# **EMERY C.I.** Newsletter

# We miss our students!!!



Those who strive can reach the sky....

Emery C.I. students are strong, caring, talented and resilient. They soar!!!!

# A Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students.

The entire Emery Collegiate Institute community has faced many challenges over the past weeks and months. I have appreciated the patience, engagement and support of students, parents, and staff during this difficult time.

As you are aware, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announced that schools across the province will remain closed for the rest of the school year. I want to assure our parents and students that we remain deeply committed to supporting student well-being and academic success. Our staff is working hard to help students develop the skills and knowledge that they will need in order to be prepared for the year ahead.

There will be no final exams this year but teachers will continue to provide students with opportunities to improve their marks. Parents are asked to encourage their children to log in to their TDSB email and virtual classrooms each and every day. Teachers and educational assistants are available to support students who are struggling with their work. They are reaching out through phone calls, email and google meetings. Peer tutoring is available every day on our guidance classroom beginning at noon. If parents or students require support in connecting with a teacher, they are invited to contact me by email at <u>maria.palermo@tdsb.on.ca</u>.

Physical distancing has made it difficult to feel connected to each other and to support each other in times of stress and anxiety. Recently, we have all dealt not only with the stress of the global pandemic, but also with seeing media coverage of incidents of violence and anti-Black racism in our community and beyond.

If you are struggling to cope with current events and need support, please reach out to our guidance team, visit Ms. Sherri-Anne's google classroom or access one of the community supports listed below. I hope that you will take a moment to read the statement from TDSB Chair Robin Pilkey and Director John Malloy regarding the TDSB's commitment to equity and inclusion. I look forward to continuing to work with students, parents and staff at Emery C.I. to make our school, our community and our world inclusive spaces that are free from oppression.

I am proud to be part of the Emery C.I. community. We are a community that supports each other in times of difficulty and celebrates together in times of joy. Our school motto states: "Those who strive can reach the sky". Together we strive, together we are strong, and together we soar!

Sincerely,

Maria Palermo

# **Food For Kids**

The closure of schools has been difficult for many families, especially those that rely on school-based student nutrition programs.

The TDSB and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success have teamed up to provide one \$50 grocery food card for each student at Emery C.I.

If your family would benefit from this card, please complete the <u>Food Card Registration</u> by clicking on the link. You may also access information about the food card registration on our school website.

If you have any questions about this program, please email maria.palermo@tdsb.on.ca



## **Statement from TDSB Chair Robin Pilkey and Director John Malloy**

Friday, May 29, 2020

Racism in all forms is deeply rooted in our history. This week reminds us of the ongoing impact of anti-Black racism on individuals and communities. Through the media, we have witnessed violence and harassment against members of the Black community. We are acutely aware of the devastating impacts of anti-Black racism in our world, in our community and in the Toronto District School Board.

These events are felt personally, and in different ways by our students, staff and community at the TDSB. We recognize that there are a myriad of feelings being experienced by Black staff and students in the TDSB. There is a heightened sense of vulnerability and reactions of sadness, insecurity, anger, and grief – to name a few. It is incumbent upon all of us to stand up and do whatever it takes to end racism, hate and oppression of all kinds. Silence is not acceptable. The profound harm it causes to individuals, families and communities can no longer be debated or tolerated and must be stopped.

The Toronto District School Board continues to be committed to equity and inclusion, and we acknowledge the importance of addressing anti-Black racism. As we continue to serve students and communities, these acts of violence are critical reminders that we need to remain focused and committed to the changes that need to happen for our students and families. We need to continuously examine our commitment on how we make schools safe places for all students, staff, parents and communities.

In the TDSB, we do not always get things right, but we will maintain an unwavering focus on ending anti-Black racism and all forms of oppression. We know we need to hear the voices of our students, community and staff, and make sure our equity efforts are informed by these voices. In our sadness, let us work towards change and hold each other accountable for taking a stand against individual and systemic acts of anti-Black racism. Let us work together to make a difference and fight against all forms of racism and hate as we strive to change the future in the lives of our TDSB community and beyond.

