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## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Register Now!

Term 2

October 29, 2024 - December 19, 2024

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### WHO IS LEARNING

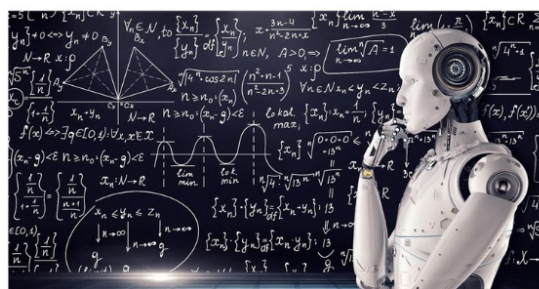
*Principal George Vanderkuur*



With just the push of a button it is now possible for AI to perform tasks like creating amazing works of art, producing professional looking essays, and solving challenging math problems. This may suggest that there is no need to learn, because, with a smart slave like Chat GPT at our fingertips, why should we learn? Even more important, if we accept that learning is still important, how do we learn? In the past human intelligence was closely connected to the desire survive.

Key to this was the ability to make tools. As hands acquired more dexterity the brain needed to keep up and become more intelligent so that hands could accomplish more and more complex tasks.

Today by allowing technology to do our thinking and problem solving we risk losing the best way to learn. In fact, by asking artificial intelligence to solve our problems and thereby become smarter, we may risk losing our own ability to learn. I believe our brains and bodies are hard-wired to learn by doing, not by allowing everything to be done for us. Hands-on intelligence will be critical for survival in a world where we need to ask; Me or my phone - who is really learning?

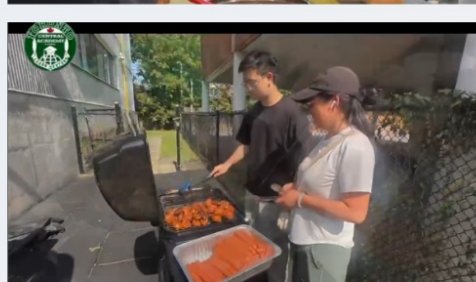
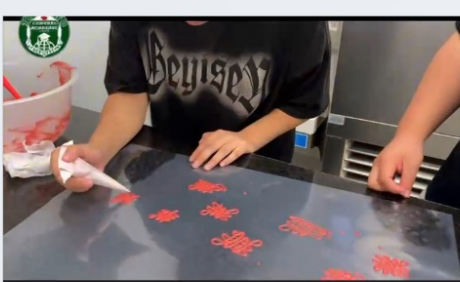
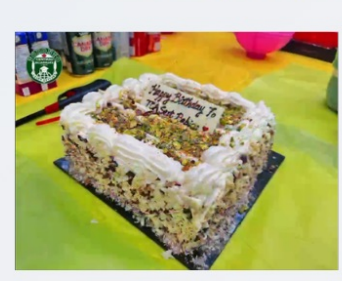




# MOONCAKE FESTIVAL & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

## CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024



Students at TCA came together to celebrate the Moon Festival in true community spirit! Our principal handed out mooncakes to everyone for this special occasion.

Students also got creative in the kitchen, learning to make international dishes and desserts. We were thrilled to welcome back alumni, now studying engineering at UofT, who returned to help and celebrate with us. Remember, TCA will always be your home away from home.



## Terry Fox Run

Addy Song

TERRY FOX



Toronto Central Academy students join North York Terry Fox Run.

This year, students from TCA participated in the North York community's Terry Fox Run, raising funds for cancer research through school donations.

The Terry Fox Run is one of Canada's largest charity event, supporting cancer research and has now become a global event.



Join our  
**ROBOTICS & AI  
CLUB!**



Every Wednesdays 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
Activity Room

Learn to code and create Artificial Intelligence (AI)  
& Machine Learning (ML) featured projects.



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## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

Starts at 4:30pm  
1576 Dundas Street West,  
Mississauga, ON, L5E 1E5

Register Your Team with Ms. Addy  
by Monday, September 30th.

## Upcoming Events

### After School Activities

- Robotics and AI Club  
Every Wednesday  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
Activity Room
- Basketball Tournament  
- Friday October 4th

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