

Email to Community – May 23, 2019

There were some issues accessing the updated **TDSB Community Service Sheet**. It is attached as a PDF.

There has been much to celebrate since the beginning of May. We have highlighted many of these items on the school website, but want to recap them with you.

May started with an exceptionally moving and personal **Holocaust Memorial Assembly**, presented by a group of our grade 12 students. The story of holocaust survivor Susan Pasternak was connected to the histories and experiences of our students.

Student Council elections were held for next year's executive positions. It was wonderful seeing so many students looking to become more involved in the building of our school community! Congrats to our incoming members:

President - Braden B.

Senior Vice-President - Chris G.

Junior Vice-President - Jake F.

Social Representative - Judith D.

Secretary-Treasurer - Ari D.

Gr. 12 Rep - Madison A.

Gr. 11 Rep. - Tatiana B.

Gr. 10 Rep - Josh M.

Thank you to COPE council and the members of the Student Support Services department for coordinating **Mental Health Awareness week**. There were many opportunities for students to talk, learn, reflect and connect with each other, and with students at West Prep PS as well!

Our FHCI Drama Kids headed to Brantford for the **NTS Provincial Showcase**. Their production of *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* was a huge success and they put forward their best performance to date! Students had the opportunity to meet with students from across the province and they participated in numerous workshops run by National Theatre School professionals. It was a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Thank you to Ms. Burnip and Mr. Conley for making this possible and to the many families who provided support for our students.

Sounds of Spring was a beautiful celebration of music! Thank you to Ms. Simas and Ms. Hao for coordinating such a great showcase of our students' talent and passion for the arts. The following day, many of the music students went to Geneva Park for their annual Music Retreat.

This year's **Asian Heritage month assembly** was led by a powerful group of students. The broad diversity of the Asian community was highlighted and students spoke proudly of their Asian histories and traditions.

Next year's **Prefects** were selected in early May and the group is already hard at work with the new Student Council preparing for tomorrow's **Hillstock** event! It promises to be a fun-filled day!

We will be running on a special schedule:

Period 1 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Period 2 9:50 – 10:30 a.m.

Period 3 10:35 – 11:15 a.m.

Period 4 11:20 – 12:00 p.m.

Yearbook distribution 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Hillstock: 12:30 – 3:20 p.m.

For Graduating Students

Voting for **Valedictorian** will be happening on Wednesday May 29 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Students will be voting online. A link to the voting system will be sent to grade 12 students directly via their personal email address (through Guidance) and through School Connects. Students will need to enter their Student Number and Date of Birth to access their ballot and students will not be able to make changes to their vote once submitted.

Voting should not interfere with instructional time.

The result will be shared at the Grad Breakfast on Friday.

Graduating students should have received their invitation to **Grad Breakfast** which will be held in the courtyard on Friday May 31. We hope to see many of our grade 12 students at this lovely end of year gathering!

Prom is set to happen on Thursday, June 6 at the Liberty Grand. The event is scheduled to run from 6 – 11 p.m. Students must arrive prior to 7:00 p.m. to be granted admission. While some students may be making plans to leave for other non-school related events, guests are strongly encouraged to remain at our event for the duration of the evening. This is our time together as a graduating class!

For returning students: Courses and schedules for next year

In the upcoming weeks, students will receive confirmation of the courses that have been scheduled for the upcoming year. This will NOT be in the form of a formal timetable. It will list the courses that have been scheduled.

With the reduced number of teaching staff, there are fewer sections of courses available. While all compulsory courses will be scheduled, some students will be assigned to alternate choices for electives. Students will have the opportunity to request changes – we will use waiting lists and do our very best to accommodate the preferences of students.

Further communication about the scheduling of classes will come when the information is distributed.

Markbook printouts

Teachers will be providing students with updated Markbook printouts during the week of May 27-May 31. Please be sure to ask your child for their printout, or contact the appropriate teacher if a copy does not come home by the end of the week.

Culminating Activities and Exams

As we head into the final weeks of the semester, many of our classes are beginning culminating activities. Attendance is expected and is compulsory. Other classes are still covering new content in preparation for final exams / activities. Important learning is still taking place.

Punctuality and attendance is expected and needed in order to achieve potential results!

The exam schedule was distributed (hard copies to students, electronic copy emailed and posted on website). Please ensure that you and your students are aware of the date, time and location of exams.

- Do not schedule activities or appointments on the exam days. Missing an exam will have an impact on a student's final grade.
- If a student is too ill to write an exam, ***a parent/guardian MUST contact the school prior to the exam*** and a missed evaluation form must be completed and submitted.

As the semester and year start to come to an end, we wish all of our students the greatest success. Teachers are working with students to help them achieve to their best potential.

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