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January 14, 2023 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a healthy and joyous 2023. It has been so nice to see our students' smiling faces as they reconnect with peers and faculty — Harbord is a special place! Meeting with student leaders and staff, we have decided that our planned Holiday Assembly that was cancelled due to the 'snow day' will be celebrated differently. The recorded video presentations will be shown virtually in class and the student-led, live performances that highlight school spirit will occur in our Semester 2 assembly in February. With only a few weeks left in Semester 1 and exams around the corner, much of our time will be focused on the completion of our courses and on student wellbeing. Writing exams again is new for our students but Harbord: "YOU GOT THIS!"... and we got YOU! Here are some reminders and important information items:

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - MONDAY JANUARY 16

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be holding a vaccine clinic at Harbord Collegiate Institute on Monday, January 16, 2023. This catch-up clinic will offer Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and Meningococcal vaccines to students who are missing one or more doses of these important vaccines. The clinic will be held during school hours (9-3pm) for Grade 9-12 students in the cafeteria. Students are required to complete the consent forms prior to their vaccination. Please remember to bring your consent forms. TPH will have some forms on hand.

EXAM SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Harbord's exam schedule with exam information has been sent out previously. Hard copies have also been distributed to students. For the morning of January 25, 2023, we will be following this schedule:

Tutorial Morning Schedule

Period 1 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.

Period 2 - 9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Period 3 - 10:20 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

Period 4 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

The first block of exams start on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 1pm. During the exam period, students are only required to come to school for their scheduled exam (or for Credit Rescue). If you or your child have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via email.

Attached to the email is an exam "tip sheet for students and parents/guardians". This was also sent out previously by the TDSB.

MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE AND STUDENT SERVICES - COURSE REQUESTS FOR 2023/20224

Welcome to the Course Request Process for the 23/24 School Year

- Course offerings should be researched thoroughly using the resources distributed and online, the Course Fair, and Counsellor Q&A sessions
- This is not a race; requests submitted with parent/guardian approval between Feb. 10 and the deadline will be given equal consideration. Until a parent/guardian approves courses through the email link generated by myBlueprint, the Course Request submission is not complete.
- Students can start researching and can input Course Requests to myBlueprint now, however the *submission* period will only begin after Counsellor visits and the Course Fair.
- An electronic version of the Course Request Package will be posted on our website (bit.ly/HCIGuidance) on January 16.

Timeline and Deadlines for the 2023-2024 Course Request Process:

Jan. 16-20	Course Request Packages distributed in classrooms
Feb. 6-10	Guidance Counsellor class visits
Feb. 10	Course Fair, period 2 + lunch
Feb. 10	Course submission opens on myBlueprint
Feb. 13	Parent/Guardian Q&A Session 6-7pm HCI Library (RSVP using this link https://forms.gle/Crnhqc8C9MYqkgKS8)
Feb. 24	Recommended deadline to submit requests through myBlueprint
March 3	MyBlueprint course submissions closes (ultimate deadline)
June 15	Deadline to request a different course (from what was previously submitted)
Sept. 15	Deadline to request a sem I timetable change based on extenuating circumstances (errors, summer school achievement, post-secondary prerequisite requirements)

We ask that students submit their course requests after thorough research, care, and consideration. Though we always try our best, it becomes difficult to make changes to course requests made after March 3, 2023.

REMINDER: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS

When a student reaches the age of 18 years old, the student is an “adult” for the purposes of the Education Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, which stipulates the adult student’s written consent is required for the school or TDSB to disclose their personal information.

“Personal information” may include report cards, transcripts, attendance record(s), late/absent notifications, excursion forms, and all regular school communications, including any other official record pertaining to the student’s ongoing education at the Toronto District School Board. In order for the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to continue receiving

information about their adult student’s education (e.g. report cards, parent-teacher interviews) and regular school communications (e.g. absent/late notifications), the TDSB requires the adult student’s written consent. If the adult student does not provide consent, then the school and TDSB will be unable to provide personal information to the adult student’s parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and will communicate with the adult student.

For parents/guardians to continue to receive information after their child’s 18th birthday, the consent form attached to the email needs to be completed and submitted to the main office.

UPCOMING : January 16 - January 27

Monday, January 16	Grade 9-12 Catch-up vaccine clinic - 9-3pm (cafeteria)
Wednesday, January 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Late start staff meeting - classes start at 9:55am ● Grad photos - start (end on Wednesday, January 25, 2023)
Wednesday, January 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grad photos - end ● Tutorial morning schedule ● First exam block start at 1pm
Wednesday, January 25 - Tuesday, January 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exam Period ● Exams are scheduled at 9am or 1pm

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

Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!