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Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing March Break. It's so nice to see the smiling Harbord faces and hear the different stories of "rest and relaxation" that our families (both students and staff) take part in — looking after wellbeing and self-care is so important! We all need to 'work hard'...but we also need to relax, rest, and have fun too. Lots of important school and fun ahead...let's all buckle down, continue to DO the BEST we can, BE the BEST we can be, and ENJOY the moments with EACH OTHER! That's truly when FUNomenal things happen.

Here are some important upcoming information items:

UPCOMING EQAO LITERACY TEST ASSESSMENT 2022-23 SEMESTER 2

On March 27th and 28th, grade 10 students currently enrolled in the English classes will take part in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). An alternate date, April 24th has also been scheduled for students with specific circumstances and have communicated with the administration team directly. Teachers have been helping students prepare and information has been communicated to the students that are writing. More information can be found here: [Letter to Gr. 10 students and parents.pdf](#)

Please note: on Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28 we are running double periods for **ALL** classes.

	MON. MAR 27	TUES. MAR. 28
09:00-11:40 AM	BLOCK A Day1 P1	BLOCK B Day 1 P2
11:40-12:40 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:40-03:15 PM	BLOCK C Day 1 P3	BLOCK D Day 1 P4

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Reminding everyone that our next School Council meeting is this Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm. This meeting will be a VIRTUAL ONLY meeting. The Zoom link is: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96808166673>.

As always, our meetings are open to all parents and caregivers with children attending Harbord. We hope to see everyone online at the meeting.

BEAUTIFUL HARBORD STUDENT ARTWORK! COURTESY OF ARTS DEPT

Celebrate the spectacular collection of artworks created by our hardworking and talented Visual Arts students! Click on the link below to view the exhibit! Stay tuned for Harbord's year end art show in June!

Visual Arts Website ~ <https://harbordci.wixsite.com/visualarts>

TIGERTALK FOURTH EDITION

This year's fourth edition of *Tigertalk*, Harbord's school newspaper, is ready for you to read online! To visit Tigertalk's website, please click [here](#). To read the Flipbook version of the newspaper, please click [here](#). Enjoy it everyone...it's worth the read! Thank you Tigertalk editors and staff advisor, Ms. Williams.

PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! — for COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Please be on the lookout for more information from our School Council (parent/guardian council) regarding volunteers for our 2023 Commencement Reception that will take place on Friday, June 30 following our Commencement (graduation) Ceremony at 10am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organization of the reception in the main gym and also provide support the day of. We would like to continue the culture of having parents of the "year before the graduation" assist in these types of activities (very similar to grade 5 and the grade 7 years). More information will come from our School Council Chair, Debbie Childerhose shortly.

GRAD GOWN PACKAGE ORDERING

The school year flies after March Break and often, the end of the year creeps up upon us so quickly. For our grade 12 graduates and families, you will be receiving an email regarding the purchase of a grad gown, cap and tassel package. This is an optional purchase as our HCl grads may choose to wear or not wear a gown on Commencement Day. **This year's Commencement (graduation ceremony) will be on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 10am in our auditorium.** After the graduation ceremony, there will be light refreshments served in the main gym. More information about Commencement Day will follow as we get closer to that magical day.

The order is made through Cash Online. Link to grad gown order page: <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/163915/153/False/True>

HARBORD WOMEN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our Gender Equity and Rights club members, the many other student participants, and staff involved in planning our International Women's Day assembly this past Friday. It was such a meaningful and powerful assembly. Special thanks to our School Trustee, D Williams for attending and providing her remarks — and to our special guest, MPP Bhutia Karpoche for sharing her experiences about the challenges, rewards and importance of being a woman in politics. This impactful learning experience would not have been possible without the leadership and organization of our Assistant Curriculum Leader of English, Ms. McNeely — merci! And without a doubt, every Woman Rocks!!!

UPCOMING : March 27 - April 7

Monday, March 27 and Tuesday March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OSSLT Days - Special Schedules (see above)● School Council Meeting Mon. Mar. 27 at 6:30pm - 8pm (virtual Zoom only)
Wednesday, March 29	Late start schedule - staff meeting (classes start 9:55 am)
Thursday, March 30	Co-Op SHSM First-Aid Training
Tuesday, April 4	Euclid Math Contest
Thursday, April 6	WAAC - Black Excellence Conference at Microsoft
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Holiday - no school

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

Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!