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February 14, 2022 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Speaking to students and teachers, I'm definitely hearing that our return to a "4-class-75-minute-period-day" is bringing much joy and energy to the building. A student has shared with me that "the length of the period allows me to keep my focus ... and I get to switch subjects throughout the day". Keep up your focus, work ethic, and energy Tigers! Semester 2 and the rest of the year is definitely going to be FUNomenal!! Thank you staff for making the transition to semester 2 so smooth and seamless — we have a great FAMILY here at Harbord.

Upcoming School Council Meeting

Reminding everyone that our next School Council meeting is Tuesday, February 15, 2022. As always, our meetings are open to all parents and caregivers with children attending Harbord. The school council meetings are virtual via Zoom from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. We hope to see everyone at the meeting. The link is: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97939872501>

Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP)

The BSSLP is a 7-week (July 4 - August 19) paid Leadership Program that provides Black students with the opportunity to work with organizations that can provide you with experiential learning in various career fields including:

- Business
- Community Development
- Information Technology & Entrepreneurship
- Media and Creative Industries
- Public Health
- Skill Trades and Construction Technology

Eligibility:

- Black-identifying
TDSB student (current, graduating or returning)
- Must be available for pre-employment training once a week for 1.5 hrs (April 7-May 26)
- Must be 16 as of July 1, 2022
- Must be available to commit to the program full-time (July 4-Aug 19)

If students would like to learn more about the BSSLP they can register to attend the Information Session on Tuesday, Feb 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm. Program Registration is now open until Monday, Feb 28th. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault–What Happens When Something is Reported to the Office?

Wednesday, February 16 at 11:30am

In response to student questions and feedback, the administration will explain what happens when/if serious issues are reported to the office, with a focus on sexual harassment and assault. We know this issue can be sensitive for many, so we wanted to let our families and students know in advance.

African Heritage Assembly *presented by Whole of Africa and the Caribbean Club*

The students are working hard on this assembly that will take place on Thursday, February 24 (TIME TBD). It will include contributions from a variety of groups and clubs at Harbord.

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 16 *Late Start 10:00am	LATE START (Staff professional learning with Toronto Public Health nurse about student mental health) Period 2 (11:30am) Virtual Presentation by administration that answers questions: What happens when something is reported to the office? What happens if sexual harassment or sexual assault was reported to the office?
Friday, February 18	PA Day

NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 21	Family Day
Wednesday, February 23 *Late Start 10am	LATE START - Staff meeting
Thursday, February 24	African Heritage Assembly <i>presented by Whole of Africa and the Caribbean Club</i>
Friday, February 25	Photo Retake Day

Lastly... **"At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"**

Have a FUNomenal week everyone.

Steve and Admin team