

Email to community – February 8, 2019

Semester 1 Report Cards are being distributed to students this afternoon. Please be sure to ask your child for their envelope! It was a very successful semester

Course Selections

This week we also began our Course Selection process for 2019-2020. All presentations can be accessed from the school Guidance webpage: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/foresthill/Departments/Guidance-Cooperative-Education>

Please be sure to review options with your child over the upcoming weeks. Today at lunch, grade eleven students had the chance to meet with the teachers of Grade 12 elective courses to learn more about the curriculum. MyBlueprint is an excellent resource with lots of information about courses, prerequisites, graduation requirements and post-secondary options.

Completed Course Submission Sheets (printed from MyBlueprint) are due back to Guidance by **February 28**. Sheets must be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian. Students who are not returning to FHCI next year still need to go through the process and select “Not returning to FHCI”.

TDSB Consultation Process

The TDSB is in the process of reviewing two of its procedures: **Caring and Safe Schools Policy** (P051) and the **Student Dress Code Policy** (P042)

“The objective of consultation is to gather public input regarding options, alternative courses of action, as well as to identify unintended effects for various participants and to find solutions.”

Staff, students and community members are invited to read the policy proposals and provide your feedback to the TDSB. Both can be found through the following link:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>

Upcoming Events at Forest Hill Collegiate

Semi Formal

Unfortunately, there were not enough ticket sales for our Semi Formal event to run. Students who did purchase a ticket will be refunded next week at the lunch hour. Details will be announced on Monday. Students must bring and return their actual ticket. We thank all members of Student Council for their initiative and effort in trying to run this event for our students and we are hopeful that a Semi Formal will happen next year.

Edge 2019: Youth Arts Show

Artists from Forest Hill Collegiate will be showcasing their work at Edge: Youth Arts Show starting next week. FHCI is one of over 30 schools involved in this Arts Etobicoke showcase. The opening reception on Tuesday February 12th from 6 to 8 pm at Artscape Youngplace (180 Shaw Street, Toronto) is free for all to attend. Over 200 students from across the city of Toronto will have the opportunity to connect and share their artwork. The event is a non-juried visual arts show and the artists will be able to engage with working professional artists who will provide critiques throughout the reception. FHCI alumnus, Donald Zhu will be a Guest Critique artist at the event! We wish our participating students all the best and it is hoped that many Forest Hill CI students will have the opportunity to see the showcase during its run from February 12 -22.

Building Bridges – Course Selections 2019

Our ESL and Guidance departments are co-hosting the winter Building Bridges event on February 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library. The course selection process can be more complicated for English Language Learners as their course options are different. Parent/guardians are invited along with our students for this informative and helpful event and are asked to RSVP through this Google Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/aydUPc78fqYVtsDW2>

Drama production

The “FHCI Drama Kids” (Forest Hill’s version of the Drama Club) have been hard at work since October rehearsing and preparing for the school play *The Suessification of Romeo and Juliet*. Production Cred, the Art Department and Drama classes have been hard at work rehearsing, building costumes and props, creating lighting and sound design, marketing, selling tickets and making this show the best it can be.

This play in one act is a whimsical reinvention of Shakespeare’s tragic love story, complete with rhymed couplets, creative wordplay and fantastical machines—similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with if he had his way with the script...

The show will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Wed. Feb. 20th and Thurs. Feb 21 in the FHCI Auditorium. Tickets are sold by cast members at lunch hour in the school and are \$5.00 each.

Bring some spare change to the event as the FHCI Robotics team will be there to sell refreshments pre and post show. This is a great way to contribute to the amazing success of the Robosapiens!

The show is also an entry for the National Theatre School Festival (formerly Sears Drama Festival). FHCI Drama Kids will perform this show again at Northern Secondary School on Thurs., Feb. 28th also at 7:00 pm. along with Northern Secondary School's production. The students will be adjudicated by a professional Canadian Drama artist and will be up for awards. Tickets to see this performance are available for \$12.00 and can also be purchased at lunch.

Come see these amazing students share with you some laughter and fun and chase away the February blues!

Tuesday, February 12 – PLC Late Opening

A reminder that Friday, February 15 is a PA Day and Monday February 18 is Family day.

The school will be closed.

Wishing everyone a great weekend!

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