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March 11, 2022 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

We are there...it's March Break!!! We all need the time to relax and recharge. A lot has recently come out from the Government regarding our next steps as we move forward in our pandemic response. Please continue to look out for communication from the TDSB. We all hope to receive more clarity sometime next week for our return from March Break. For all those travelling, safe travels and enjoy the time away. Please remember to adhere to the federal protocols of mask wearing upon your return to Toronto — looking after each other is what we do at Harbord!

Here are some important items and reminders:

Student Immunization Campaign

Starting in March, students in Grades 7-12 will be able to receive the meningococcal, human papillomavirus and hepatitis B vaccines, if they have not already received them in Toronto Public Health vaccination clinics. Please see the PDFs (Parent Package, Consent Form and Fact Sheet) attached to the email.

Extracurricular sports and teams

As we move on to the next set of extracurricular sports teams, we are awaiting further clarification from the TDSB and Toronto Public Health regarding participation requirements. At the moment, we follow our Operational Guidelines which states:

The TDSB has made a decision to require all students aged 12+ to be fully vaccinated to participate in winter sports (e.g. basketball, ice hockey, swimming, etc.). This decision is consistent with recommendations from Toronto Public Health and has been made with the health and safety of students and staff in mind. Specifically, this vaccination requirement applies to sports/teams that involve competition between schools, mixing of students and travel to other TDSB schools and/or external venues.

General:

- *All students will be required to be fully vaccinated by January 3, 2022 or prior to league play*
- *Teams with student athletes that are fully vaccinated can now participate in practices and scheduled games*
- *Vaccination status will be collected through the Service Now App*
- *Students requiring accommodations must see their administration*

I'm sure there will be more information to come in the near future. Thank you for your patience.

Grad Photos

Grad Photos will take place from March 21st to April 1st. Please book an appointment here:

<https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/HAR> A black graduation gown, sash and graduation cap will be available for each student to use. We are following all health and safety guidelines set out by the TDSB and

TPH. Often students wear a white collared shirt or blouse and tie, but wear what makes you comfortable. Your confirmation email will confirm the location of your session will take place.

Pantry Program

We were excited to begin our Pantry Program at Harbord this past Thursday and it was a success. Students came by to pick up free non-perishable food items, such as tuna, soup, cereal, apple sauce, granola bars, and pasta. We also had a wonderful donation from COBS Bread Bakery - they brought loaves and loaves of bread for our community! Thank you so much! We will continue this program after the March Break. Pickup will be on Thursdays after school, from 3:00pm-3:15pm in **room 207**. If your family would like some items, your child can come and collect them after school on Thursdays. [Click here for a list of food items](#) that will be available for pickup.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday March 14 - Friday, March 18	MARCH BREAK
Monday, March 21 - Friday April 1	GRAD PHOTOS
Tuesday, April 5	PARENT and GUARDIAN/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Lastly... “At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”

Have a FUNomenal long March Break everyone.

Steve and Admin team