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## January 20, 2023 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Hope everyone continues to be well. With exams starting next week on Wednesday, January 25th in the afternoon, I wanted to send another communication to highlight some important exam information as well as other items — including a couple of wonderful Harbord student activities. Please see the information items below and to our Harbord students writing exams, remember: “YOU GOT THIS!”... and we got YOU!

### CREDIT RESCUE WEEK

Credit Rescue Week is happening in Room 228 during all exam period days, from the afternoon of January 25 - the morning of January 31. (See the attached schedule to the email) It is intended for students who need some extra support to complete an assignment or prepare for an examination in order to earn the credit in one or more of their courses. When a teacher is concerned about a student earning the credit, that teacher will speak with the student and request that they attend Credit Rescue on either a specific day (when a specialist teacher is present, consistent with the attached schedule) or on any day that works with the student's schedule. However, we will support students any time they come in. If you have any questions about Credit Rescue Week, please email [hillel.heinstein@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:hillel.heinstein@tdsb.on.ca).

### STUDENT EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

Attached to the email are important exam instructions for students. Please read over the information carefully in advance of your first exam. Remember that we have a special schedule for the morning of January 25, 2023:

#### 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.

Also, **students are reminded to please return textbooks to your teachers**. Textbooks are integral to our learning and are VERY EXPENSIVE. **Unnecessarily replacing textbooks takes away school funds from school activities, school equipment, and other important learning materials.** *For courses with exams, students are to bring the textbook to the exam and return them to the presiding teacher. For courses without exams, they are to return them directly to the classroom teacher during the last days of the course.* **Please help your child understand the importance of returning textbooks and the unnecessary associated costs of purchasing replacements.**

## INFORMATION FROM GUIDANCE AND STUDENT SERVICES

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

- Course Request packages were delivered students in class this week
- 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.
- Visit [bit.ly/HCIGuidance](http://bit.ly/HCIGuidance) (our website) to access info that was distributed in classrooms (Course Calendar/Orange Book, Instructions, Checklists)
- We invite parents to attend our Q&A on February 10<sup>th</sup> to speak with Guidance Counsellors about questions related to the Course Request Process.

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

Feb. 6-10	Guidance Counsellor class visits
Feb. 10	Course Fair 11am-12pm
Feb. 10	Course submission opens on myBlueprint
Feb. 13	<b>Parent/Guardian Q&amp;A Session 6-7pm HCI Library (RSVP using this link <a href="https://forms.gle/Crnhq8C9MYqkgKS8">https://forms.gle/Crnhq8C9MYqkgKS8</a>)</b>
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.**

### JEWISH CULTURE CLUB — *well done!*

So proud of the incredible and meaningful work that our Harbord Jewish Culture Club has been doing. This week, the members of Jewish Culture Club assembled 180 care kits for people experiencing homelessness in Toronto. These kits will be delivered to Ve'Ahavta, a local Jewish humanitarian organization, which will distribute them to people in need of all backgrounds across the city. This event was the culmination of a successful fundraising drive in December that raised \$2,436. Thanks to Mr. Abtan for his leadership and guidance with our Jewish Culture Club! See our Harbord Twitter @harbordci for the wonderful pictures.

### GRADE 12 BIOLOGY CLASS BIOTECH LAB — *so much fun!*

For the past week, our Grade 12 Bio students have been applying what they learned in the Molecular Genetics unit in an extended series of biotechnology labs. The goal for our students was to mimic the process of using bacteria to clone the gene for insulin! Students created recombinant plasmids that contain a gene from a sea anemone that codes for a red fluorescent protein. Once the recombinant plasmids were created, they inserted them into bacterial hosts. As those bacteria grew and reproduced, they cloned the gene! Students then created the conditions for them to express the protein and voila, the bacteria glowed pink! This FUNomenal learning is all part of the Amgen Biotech Experience run in partnership with the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus. Thanks to our amazing Biology teachers: Ms. Carver, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Rowland for the hands-on experience! See our Harbord Twitter @harbordci for the cool pictures.

### UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Reminding everyone that our next School Council meeting is Monday, January, 30, 2023 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Library (second floor). Our last meeting minutes are attached to the email. 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/92669897468>. We hope to see everyone at the meeting.

### UPCOMING : January 23 - February 3

Wednesday, January 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Grad photos - end</li><li>● Tutorial morning schedule</li><li>● First exam block start at 1pm</li></ul>
Monday, January 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● School Council Meeting in Library at 6:30pm</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Marks/Exam Review Day</li><li>● Special morning schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Period 1 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 2 - 9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 3 - 10:20 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 4 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Thursday, February 2	PA Day - no classes
Friday, February 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First day of semester 2</li><li>● Special morning schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Period 1 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 2 - 9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 3 - 10:20 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.</b></li><li>○ <b>Period 4 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.</b></li></ul></li></ul>

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

Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!