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| December 2019 |  |
| TIPS FOR HEALTHY USE OF ELECTRONICS* DO NOT allow social media use by children under the age of 13
* Keep all electronics out of the bedroom (ie. Cell phone, laptop, t.v.)
* Cell phones should be powered down during homework time
* Know your child’s log-in information and check cell phones, emails, web history etc.
* Set clear time limits for gaming, cell phone use, t.v/Youtube/etc. Max. 1-2 hr. day.
* At school, cell phones should be placed in the locker… all day.
* Create a daily routine where students finish homework before they use electronics.
* Create opportunities for your child to be physically active (ie. Sport, dance, walks, etc.)
* Encourage your child to read…

**Key Dates:****January 31, 2020**Last day to hand it Regular Optional Attendance Forms to High School**February 14, 2020**Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students of Optional Attendance decision…both for Special and Regular programs **February 28, 2020**Deadline for all Elementary Guidance Counsellors to submit Course Selection Sheets to the various Secondary Schools.**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**Grade 8’s…Please ensure that we have your current address on our system. Your “Home” Secondary School is determined by the address we have on file. | Guidance Contact:  Mr. HimelsonPhone: 416.395.2050Email: Martin.Himelson@tdsb.on.ca**I will be at Bayview M.S. :** Monday afternoons and Thursday morningsUsing Social Media ResponsiblyThe always-evolving online world is constantly offering new forms of communication and social networking and has become an ingrained part of everyday student life. While there are many benefits to these technologies, misuse can also have far-reaching and long-lasting impact. Part of our goal as a school is to help students become responsible members of our community. That’s why it’s important to remind students from time to time about good digital citizenship by highlighting safe and positive use of technology, our school’s code of conduct, TDSB policies, and potential implications of misuse. Cyber bullying, sharing and saving inappropriate pictures and videos, and other types of misuse can result in serious school consequences, and even police involvement. Social media applications are powerful tools that contribute to a digital footprint that can affect post-secondary opportunities, employment, and relationships, for better or worse. We encourage students to use these resources in ways that are constructive, responsible, and respectful. For information about how parents can help reinforce school messages, visit this web page developed by the Government of Canada: <http://bit.ly/Dig-Cit>* TDSB Fact Sheet, 2019

  **Grade 8 to 9 COURSE SELECTION PROCESS...please review carefully!**

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| **November/December 2019** | Students continue to apply to Special Programs and write entrance exams, auditions, etc. Special Programs will inform students if they are successful before **February 14th**. Please inform Mr. Himelson of decisions as soon as possible. |
| **Monday, January 6th, 2020**Regular Optional Attendance Deadline is January 31, 2020 | **Regular Optional Attendance Forms** are available from our office. Students may apply to a maximum of 2 Regular Programs. |
| **Week of February 3rd, 2020** | Mr. Himelson will provide all students with the **High School Course Selection Sheet** for their Home School. Students will choose their courses on the paper copy, get signed by parent/guardian and return to their Core Teacher. |
| **\*Monday, February 13th, 2020\*** | **Deadline to hand in Course Selection Sheets to the Core Teacher.** |
| **Week of February 17 – 21st, 2020**Students DO NOT submit courses from home. | Students will work with their Core Teacher and Mr. Himelson to submit their courses on MyBluePrint, at school. |

**MYBLUEPRINT**… [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) All Grade 8 students have been shown how to use MyBluePrint. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with their child on MyBluePrint to learn more about high school, course selection, post-secondary and to develop their Individual Pathways Plan. (IPP)Let Mr. Himelson know if you have accepted an offer from a High School whether it is from a Special Program, Regular Program, private schools or another school board.Important High School Information forGrade 8’s**Special Program Applications: (Max. of 2 TDSB programs allowed)*** Please remember to check [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) for all special program application tests, deadlines, and open houses. There are many deadlines happening at the beginning of December.
* Please remember that an Optional Attendance Form is necessary in order to apply to any TDSB Special Program.

**Regular Optional Attendance: (Max. of 2 TDSB regular schools allowed)*** Students do not need to apply for their Home school
* Applications are due to the High School by January 31, 2020
* If students accept an offer through Regular Optional Attendance, they are expected to complete their schooling at the new school. The new school would now become their Home School.
* Students will be advised of acceptance or non-acceptance by February 14, 2020

**Schools** ***NOT*** **accepting Regular Optional Attendance**…a full list can be seen at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance> Students will **NOT** be able to apply to these schools through Optional Attendance.Agincourt C.I. (Regular, French Extended and Immersion)Earl Haig S.S. Lawrence Park C.I. (Regular, French Extended and Immersion)Leaside H.S. (Regular )Marc Garneau C.I.R.H. King AcademyWexford Collegiate School for the ArtsWilliam Lyon Mackenzie C.I.York Mills C.I. (Regular and French Immersion)**International (Visa) Students**International students are not assigned a “Home” Secondary school based on address. International students will need to contact the TDSB International Student Office to organize payment for the following school year. Upon payment, students will be able to choose a Secondary School based on availability. Please contact the International Student Office at … Email: studytoronto@tdsb.on.caTelephone:  416-395-8120 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/International-Programs/International-Students> |