

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

YES...Here we go again — we've made it through our first week back of "Remote Learning 3.0 or 4.0!" (I've lost track) And yes, we've done this before...we've stumbled a bit...we've learned...we've improved...and we all made it through TOGETHER. All of us are now better at adapting and adjusting — these skills are so important as we grow and face new challenges. From what I've heard from parents, students, and teaching staff, it's been a fairly smooth transition to remote learning. I know this is because of the incredible students and staff that we have in our Harbord family. Harbord: **YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY FUNOMENAL!** Thank you students and staff (teachers and support staff) for continuously doing your BEST during these challenging times. Although these aren't the learning moments that we all were hoping for this year, staying positive and upbeat are what will help us get through this 4.0 version of Remote Learning! Spreading positivity and sharing LOVE and APPRECIATION is what we will do at Harbord! This is who we are. And, this is also great for our collective mental health and wellbeing...so let's goooooo! WE GOT THIS.

Here are some important updates:

Secondary Switch Form Update

Following up on the email sent to parents/caregivers and students on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 by the TDSB, this is to remind everyone that the [Secondary Switch Form](#) for Semester 2 is re-opened between **Wednesday, January 5 and Friday, January 7**. This re-opening of the form is responsive to the changing needs of our students and their families due to the increasing case counts of COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding the Omicron variant. **The switch request will be for the entire duration of Semester 2.** Again, the **form closes tonight at 11:59pm Friday, January 7.**

What to Do:

1. Log-in to the [Secondary Switch Form](#) to see the method of instruction (Virtual or In-Person) selected for Semester 2.
2. If satisfied with the method of instruction (Virtual or In-Person) for Semester 2, do **NOT** complete the Secondary Switch Form.
3. If a student would like to change method of instruction (Virtual or In-Person) for Semester 2, please complete the Secondary Switch Form by Friday, January 7.

Upcoming School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be this **Monday, January 10, 2022**. As always, our meetings are open to all parents and caregivers with children attending Harbord. Please see the attached minutes from our last school council meeting. The meeting is from **5:30pm – 7:00pm** so come out and join us remotely from the comforts of your home. The School Council Zoom meeting link is: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96865562502>

Photo Retakes and Graduation Photos

These dates will be rescheduled and communicated to you next week.

Lastly, as always — and especially during Remote Learning, please connect with us if you have questions or need assistance. Besides our teachers, Guidance counsellors and Support Services Staff, you can reach out to admin at:

Vice-Principal tamara.massey@tdsb.on.ca (A-L surname)

Vice-Principal Leigh.Thornton@tdsb.on.ca (M-Z surname)

Principal Steve.yee@tdsb.on.ca

You can also reach the school by calling our school phone number at 416-393-1650 (leave a message) or our general school email Harbord@tdsb.on.ca. Both of these communication tools will be checked daily during Remote Learning.

“At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”

Have a wonderful weekend everyone...and I'm so happy and honoured to be working with such a FUNomenal family at Harbord --- thanks everyone!

Steve