

DMCI 19/20 Newsletter #41

Greetings from Don Mills Collegiate Institute

Principal's Message

We've come to the end of another school year and what a year it has been full of completely unexpected events, in particular, Covid-19. It was also a year of many accomplishments at DMCI, both academically and in co-curricular activities.

I'd once again like to congratulate our 2020 Graduates! All the best in the future and in your post-secondary pursuits! While we were unfortunately not able to have a prom this year, I look forward to seeing you at Commencement on Thursday, Nov. 5. If you are a graduate and have still not picked up a DMCI graduate sign, please feel free to take one from our front lawn.

We have a number of staff who at this point will not be returning to DMCI in September and I wish them all the best in their new positions. Thank you so much for the significant contributions you have made to our DMCI Community!

The following staff will be on a leave of absence for 2020-21 but are expected to return in 2021-22: Mr. Forsyth and Ms. Ivaniouchkina.

The following temporary or permanent staff will be tentatively moving on to new positions: Mr. Cormode, Mr. Eastmond, Ms. Khadem, Ms. Khanum, Ms. Ladiges, Mr. Munro, Ms. Oridupa, Ms. Raouda-Balah, Ms. Sivarajah, Mr. Streeter, Ms. Varelas, Ms. Vivekananthan and Ms. Wong.

I would like to offer my special congratulations to Ms. Averil Murray, our front desk secretary, who will be retiring effective June 30, 2020. All the best, Ms. Murray, in your retirement!

Secretarial staff and the DMCI Administration will remain available until Friday, July 10 via email and telephone should you require any type of information or have any concerns. At this point, we expect the DMCI Office to reopen Monday, August 24, however this is subject to change based on Ministry and TDSB directives.

Many questions still remain with regards to the 2020-21 school year. While it seems very likely that the start of school in some format for students will be Tuesday, September 8, the TDSB 2020-21 School Year Calendar has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Education. Maintaining everyone's health will be our top priority when school recommences. Please ensure that you check your emails in August, both student and parent, to ensure that you are up to date with all information about school opening. In addition to information provided by TDSB, DMCI expects to provide additional information in late August re the 2020-21 school year.

Please ensure that you continue to take care of your health and that of your family over the summer. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mr. Bushell
Principal

Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG)

The Federal Government has just announced a unique opportunity for our graduating Grade 12 students and alumni, to assist with their tuition and living expenses, entitled the “National Youth Service Campaign”. Our students can earn up to \$5000.00 throughout the summer for completing volunteer service hours. This is on top of the \$1250.00 that they may receive for each of July and August Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG). Please see attached for more details.

2020-2021 Timetables:

Grade 12 students have been emailed their 2020-2021 Timetable. Instructions on timetable change requests were also included. If you did not receive your timetable, please email Sharranya.Vivekananthan@tdsb. Grade 9, 10 & 11 students will receive their timetable in late August or early September.

Information for Students Leaving TDSB

TDSB accounts for graduating students or **students leaving the TDSB** will also be made inactive after the summer, in September. To prepare students for this transition they will need to either move/download the content using [Google Takeout](#) or use [Google Transfer](#) to move content to their personal Google account. Grade 12 students have also received this information through an email.

Graduating Class of 2020 – Collection of email addresses

To all our DMCI Grads - congratulations again on your accomplishments!! Once you leave DMCI, your TDSB student email addresses will no longer work. In order to communicate with you regarding Commencement in the fall, we are collecting non-TDSB email addresses (that you check fairly regularly!). Please use the following link to provide us with a non-TDSB email <https://forms.gle/>. We won't be sending you spam, only important information regarding your graduation ceremony and any other questions or issues that come up after June 2020. Please message Ms. Evans with any questions (gillian.evans@tdsb.on.ca).

Summer Device Requests

As we approach the summer holidays, the TDSB is cognizant that students may require a device so that they can complete their on-line learning over the summer. If you require a device for the summer, please contact Ms. Sivarajah by June 29th.

Final Report Cards and IEPs - Semester 2

Final report cards will be emailed to students and parents/guardians by July 3rd. Parents should check the student's email if they do not receive a copy. For students with IEPs, a two-page summary will be emailed. Parents may request the full IEP by contacting Ms. Sivarajah.

Contacting DMCI

For questions or concerns feel free to contact the DMCI Administration who will be happy to assist you in any way that they can.

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With warm regards,

Mr. Bushell, Ms. Evans and Ms. Sivarajah