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## February 17, 2023 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Our second semester has commenced and we are off to a roaring start with lots to celebrate and recognize! To all of our new Harbord students, parents, and guardians joining us: "Welcome to our Harbord family — so happy to have you!" Here are some wonderful things that have happened and should be celebrated — and some important information items that are upcoming...

### WINTER ACTIVITY DAY - IT WAS FUNOMENAL!

Winter Activity Day happened on February 14 and there were lots of smiles, excitement, and love all-around! The buzz IN the building... and OUT of the building... was incredible! Students had an opportunity to spend time strengthening existing relationships and building new ones on that day. They were given that "oh-so-special" experience — time to play, time to enjoy themselves, and time to discover others (students AND teachers alike) who share a common interest. Whether that was skating for the first time, board games with friends, a nature walk or one of our many other awesome Winter Activity Day activities... Harbordites now have faces, names and memories that are now attached to these experiences. A whole-school function, like Winter Activity Day, requires all-hands on deck and this is what we had. A big thank you to our staff for making this happen for our students - days and experiences like this help deepen students' belonging here at Harbord. AND... A special BIG thank you goes to Ms. Mantchenko, Mr. Persad, Mr. Barkas, all of our SAC members (especially SAC VP Sean Chen), and our Office Staff — we all know that you carried a heavier load and we are very appreciative that you did!

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, February 16, 2023 our Harbord CI family had the opportunity to experience Harbord CI's 2023 Black History Month assembly presented by the members of WACC (Whole of Africa and Caribbean Club) with the central theme being "Icons". This high energy, insightful, educational and entertaining assembly featured the immense talents of our students which included musical pieces on steel pan, dance pieces, spoken word, songs and interviews. We were joined by our TDSB Superintendent, Jennifer Chan, TDSB Trustee, Deborah Williams, Author and Educator, Itah Sadu of A Different Booklist, Ms. Elaine Robinson of Blackhurst Cultural Centre and Jeffery Caton of the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

Students were taken on a journey through stories and spreading the word of positive change through learning and sharing. Students also learned that many Black Canadian Notable figures are Harbord CI Alumni and walked the very hallways they do today. A special moment to experience. At the core of the assembly was a true feeling of joy and the authentic sense of belonging through student voice.

We are so proud of our WACC group and are grateful to all of the teacher mentors and supporters who lift our students each day, enabling them to showcase their excellence and reach their highest potentials. We thank our entire school

community for their attention, engagement and acknowledgment. The space was warm, welcoming and filled with laughter and joy. Such a wonderful way to celebrate and observe Black History Month in the TDSB.

### WINTER SEASON ATHLETICS WRAP UP

As we are nearing the end of our winter athletics season, we want to highlight our student-athletes' efforts. I know all of you represented yourselves and Harbord well in your competitions. Congratulations and we are soooo proud of you!!!

- **Junior Boys Basketball - Tier 2** - Current Record 13-1, Upcoming Tier 2 South Region Finals against Jarvis on February 21st
- **Senior Boys Basketball - Tier 2** - Final Record 3-5, Lost to Forest Hill in Tier 2 South Region Quarterfinals
- **Junior Girls Volleyball - Tier 1** - Final Record 1-6, Player development and experience! Defeated East York 2-1 in first game of the season
- **Senior Girls Volleyball - Tier 1** - Final Record 1-7, Player development and experience! Defeated Forest Hill 2-1 in final game of the season
- **Varsity Boys Indoor Soccer - Tier 1** - Current Record 4-1, Upcoming U of T Varsity Blues High School Tournament on February 23rd
- **Varsity Girls Indoor Soccer - Tier 1** - Current Record 3-2, Upcoming U of T Varsity Blues High School Tournament on February 22nd
- **Varsity Boys Ice Hockey - Tier 2 Non-Contact** - Current Record 6-2, Semifinals scheduled for February 28th
- **Varsity Swimming** - Regional Championships - 12 Medals (9 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze), City Championships - 14 Medals (7 Gold, 5 Silver, 2 Bronze and Personal Bests) 8 Qualifiers for OFSAA in Windsor February 28th - March 1st
- **Varsity Wrestling** - Competitive bouts/matches at West Humber (December) and Richview (February) Meets, South/West Regionals - 8 Medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver) and a Team Championship for the Girls, City Championships on Thursday February 23rd
- **Varsity Badminton** - Training and Tryouts are underway!

### RETROGRADE! OUR STUDENT CREATED PLAY

Harbord is proud to present a brand new student-created play, Retrograde! For two nights only! Students can join us in the auditorium Friday, February, 24th right after classes for a free performance at 3:30pm! And on March 2nd at 7:00pm, Notre Dame High School will join us for a dual showing of our 2 plays as part of the National Theatre School Drama Festival! Tickets available online for students at \$5, adults at \$10. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10. We hope to see you there!

### LUNCH CLUB TUESDAYS

The objective of Lunch Club is to provide a space for students to spend the lunch hour, where they can have an opportunity to connect with others, play games, or spend time independently (reading, listening to music, etc.). Lunch club requires no "membership" -- it's an open door policy, so anyone can show up as long as the club is running that day. An announcement is made on mornings that we run the club, typically being most Tuesdays. As we are currently switching rooms, listen to the announcements for the new location of Lunch Club...we are really excited for you to join us!! Thanks to Ms. Mummery, Ms. Rowland, and Ms. Eskedjian Torres for Lunch Club.

### UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Reminding everyone that our next School Council meeting is Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Library (second floor). As always, our meetings are open to all parents and caregivers with children attending Harbord.

For parents/guardians who are unable to join us in person and would like to join us remotely on Zoom, the link is: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99901711897>. We hope to see everyone at the meeting.

**UPCOMING : February 20 - March 3**

Monday, February 20	Family Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 22	Late Start - Staff Meeting - classes start 9:55 am
Friday, February 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● MyBlueprint 2023-2024 Course Submissions (Recommended Deadline)</li><li>● Renegade - Student Created Play (after school)</li></ul>
Monday, February 27	School Council Meeting (6:30pm in library or via Zoom)
Thursday, March 2	National Theatre School Drama Festival - 7pm
Friday, March 3	MyBlueprint 2023-2024 Course Submissions (Ultimate Deadline)

At **“Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”**

Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!