



# HARBORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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## May 23, 2023 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. There has been so much happening in our school with lots of field trips, school events and activities, athletic competitions, and much more. I've been definitely proud of the 'roar' that has been reverberating through the building — Harbord is DEFINITELY the best school in the T-dot!!! As I often say, "we are ONE!" With so much FUN, SPIRIT, CARE, LOVE, and LEARNING together with each other, I just want to remind everyone that the end of the school year is fast approaching with even more to celebrate and share! We have a little more than one month left in school with culminating activities and exams around the corner — so Harbord: "keep your focus and continue your best efforts!"

Here are some important items, reminders, and celebrations:

### "VOICES OF SPRING" - May 25 (7-8pm)

Please join the Harbord Music Program on Thursday May 25, 2023 from 7-8pm as our choir will be performing in the auditorium. Free admission so come on out and enjoy the 'voices of Spring!'

### UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER

Our next School Council meeting is Monday, May 29, 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. If you are unable to join us in person, we will have a virtual Zoom option. Here is the Zoom link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94500570880>  
Looking forward to seeing you all on that date!

### HARBORD'S YEAR END ART SHOW!

*Harbord's Year End Art Show!* Come celebrate the hard work and creativity of our Visual Arts students on Tuesday May 30th from 6-8pm in the HCI Cafeteria. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for this free event! The show will exhibit acrylic paintings, abstracts in oil pastel, clay sculptures and pencil crayon compositions! Please fill out this [Google Form to RSVP!](#) We hope to see you there!

### PANTRY PROGRAM - THANK YOU STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AND MS. MUMMERY

Our Pantry Program has continued to be very successful this year! Each week on Thursdays, students have been coming by room 207 to pick up free non-perishable food items, such as tuna, soup, cereal, apple sauce, granola bars, and pasta for their families. A huge thank you to our student volunteers and Ms. Mummery for always "caring for each other!"

## **PROM INFORMATION**

This year's Prom will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Liberty Grand, Renaissance Ballroom (25 British Columbia Rd. Exhibition Place). We are so excited to be celebrating with our graduating class of 2023. The Prom committee and its advisors have been working hard to ensure that Prom 2023 will be an extra special event and one that we want you to remember.

We have every confidence that you (Grads and guests) will celebrate this incredible milestone in a responsible manner and that the event will be a memorable one for you — for the most positive reasons.

Parents and students: Given that Prom is such an important occasion and that many of you have invested a great deal of time and money to prepare for the evening, we want it to be a memorable experience for all. We remind you that this is a TDSB school event and we expect that you and your guest (if applicable) will follow our TDSB school Code of Conduct. It is expected that you are not in possession or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you or your guest are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be denied entry to the Prom and will face consequences which may include suspensions. This message has been communicated to our graduating class previously but I feel that it is important to send out a reminder. Looking forward to a wonderful evening where we get to celebrate each other, share in our collective accomplishment, and be the FUNomenal Harbord Tigers that we are.

## **PROUD AND CELEBRATORY MOMENTS — AND SOME MORE HARBORD 'HUMBLE-BRAG'!**

Recently, we've had a number of field trips, events, and activities that have made me 'pinch myself' and share with the world how proud I am that I work with such wonderful students and staff — I am truly fortunate to be the Principal of such a FUNomenal school, Harbord CI! Excursions and events provide our students with tangible, experiential learning that is authentic and meaningful. Field trips like "Let's Talk Cancer Symposium" at U of T (HCI Science Dept.), Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (HCI English Dept.), "The Riot at Christie Pits" (HCI Social & Global Studies and French Dept.), Windsor African Diaspora Youth Conference 2023 (HCI WAAC), and both the Fidelity & Ted Rogers Business School and the Royal Bank Plaza/Financial District Guided Tour (HCI Business Dept.) bring real world learning, impact, and experiences for our students. Events like the Secret Path: Downie & Wenjack Fund Presentation (various teachers), HCI Pride Week: Coming Out Stories (Mr. Erickson), Anti-Bullying Ribbon Tying (Caring & Safe Schools Committee), and Francofolies Festival (French Dept.) really show how INCLUSIVE and CARING Harbord truly is. Harbord is DEFINITELY the best school in the T-dot!!!

## **2023 VALEDICTORIAN, BRIGHT PENNY, AND OPTIMIX AWARD RECIPIENTS**

As we approach the end of this school year, we announced to the student body last week the recipients of a few major awards for the graduating class. Here are the awards and winners:

**Bright Penny Awards** - Awarded to students for achievement & participation in extracurricular activities. These award recipients are often the bright light at Harbord and spread joy (hence, a bright penny) throughout the school. Staff nominate the students, and grads vote on the semi-finalists. Congratulations to Evangeline Gagnon and Sarah Kitchen!

**Optimix Awards** - Awarded to two students for general excellence in leadership, moral influence and scholarship. Staff nominate students, and vote on the semi-finalists. Congratulations to Godsend Hao and Jade Morrison!

**Valedictorian** - A student who has contributed significantly to the high school experience chosen by their peers to deliver the valedictory at our graduation ceremony. Congratulations to Matthieu Desroches!

**UPCOMING : May 23 - June 2**

Wednesday, May 24	Late Start schedule - OSSTF staff survey meeting (classes start 9:55am)
Thursday, May 25	Voices of Spring Choir performance - auditorium (7-8pm)
Friday, May 26	Colour Run - shortened day (classes finish at 2:15pm for activities on field)
Monday, May 29	School Council Meeting (6:30 - 8pm; in-person library or virtual option)
Tuesday, May 30	Year End Art Show (6 - 8pm cafeteria)
Wednesday, May 31	Late Start schedule - staff meeting (classes start 9:55am)

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

Have a FUNomenal week all!

Steve and Admin Team!