authentication one (1) time. **If it is incorrect, please go back to the [Demographics page NOW](#) and make any required updates before the application is locked. Once payment has been submitted, any new or modified information will have to be provided to the police via e-mail to toronto@policesolutions.ca.**

Information to be used for Identity Authentication - Please Verify	
First Name	██████████
Middle Name	██████████
Last Name	██████████
Gender	██████████
Date of Birth	██████████
Phone	██████████
Street Address	████████████████████
Apt/Unit/Suite/Box	██████████
City	TORONTO
Province	Ontario
Postal Code	██████████

We use Moneris to process payment

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (TPS) VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) PROCESS

Please Note:

You may be contacted by the police to attend and submit your fingerprints.

As part of the vulnerable sector application process, one of the searches we conduct involves a query of the RCMP's national criminal record database. Your information is entered into the system and a search is done with an almost instantaneous response. If your name, birthdate and gender OR your birthdate and gender are the same as someone who has received a records suspension (Pardon) for sexual offences, the RCMP will not permit the police check to proceed without confirming whether or not you are the same person. This is done by taking your fingerprints and electronically transmitting them to the RCMP for comparison to the pardoned record(s). The results are returned to us, and in most cases we can then complete your police check within the timeframe you were advised. These prints are then destroyed.

At one time vulnerable sector searches were based on a name comparison only, however this was removed when it was discovered that individuals could defeat the process by obtaining a legal name change.

Note that a Criminal Record Check does not require a query of the RCMP's pardoned database, and may not involve fingerprinting. Please be certain that a Vulnerable Sector Check check is truly required for your position.

Note that a Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check does not require a query of the RCMP's pardoned database, and may not involve fingerprinting. Please be certain that a Vulnerable Sector Check check is truly required for your position.


The RCMP charges a fee of \$25.00 for the taking and processing of civil fingerprints if it is required for employment or student placement purposes. This fee is waived if the check is required for a bona fide volunteer position, provided you are able to produce (upon attending for fingerprinting) a letter from the agency or employer certifying that you are in fact applying for a bona fide volunteer position. The letter must be on the agency's letterhead and be signed.

Any fees associated with fingerprinting will be paid at the time you attend Toronto Police Service to have your prints taken.

The primary reason for this is to ensure the protection of those people in our communities who are the most vulnerable.

For additional information, please visit the RCMP FAQ at <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks> .

Terms and Conditions

- FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR SELECTION IS CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE.**
- Payment does not mean the local police service will provide confirmation a person does not have a criminal record.
- If an individual has selected the incorrect police check, no refund will be provided and the process will need to re-commence from the beginning.
- Additional steps and fees may be applicable such as:
 - Physical visit and interview at the police station, where required;
 - Fingerprints to confirm criminal record information when there is a discrepancy between an applicant's declared criminal record and the registered criminal record held at the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records;
 - Fingerprints for Vulnerable Sector Check only, and only then if your birth date and gender are similar to that of a pardoned sex offender. For additional information, please visit the RCMP FAQ at <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks/> .
- While the Police Service strives to meet the prescribed turnaround times, there is no guarantee as to the turnaround times:
 - Criminal Record Check
 - Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check
 - Vulnerable Sector Check
- Each application is treated separately, including fee payment and authentication:
 - Report Selection;
 - Documentation;
 - Demographics;
 - Payment;
 - Authentication;
 - Submission.
- After payment, you will be presented with our authentication process.
 - Should you pass the authentication process, your application will be submitted to the police service, pending any outstanding supporting documentation (if applicable).
 - Should you fail or abort the authentication process for any reason, you can download/print your invoice and filled in document. Please refer to emails received from the police for additional information. There will be no refunds, so please be certain you wish to proceed and that you have sufficient personal credit history to be able to utilize this process.
- Incomplete applications (i.e. no identification provided, authentication aborted / failed / not completed or further information requested) and applications requiring in-person attendance will remain in the processing queue for no more than sixty (60) days from the time of initial application. Fees are non-refundable and incomplete applications will be considered 'abandoned', and removed from the processing queue after sixty (60) days.**
- The Toronto Police Service will return the results of the check to the **applicant only**. We will not release the results to a third-party organization or employer under any circumstances.

IMPORTANT:

*****Please ensure to opt to share the results with the TDSB when submitting the application. If you opt to share, the results will be sent directly to the TDSB.**

Note: If you do not opt to share the results with TDSB, you are responsible for ensuring that the TDSB's Police Reference Check office receives a copy of the results via email at PoliceReferenceCheckOffice@tdsb.on.ca

The applicant should monitor the email (used for registration) with for any messages from TPS while the record check is being processed (check the junk/spam folder).

The **completed record check will be sent electronically** (or by mail in certain circumstances) and the applicant will receive an email notification with more details at that time.

Please download and save a copy. After 30 days, the police record check results will be taken down from the system.