

Email to community – April 26

Cars idling outside of the school

Parents/guardians who drive to the school to pick up students at the end of the day (or at lunch hour) are asked to not leave their cars running while waiting for students to exit the school. City of Toronto by-laws prohibit cars from idling for more than 3 minutes. Please be considerate of the quality of our air and shut off your engine while you wait. The staff, students and local community members appreciate your help keeping our air clean.

Mental Health Week

The COPE Council and the Guidance Department have organized great activities for our students during Mental Health Week (May 6-10). Students will have the opportunity to sign up for workshop/seminars (see attached schedule) in addition to attending a guest speaker presentation on May 6. Please review the available sessions with your student. We hope to have many of our students participating in these great learning opportunities.

Student Film Productions

Congrats to Mr. Lee and his IDC Film students for their highly recognized film productions this year. Three films were included in Earl Haig Secondary School's ZOOM film festival last week and TIFF Bell Lightbox's youth film fest JUMP CUTS is screening 2 movies made by our students on May 10 and 11:
The Wychwood Sacrifice by Madeleine J., Jakob B., Zoe L. and Pavle P.
Gabi's Video Diary by Gabriela R.

School Sanctioned Events

This is a reminder that events that are sanctioned by the school (staff supervision is provided) are all announced on the school website or come with TDSB permission forms (for example Prom, semi-formal). Outside events that are not listed or are without permission forms are not affiliated with the school. Please take this into consideration when permitted your students to attend such events.

The Inside Ride

Thank you to the nearly 100 students and staff who participated in our First Annual Inside Ride! Over \$6000 was raised to support children and their families affected by cancer. It was a great afternoon of cycling, music, spirit and team work. Special mention to the Spokes (longest distance), the Average Joes (top team fundraising) and Toddlers in Tiaras (most spirited team)!

Dance Fashion Show

DFS 2019 raised almost \$4000 at their annual celebration. The auditorium was packed as our dancers and models took to the stage. Thank you to our student organizers for their choreography, modelling support and tech expertise! The event would not have been possible without the support of Ms. Burnip and Ms. Homatidis this past year. Congratulations to all involved and thank you to all who attended.

The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

After being selected to represent the district at the Regional National Theatre School Festival Showcase at Hart House, the FHCI Drama Kids were selected to participate in the Provincial Showcase in May. They were deemed one of the top 12 productions in all of Ontario, a huge (and well-deserved) honour. The 25 students will head to Brantford, Ontario to present their show and participate in amazing drama workshop learning sessions with other students from across the province. Thank you to all of the staff

who have supported these outstanding students since October, in particular, Mr. Conley, Ms. Peters and Ms. Burnip. Break a leg!

Exams

A reminder that final exams for most courses will be written during our formal exam schedule- June 17 - 25. The exact schedule will be shared with families in mid-May. We are not able to accommodate any changes to the exam schedule nor requests to write an exam at a date or time other than the scheduled date and time. Please do not schedule activities on these documented exam days, which have been posted on the school calendar and website since September.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, April 30 – Staff Meeting Late Opening (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, May 1 – Holocaust Memorial Assemblies (Assembly Day Schedule)

Thursday, May 2 – Student Council Executive Election Assembly (Period 1 for gr 9, 10 &11)

Friday, May 3 – Elections in Home form

Tuesday, May 7 – School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 – Student Council Grade Rep Election Assembly (Period 1)

Friday, May 10 – Grade Rep elections in home form

Monday, May 13 – School Council PRO Grant Presentation by Rebecca Higgins (see report card insert for further details)

Tuesday, May 14 – PLC Late Opening (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, May 16 – Sounds of Spring Music Concert (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 17 – Asian Heritage Month Assemblies (Assembly Day Schedule)

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