

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Students: I hope everyone is fully engaged in their Quad 4 classes. Although we are all learning remotely, I know we **CARE** for each other --- regardless of whether we are together physically in the building or whether we are together virtually in classes, always remains **paramount**. Please continue to engage, ask questions, share, and connect with your teachers. Teaching and Learning will always be a two-way street! Being connected and feeling connections are so important during pandemic learning so let's all keep that in mind. Please reach out to your Harbord family any time --- email your teachers, your guidance counsellors, support staff, and administrators. We are all here to help --- and not just with school-life. We're here to help YOU.

This week's update is a short one --- but an important one:

1. A good news story to share . . . Sophia Rottman - Grade 11 student and Harbord Tigertalk editor - has won the Secondary Youth Award as part of Amnesty International's 2020 - 2021 Media Awards for her Tigertalk piece "[The Crossroad of Sports and Politics: Boycotting the Beijing 2022 Olympics](#)". Here's the press release: <https://www.amnesty.ca/news/amnesty-international-announces-winners-2020-2021-media-awards-canada>. It's so impressive to see her name celebrated alongside established journalists from The Globe and Mail, TVO, Toronto Star and CBC!
2. We've started our Co-Op program this Quadmester 4 and it's been amazing for our students and employers. Yes...being creative and doing things differently, we have been able to find virtual Co-Op placements for our students during the pandemic. Thanks to our Co-Op department and Ms. Goodfellow and Ms. Montarras for all their hard work in planning, organizing, and securing placements for our students. So far we have had nothing but great feedback from employers (it has only been a week that most students have been in their placements) and some of the employers have mentioned of the possibility of paid summer job opportunities --- who knows, maybe through hard work and continuing to be the FUNomenal people that our students are, these learning opportunities can turn into employment! Keep up the hard work Tigers. One of the employers specifically said : "She so far has been one of the best students I have had!"

Lastly --- as always, please continue to practice the health and safety protocols and follow the most up-to-date Toronto Public Health directives. Also, as I've mentioned earlier about 'teaching and learning being a two-way street', please make sure you go out for walks on your street and in your neighbourhood. Getting fresh air, getting vitamin D, and sunshine is so important for your health and well-being. Recently, I went for a walk in my neighbourhood and came across a great reminder on Gerrard Street (see attached photo) --- **"YOU ARE LOVED"**. [you are loved.jpg](#) **Remember this and remember to let all the MOMS know in the world this weekend: We LOVE YOU MOM! Happy Mother's Day!!!!**

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

Thank you and stay safe and well everyone! Happy Mother's Day.

Steve