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## March 4, 2023 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone continues to be well as we come up upon the last week before our March Break. Harbord is certainly 'roaring' with lots to share, celebrate, and be proud of! ...And definitely, lots more to come — especially after March Break!

Here are some important upcoming information items and proud, 'brag' moments:

### SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Harbord's Semi-Formal is happening at Nest, 423 College Street this Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 6:30-11:00 p.m. It's great to see the excitement and interest from our student body — and many of our staff have their dancing shoes lined up as well! **Parents and guardians: As this is a school event, if your child is attending, please remind them of the expectations that you have of them as well as our Harbord school expectations of behaviour. Together, we all want a safe, fun-filled night of smiles and dancing.** As David Bowie so articulately stated: "Let's Dance!"

### SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10 - SCHOOL SAFETY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH TPS

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10 (Day 2) - classes start in the afternoon

Time	Friday Mar. 10 Day 2
12:35pm - 1:15pm	Announcements and Block B class
1:20pm - 1:55pm	Block A class
2:00pm - 2:35pm	Block D class
2:40pm - 3:15pm	Block C class

Classes will start for students at 12:35pm as our school staff will be engaging in the most up-to-date “School Safety” professional learning with our partners at Toronto Police Services. As school safety is always our top priority, having the most up-to-date information helps us continue our Harbord mindset of “At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”. We do an excellent job with safety at HCI...and we want to continue to be *that* school that looks after our Harbord ‘FAMILY’.

### **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 HCI 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>

### **MINISTRY e-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

Please see the information sheet (attached to the email) with Harbord CI 2023-2024 e-learning information . If you would like more information about e-learning please visit the TDSB webpage for the e-learning graduation requirement [online learning graduation requirement web page](#). The webpage includes information about opting out of the e-learning requirement [TDSB Opt Out/Withdrawl Form](#). This signed Opt Out/Withdrawl Form needs to be submitted to the Guidance Office. Please note that the due date for this form is prior to graduation however, it is encouraged that you submit this form as soon as you can.

### **RETROGRADE! OUR STUDENT CREATED PLAY**

Congratulations to our Harbord Tigers involved in our student-created play, Retrograde! Seeing our students up on stage sharing their love for performing was absolutely wonderful. As part of the National Theatre School Drama Festival, Harbord CI and Notre Dame High School proudly showed off their creativity and joy. A big thank you to Mr. Probst, Ms. Johnston, and Stage Crew for all their behind the scenes work. Also, ‘merci’ to all of our students, families, and staff who came out to support (and help out). I can certainly say: “every student and student-interest has a place in our school” and that the Arts are simply AMAZING!

### **WRESTLING CITY FINALS**

Congratulations to all of our Harbord Wrestling athletes who participated in City Finals this past week. They all had another great outing and dominated on the mat! Yousef, Karim, Jack and Lennon all did well as they displayed their heart and skills during all of their matches. Zion, Roberto and Tiffany came away with silver medals and Katherine brought home Gold which placed her as the best in the city in her weight class! All 4 of them are headed to OFSAA in Ottawa on Monday — Go Tigers Go!! Thank you to both our Coaches Duane and Eleni, and our Staff Advisors Mr. Persad, Mr. Sturgeon and Ms. Schuster. We are all very proud of the team and would like to wish the medalists all the best at the Ontario Championships.

### **HOCKEY TEAM CHAMPS**

Congratulations to the boys hockey team on clinching the title of TIER 2 City Champions. Harbord beat Western Tech this week 4-3. Special shout outs to Theo Higgins on scoring 2 goals, Christian Fernandes on filling the net, and Lucas Farinha for getting the winning goal. We are all extremely proud of our hockey players for their accomplishments this year and

even prouder of how they conducted themselves on the ice this year. Thank you to coaches Rick Resendes, Mr. Sissakis, and Mr. Kane for all their time and commitment to our students and our program.

### **OFSAA SWIMMING AT WINDSOR**

There were so many HUGE accomplishments over the 2 days at OFSAA swimming in Windsor for our Harbord swimmers. Many of them had personal bests and a few of them came away with medals! They all swam their hearts out and deserve all of our accolades. Congratulations to: Dawson, Lucy; Earley, Sienna; Fagerstroem, Ginger; Matheo-Shea, Karma; McCollum-Seigfried, Ella; Pesce, Pedro; Peterson, Mackenzie; and Slater, Zev.

Special '*double recognition*' to: double-GOLD medal winner Mackenzie Peterson for Sr. Girls 50m Freestyle and Sr. Girls 50m Butterfly; and double SILVER medal winner to Zev Slater for Jr. Boys 50m Freestyle and Jr. Boys 100m Freestyle.

Thank you to coaches Mr. Faria, Mr. Shalaby, and Ms. Fangrad for all their hard work, dedication, and support for our swimmers and our swim program.

### **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WINTER SEASON ATHLETICS TEAMS COACHES AND CLUB ADVISORS**

As we've completed another successful Winter athletics season with March Break around the corner, I just wanted to share a heartfelt thank you to all of our coaches, staff advisors, and club advisors. Without them volunteering their time and efforts, our students would not have these FUNomenal opportunities and experiences. Our school culture (which focuses on *Connections, Relationships, Belonging, Joy, and Wellbeing*) would not be what it is without our CARING staff. They are all SUPERSTARS *willing and wanting to 'go above and beyond'* — THANK YOU.

### **MODEL PARLIAMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Congratulations to our Sean Chen for his recent participation in the High School Model Parliament program at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario! This program is designed for civic-minded Ontario students in grades 10 to 12, who are interested in current events and provincial issues. This unique experience brought together students from across the province for a three-day Model Parliament Program in Toronto. Students played the role of a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and learned how parliament works through a series of workshops and presentations. We are all so proud of Sean for his leadership at school — and outside our school walls! Bravo!

### **UPCOMING : Marc 6 - March 17**

Thursday, March 9	Semi-formal dance at Nest (6:30pm - 11pm)
<b>Friday, March 10</b>	<b>Special Schedule - classes start start 12:35 pm</b>
March 13 - 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No school - March Break</li><li>● <b>Classes resume on Monday March 20</b></li></ul>

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Have a FUNomenal weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!