

Newsletter #12 - October 30, 2020



We want to thank all of the parent(s), guardian(s) and students who attended our informational Zoom meeting about post-secondary pathways and thank the DMCI guidance team for organizing this event. Don Mills CI is looking forward to hosting our Commencement on Thursday, November 5, 2020. Please read below for other important events and updates.

Take Your Kids to Work Day *NEW: On Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 your child/ward will have the opportunity to participate in Take

Our Kids to Work Day. Launched in 1994 by The Learning Partnership and with the TDSB, Take Our Kids to Work Day is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada offering them the chance to see the world of work firsthand, explore a variety of careers and sectors, and look at what skills are important to thrive in the world of work.

Students in grade 9 will have two options. Students can participate by:

1. going with their parents/guardians to organized events hosted by the employer (in-person/virtually).
2. attending their afternoon class and being led by their teacher through a virtual Take Our Kids to Work Day, which may include viewing The Learning Partnership's virtual events and career-related activities in the classroom, before, on and after Wednesday, November 4th.

If your child/ward will be attending organized events by your employer, please notify the school and they will be marked as excused. Students will be responsible for any work missed. Tests/evaluations will not be scheduled on this day. Please complete the following [FORM](#) by **N**

Course Withdrawal: Monday November 2nd is the last day students can withdraw from courses without the credit appearing on the student transcript. Students have five (5) days after teachers communicate mid-term marks (week of October 19-23, 2020) to withdraw from their course without the credit appearing on their transcript. Generally, students who have over 23 credits and are in their final year can withdraw from a course. Consultation with Guidance is important to make sure that students continue to fulfil their graduation requirements. Drop date deadlines for each quadmester are:

- **Quadmester 1: November 2, 2020**
- Quadmester 2: January 18, 2021
- Quadmester 3: April 5, 2021
- Quadmester 4: June 7, 2021

Commencement *NEW: Students of the Graduating Class of 2020 have been sent the access link directly for our Commencement Ceremony on November 5, 2020 at 6:30pm. Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Students Not Feeling Well *NEW Families and students are reminded that if students are feeling unwell then they **MUST** stay home and follow the COVID protocol. Please ensure you take the time to

look at the REVISED [Student Screening Poster](#). If students will be missing tests, assignments or other evaluations then they should reach out by email to their teachers and alternate arrangements will be made. On no account should students attend school if they are feeling unwell. In this situation, students will be immediately isolated and families will be called to come pick up the student. Families should have a 'pick-up' plan ready in the event this happens. If a student is sent home because they are showing symptoms a "Return to School Form" needs to be filled out and signed. This form will be given to the student and family. If a student is ill off-site we can scan/send the form.

Staff Meeting Dates: DMCI staff will continue to meet virtually this year for regular staff meetings and opportunities for professional learning. Staff Meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates: **November 10**, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 18 and June 8. Please check the TDSB Connects App Calendar for all school events. On Staff Meeting days, the daily schedule will be adjusted to the following:

- Period 1 (in-person learning) 8:45am – 12:05pm
- Period 2 (virtual learning) 1:35pm – 2:35pm