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March 4, 2022 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone continues to be well. As we are getting back to a more typical year and routines, please note that I will be providing communication via this newsletter on a bi-weekly basis moving forward. During our early COVID-19 times, and because of the 'newness' of Remote Learning, I provided communication on a more regular basis.

So what's been happening? Lots to share, celebrate, and be proud of! ...And definitely, lots more to come — especially after March Break!

Here are some 'proud' information items and upcoming activities:

African Heritage Assembly presented by Whole of Africa and the Caribbean Club

Our amazing African Heritage Assembly took place on Thursday, February 24. Together as a school, we watched, we learned, we reflected, and we celebrated. I'm so proud of all of our students who wanted to IMPACT, and make a DIFFERENCE — especially Immaculate Adarkwa...You are FUNomenal! I wanted our parent community to hear from our students so I asked Immaculate to share some thoughts:

WACC (Whole of Africa and Caribbean Club) were thrilled to host our second virtual assembly for Black History Month. The theme of this year's 2022 assembly was "Intersectionality and Overcoming Adversity." As always, fellow students participated in a myriad of ways - and allowed our voices to be heard, and deepened the understanding for all, of what it means to be Black at Harbord C.I. We welcome the parent community to enjoy our student-created, student-driven virtual assembly. We sincerely hope that you learn something new, and continue these important conversations in your homes. The assembly featured a special alumni guest speaker, original poetry, choreographed dances, speeches, interviews, fashion show, photo montages, student voice and much more. Putting the assembly together was a labour of love and required a ton of time and commitment - but, in the end - I think you'll agree, it was well worth the efforts of all of us. I would like to personally thank all of the contributors and the groups that gladly collaborated with us. As a school community, we have looked at hard topics - and contentious subject matter - but, we have continually progressed every year; and that is something to be proud of. Tiger community: we know that you will continue to use your voice to be powerful allies and to amplify the voices that have been historically marginalized, not just during the month of February - but every day. It has been my honour and privilege to be the President of WACC this year.

Immaculate Adarkwa

Please watch, learn, reflect, and celebrate with us — check out the [link](#) here.

Volleyball Fun and Successes

All four of our volleyball teams concluded their regular seasons recently. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and Remote Learning, the teams had successful seasons — they improved their skill, they experienced the camaraderie and joy of being part of a group, and they simply had FUN. The Junior Boys Volleyball team finished the season shy of making the playoffs. Both the Junior and Senior Girls Volleyball teams are heading into playoffs next week — and the Senior Boys Volleyball team finished first in their division, won their semifinal game, and are poised to win a Regional Championship next week as well. Good luck to all the Tigers on their playoff runs!

Upcoming Athletics Teams

Please be on the lookout for announcements and times for Boys and Girls Jr. and Sr. Basketball. These teams will be starting up next week. Also, our Boys and Girls Indoor Soccer teams will be re-starting as well. The Badminton Club/team has reconvened and is happening as we speak. If you have any questions about the teams, please don't hesitate to speak with one of our wonderful Phys. Ed staff members. Go Tigers!

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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, March 11	Last day of class before March Break
March 14 - March 17	March Break
Wednesday, March 23 <i>*Late Start 10am</i>	LATE START - PLC meeting
March 21 - April 1	Grad Photos - by appointment

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

Have a FUNomenal weekend everyone.

Steve and Admin team