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Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Hope everyone is well and keeping safe. As we head into the April Break, I wanted to highlight some noteworthy items. There are a couple of operational items but the majority of my communication is really about sharing with you --- or bragging about the wonderful work that your children have been doing. A huge THANK YOU also needs to be said to our Harbord faculty (teaching staff, support staff, office staff, and caretaking staff). Without them, our students would not be able to do what they do. We SO NEED positive energy and joy during these times --- and there's no better joy than seeing our students be FUNomenal people. Please pay close attention to the 'FUNomenal Times at Harbord' section:

Be prepared --- ready for 'anything' post April Break:

With the rising cases of COVID-19 and the Government's new Stay-at-Home order, there always remains a possibility of an extension to our remote learning period. Although our government has stated that we will be back to 'in-person learning' after the April Break, one thing that we've learned from this year is that things can change any time. So just be prepared for 'all-types-of-learning' --- remote learning or in-person learning! It is important to note that any decision on the closure of a school or the system is made based on the advice of public health officials or the provincial government and is not made by the TDSB. Being prepared and ready (if needed) helps support our students' learning and well-being. Please continue to follow the situation by accessing the TDSB website and following any communication made by the TDSB over the April Break. You can also follow the school's Twitter account @harbordci for information. Most importantly, have your child access their Google Classroom for teacher instructions and information towards the end of the April Break.

Credit Rescue Days:

The last day of instruction for most classes in Quadmester 3 is Tuesday, April 20. If there are any students who are in need of completing any work/project/assignment to pass their course and earn their credit, these students will have that opportunity on our Credit Rescue Days on:

- Wednesday, April 21 from 12:30pm to 1:45pm (depending on the course/teacher, there may be classes in the morning) - Course 1 is 12:30pm to 1:45pm and Course 2 is 2:00pm to 3:15pm.
- Thursday, April 22 from 8:45am to 12:30pm – Course 1 is 8:45am to 10:30am and Course 2 is 10:45am to 12:30pm.

Again, this work will be done virtually at home with their teachers. Keep up the hard work Tigers!

Please note: Quadmester 4 begins on Friday, April 23, 2021 (Day 1).

FUNomenal Times at Harbord:

During these extremely challenging times with COVID-19 positive results popping up everywhere across our city, I want to bring another type of 'positive' to your day...please see the FUNomenal activities that have happened at Harbord over the last few weeks. One can't help but smile and be proud of our FUNomenal students...we are an incredible Harbord Family!

Pink Day Assembly Video:

Because TDSB Pink Day will be happening over the April Break, we decided to celebrate it earlier. We had plans to premiere it with in-person classes Wednesday and Thursday this week - --- and then the TPH in-person school closure was made. But that didn't stop us...we continued with our plans, forged ahead, and showed the video with our remote learners Wednesday and Thursday. Please watch it and see how amazing our Harbord student leaders are. I am sooooo proud of the fact that this video was created by many of our student groups ---- it shows how we are 'ONE' and how we look after each other! Thanks to our students from: Bent on Change, M.S.A., H.A.C, S.A.C., Jewish Culture Club, and G.E.A.R.. And, merci beaucoup to Mr. Smith for all of his video and editing expertise, and mentorship. The link for Harbord's Pink Day Assembly is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRaxsVzf0VM>. It is 25 minutes in length.

SAC Virtual Activity Day:

Our SAC Virtual Activity Day happened on March 24, 2021. We had activities planned by our Student Activity Council and students from all grades signed up at 2:30pm for some virtual fun together! Some of the activities included: Among Us, Baking, 8-Ball, Workout, Painting Class, Yoga, Jeopardy, and Beat-Making. Although it's been a 'different' year, our students (including our SAC members) have worked hard to provide some extra-curricular activities for our students. Student wellbeing, engagement, and simply --- FUN is so important to our school. I want to congratulate our students for participating and recognize all of those important people who helped out. It was truly a great event! A special thanks goes out to our Student Activity Council (SAC) and President Caitlin Fuller. Additionally, thank you to our amazing Staff Activity Leaders: Ms. Burrows, Ms. Goodfellow, Ms. Mantchenko, Ms. McNeely, Ms. Montarras, Ms. Schuster, Mr. Sturgeon, Ms. Williams, and of course, Mr. Persad.

Here is SAC's Virtual Activity Day slideshow with pictures and music (made by our students and remixed by DJ VDP). All put together by our Prez Caitlin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDO-rGEY0H4>

French and International Languages Department - Mind Breaks for La semaine de la francophonie and Latin America History Month:

Recently, the French and International Languages Department celebrated La semaine internationale de la francophonie with an online "Mind Break" featuring famous French – speakers from across Canada. Tres bien! And we did it virtually following all health and safety protocols...who says amazing experiences and learning can't be done during a pandemic?!

Business Department Happenings:

One of our Harbord students was selected to moderate a women in technology discussion panel – “Opening The Doors to Women and Technology”. Crystal Chen yesterday, did an incredible job - asking questions and facilitating discussion with a panel of women in technology (see flyer attached). The Link to this interesting talk will be posted on our Harbord business Club Google Classroom when available. Other Business news: Harbord is working with Tata Consulting Services in the GoIT Initiative context. This opportunity allows our Harbord students to learn about, and apply the use of Design Thinking. In fact, Ms Schuster's grade 10 Business class is learning to use Design Thinking to solve real life problems! Lastly, the Harbord Business Club is launching its certification Program today. Please see the attached presentation for the benefits of certifications. There is more information in the Harbord Business Club Google Classroom --- so have a look! There is step by step instructions. Information is also available on the Instagram page @HCIBusinessClub.

Music Learning and Joy:

Despite the challenges faced by our music program during the pandemic, our music students and teacher, Mr. Kane, have continued to share the joy and love of music. They have shown their creativity in finding ways to learn and enjoy music this Quadmester. Music is so important to our lives and soooo good for our soul. Check out this video link to one of our students learning how to use a computer application to compose music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6CY4eV5pZ4>. Also, please listen to the attachment and hear one of our students share how she “loves transferring what’s in her head for others to hear”. Such joy and love!

Jewish Culture Club...sharing with OTHERS:

Our Jewish Culture Club has not missed a beat and has continued to share learning, experiences, and fun with many students at Harbord. Recently, the JCC has created a Holocaust Remembrance Day piece. Have a look at the attachment titled “YomHaShoah”. Also, led by Shai Rotbard-Seelig, the JCC met with Samir Abdella and the Muslim Students Association for it’s first ever collaboration this week! The students learned about each other’s culture and did some trivia about the Jewish holiday of Passover and the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. Thanks to Mr. Witt nudging our students along and supporting the MSA. See photo evidence of the fun by clicking on this link. [Jewish Culture Club.pdf](#)

I hope all of the ‘FUNomenal Times at Harbord’ brings some ‘positivity’ to your day ---- it certainly brought positivity to mine...despite the CRAZINESS!!!

And lastly: **“Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”**

Have a healthy and safe April Break everyone!!! Stay safe and well.

Steve