Robin Pilkey Chair of the Board

John Malloy Director of Education

## **Calling All Students...**

We need you to check your TDSB student email and login to your Brightspace and Google Classrooms **every day**. Complete the assessments that your teachers assign and ask for help when you need it. There is still time to improve your marks. We know it can be hard to focus with all that is going on in the world but we need you to keep doing your best. If you are worried about your achievement in a specific course, email your teacher. If you are unable to reach your teacher, please contact <u>Mr. Drummond</u>, <u>Mr. Ward</u> or <u>Ms. Palermo</u> for support.

## **Report Cards**

Students have been working hard to improve on the marks that they had achieved as of March 13 through their virtual classrooms. These efforts will be reflected in each student's final grades. All students, parents and guardians can expect to receive a final report card between June 24 and July 3. Report cards will be delivered electronically.

## **Student Retrieval of Personal Belongings**

The TDSB has finalized a comprehensive <u>protocol</u> for students to retrieve their belongings from schools prior to end of the school year. At Emery Collegiate Institute, students may begin to retrieve their belonging by appointment on June 11. Details regarding the process will be shared later this week. Please check your emails and follow our website for updates.

## **Tech Support for TDSB Devices**

If you require technical support for a computer device that you have received from the TDSB, please access <u>Student Device Support</u> through the TDSB website or email to request assistance at <u>studentdevicesupport@tdsb.on.ca</u>.

## Join the Guidance Google Classroom

(Use code qxzdakq)

If you want to keep up to date on supports available, get information about summer school, compete in Mr. Chichester's weekly brain teasers, meet with a peer tutor or just connect with other students, join the guidance google classroom and attend their daily google meets from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm every day.



You are also invited to check in with our Child and Youth Counsellor, Ms. Sherri-Anne by joining her classroom with the code klosym6.

## Meet Our Team

Our guidance team is available to support you during these challenging times. If you want to connect with them, please join the google classroom, log in to the daily meeting or send an email to the team member you'd like to speak with.

Team Member	Email Address	
Mr. Chichester	russel.chichester@tdsb.on.ca	
(ACL Student Services and Co-op)		
Ms. Florence	Barbara.florence@tdsb.on.ca	
(Guidance Counsellor)		
Ms. Khurana	Charu.khurana@tdsb.on.ca	
(ACL Special Education)		
Ms. Connelly	Sherri-Anne.connelly@tdsb.on.ca	
(Child and Youth Counsellor)		
Ms. Thompson	Nadine.thompson@tdsb.on.ca	
(Guidance Secretary)		
Ms. Simpson (On Leave)		
(Child and Youth Worker)		

#### More From the Guidance Team...

#### TDSB Summer School Programs - 3 options

\* You can only choose <u>ONE</u> option in July. You cannot take a full credit hybrid, e-Summer July course, and Remote Credit Recovery at the same time!

	Remote Credit Recovery	Hybrid Summer Credit Program	e-Summer School
Format	Online only	Remote Learning with possible return into classroom	Online only July and August sessions
Session Dates	July 6 - 31	July 6 - 31	June 29 - July 24 August 4 - 28
# of courses	More than 1 course can be recovered	1 full credit course	1 full credit each session
Eligibility	Must have failed the course in the past 2 years	Must have correct prerequisite completed or in progress	Must have correct prerequisite completed or in progress
Registration Window	May 25 @ 10am to June 26 @ 12pm	May 25 @ 10am to June 26 @ 12pm	Open now; July registration closes June 15 August registration closes July 8
Website and List of Courses Available	https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High- School/Going-to-High- School/Night-School-and- Summer-School/Summer- School	<u>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-</u> <u>School/Going-to-High-</u> <u>School/Night-School-and-</u> <u>Summer-School/Summer-</u> <u>School</u>	<u>https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-Summer-</u> <u>Online-Program</u>
How to register (you need your regular school login)	Link above; Log In to <u>e-Reg</u> School name is "Summer Credit Recovery" Select: RCR1O1	Link above; Log In to <u>e-Reg</u> Select requested course by location	Link above; Log In to <u>e-Reg</u> Select requested course by session (July/August)
Courses offered	Must have failed the course in the past 2 years (no minimum mark - consult with your Guidance counsellor)	List of course offerings to be posted shortly (mainly Grade 9- 12 compulsory courses)	Full credit courses in Grades 11 and 12, as well as Grade 10 Civics and Career Studies
Notes	This is the model replacing the remedial summer program this year.	If the Ministry of Education permits, this model may return to face-to-face classes.	If you are in a graduating position, and plan to attend a post-secondary institution in September 2020, we strongly recommend taking an e-Summer course in the July session as your post-secondary institution may not accept your final mark by the August 28-30 submission date. If you have questions about final dates a post-secondary institution will accept summer school marks please contact your future post-secondary institution's admissions office before registering for an e-Summer school course.

#### SUPPORTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Residents experiencing stress or crisis and requiring emotional can access the following community resources:

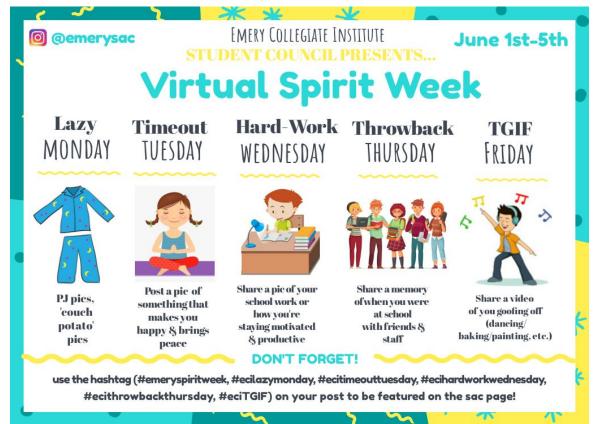
- <u>Distress Centre of Greater Toronto</u> Call 416-408-4357, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Text 45645 between 4 p.m. and midnight Translation is available in many languages for crisis calls only
- <u>Kids Help Phone</u> Call 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Service is available in English and French
- <u>Gerstein Crisis Centre</u> 416- 929-5200, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Translation is available in many languages
- <u>Mental Health TO</u> at 1-866-585-6486 for free phone or video mental health counselling for infants, children, youth and families Monday to Friday 9AM 7PM.
- <u>Bounce Back</u> is a free skill-building program managed by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). It is designed to help adults and youth 15+ manage low mood, mild to moderate depression and anxiety, stress or worry. Delivered over the phone with a coach and through online videos, you will get access to tools that will support you on your path to mental wellness. Phone: 1-866-345-0224
- <u>ConnexOntario</u> provides free and confidential health services information for people experiencing problems with alcohol and drugs, mental illness and/or gambling. Phone:1-866-531-2600

For immediate help, call 9-1-1



#### **NEWS FROM SAC (Student Administrative Council)**

SAC is working hard to maintain school spirit during these challenging times. All students are encouraged to join the SAC Google Classroom (the code is **o64zfmy**) and to participate in Spirit Week from June 1 to June 5. Please see the flyer below for details.



Please note that by posting to Instagram and using the hashtags associated with the spirit week contest, students give their consent to have their images reposted by @emerysac. Students must have the consent of the parent/guardian prior to posting.

#### INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS REGARDING CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT

A student benefit being offered to high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. A brief summary has been provided below and additional information can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) provides financial support to postsecondary students, and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI).

From May to August 2020, the CESB provides a payment to eligible students of:

\$1,250 for each 4-week period or \$2,000 for each 4-week period, if you have dependents or a disability

#### **An Invitation From School Council**



Trustee Christopher Mammoliti Ward 4, Humber River-Black Creek

## 2019-2020 YEAR END WARD 4 EXECUTIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL SUMMIT

Hosted by: C.W. Jefferys C.I. School Council

In Partnership with: TDSB Parent Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC) and TDSB Learning Centre 2

Keynote Speaker: Michelle Munroe- TDSB Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement

> Monday, June 8th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Webex Online Video Platform

TDSB Ward 4 Humber River-Black Creek School Councils, Parents and Guardians, join us online and be a part of the discussion to close out our 2019-2020 Executive Summit Council Year. We always want to learn from our past year and get stronger for the next and this is a great chance to re-cap and plan forward together!

#### We hope to see you online!

Please RSVP & Register with Christopher.Mammoliti@tdsb.on.ca

