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January 27, 2023 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

The exam period has commenced and we're off to a wonderful start! I've spoken to many students after finishing their first exam and they've expressed to me that their initial angst and nervousness of writing exams was quickly replaced by thoughts and feelings of "this isn't so bad...it's just like a test — but with more material that is covered!" Well done students... "you DEFINITELY GOT THIS!" Also, a huge thank you to our teachers and support staff who have guided our students through this valuable learning experience of exams with CARING hearts and hands — we all definitely CARE for each other and we "DEFINITELY GOT YOU!"

Although I generally send out a newsletter bi-weekly, with so much going on and the semester change-over, I wanted to highlight some important information for everyone...

FINISHING OFF EXAMS/CREDIT RESCUE AND SEMESTER 1 — what's happening this week

- Exam periods and Credit Rescue timeslots (room 228) continue this week until the morning of Tuesday, January 31, 2023
- Grad Photos continue until Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Sign up is required.
- **Marks and Exam Review Day Schedule - Wednesday, February 1, 2023 (Semester 1 Day 1):**
 - 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.
- **Thursday, February 2, 2023 — PA Day (no classes)**
- **First Day of Semester 2 Friday, February 3, 2023 - Special Schedule (Semester 2 Day 1):**
 - 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.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT TIMETABLES

To view and access Semester 2 timetables, students will need to log on to their TDSB Connects App. Students will then click on 'Timetable', and then select the first day of Semester 2 (Friday, February 3, 2023). If a student has difficulty accessing their timetable, please come by the main office and we will assist.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT TIMETABLES

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. Please help your child understand the importance of returning textbooks and the unnecessary associated costs of purchasing replacements. Also, for families and students who have Harbord textbooks from previous years that haven't been returned, please bring these into the Main Office. Thank you.

SEMESTER 1 FINAL REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

First semester final report cards will be sent via email the week of February 6, 2023. More instructions and information will follow.

INFORMATION FROM GUIDANCE AND STUDENT SERVICES

Reminder — Course Request Process for the 23/24 School Year

- Course Request packages were delivered to students in class last 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 (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 10th 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	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.

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). 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.

'JOIE' FROM OUR FRENCH DEPARTMENT — très bien Madeline!

One of our grade 10 French Immersion students, Madeline Horner, has won a national poetry contest for a set of 3 poems that she wrote in French. Not only has she won a cash prize from *Poetry in Voice/Les voix de la poésie*, but she will also have her poems published in their anthology, *Voices*. The public announcement can be found [here](#).

The following is from the email that Maddy received:

Voici ce que notre éditrice Annie Lafleur avait à dire sur ton poème :

« Madeline a parfaitement exécuté les consignes de l'exercice proposé par le poète Jean-Paul Daoust. En choisissant trois lettres de l'alphabet – qui font d'ailleurs partie de son nom –, elle a laissé libre cours à son imagination tout en exprimant sa vision du monde. Les trois tercets poétiques qui en résultent sont à la fois simples et percutants! ».

UPCOMING : January 30 - February 10

Monday, January 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Council Meeting in Library at 6:30pm
Tuesday, January 31	Last day of Exam period and Credit Rescue
Wednesday, February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Marks/Exam Review Day● Special morning schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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.
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Monday, February 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Course requests - Guidance class visits begin● Report cards distributed beginning this week
Friday, February 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Course submission opens on myBlueprint● Course Fair 11am-12pm

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

Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!