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Hello Harbord parents/guardians,

Congratulations students, staff, and parents for your collective efforts in helping us all get through our first ever 'Harbord-Pandemic' Quadmester of learning! I'm so proud of how we all worked together to provide learning for our students in ways that, quite honestly, we have never imagined before...hybrid models, cohort-learning, virtual learning, and simultaneous learning --- just to name a few. We did this with the overarching priority of keeping everyone safe and well by practicing health safety procedures and adhering to Public Health directives including self-isolations and quarantining. Well done Tigers ---- so proud and honoured to be your Principal and a part of the Harbord family. It certainly is a family where we support each other, take care of each other, and strive to be the best that we can be. Teaching staff: "you are ALL-STARS!" As we start the new Quadmester on Monday, November 23, I hope that everyone fully appreciates and understands that in order for all of us to continue to do what we do, we all need to embrace that 2020-2021 is about flexibility, working together, adjusting, learning together, supporting each other, and being able to accept some level of uncertainty and the unknown. What is absolutely known and certain though is that, at Harbord --- we are all humans (staff and students) who CARE, are always willing to try, --- and always looking to be better! Let's have a FUNomenal Quad 2 everyone!

Some important information for next week:

- Parents and students should have received an email with the Quad 2 timetable. A secure password must be entered to retrieve the timetable. The password is the birthdate of your child. The format must be MM/DD/YYYY including the forward slashes (example – 05/03/2004 for birthdate May 3, 2004). Additionally, Quad 2 timetables can be accessed through the TDSB Connects App and selecting **November 23, 2020** from the Timetable feature. As there may have been some timetable changes made between when these timetables were emailed to you and now, please check your most updated timetable using the TDSB Connects App this weekend to make sure you have the correct copy.
- Quad 1 Final Report Cards will be distributed to students and parents/guardians/caregivers via email the week of November 30th.
- As we are starting new classes and have new room locations, here are the door locations that students should be entering: (Remember: we highly recommend that students arrive at 8:30am to start the screening verification as classes start at 8:45am)
 - Northeast and Southwest entrance – classes on the 3rd floor
 - Northwest entrance – classes on the 2nd floor
 - Southeast entrance – classes in the basement or on the 1st floor

Important Quadmester 2 Learning information:

Here are some reminders for all students regarding our virtual learning component and our learning 'at home' component:

- Please review the attached TDSB Online Code of Conduct.

- Please note the section that states “Users of the TDSB On-Line systems will not knowingly access, upload, download, **store, display, distribute or publish any information** that violates or infringes the rights of any other person according to the Toronto District School Board policies, Ministry of Education policies, the Ontario Human Rights Code, or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms”.
- Please be reminded that when using the chat function during the virtual learning component of your courses, the content and language needs to be appropriate for school and adheres to our school expectations of student behaviour. Some students are forgetting that these chats are used for learning purposes and that they are in an educational environment (not a ‘social media platform’ environment).
- The Asynchronous Learning time is assigned curricular work that is to be completed at home independently (not needing direct teacher instruction). This time is not necessarily ‘just homework’. Homework (which is a consolidation of learning) can be a component of this time; however, this work that is posted/assigned is intended to further the learning in the course. As this work and time is integral to the learning and success of a student, the ‘asynchronous period’ attendance (engagement in the learning) will now be recorded. Students will be provided with information and instructions by their teachers as to how they acknowledge the learning posted during the ‘asynchronous learning period’.
- For our students who have requested virtual learning for quad 2, instructions will be provided by your teacher via email as to how to log on to your virtual learning courses (ie. Meeting codes/links). The virtual learning classes will either be complete virtual learning classes/cohorts or ‘simultaneous learning’ classes/cohorts. Your teacher will provide you with information as to how the instruction of that class will be delivered. The majority of the virtual learning classes will be ‘simultaneous learning’ classes. The time structure of the classes will remain the same for all Harbord students. All period 1 morning classes (including classes for virtual learning) start at 8:45am and finish at 12:30pm, and all period 2 synchronous virtual learning classes start at 2pm and finish at 3:15pm.

As I love to connect with our students and share our school expectations for Quad 2 learning, I have recorded a ‘Harbord CI 2020 Quad 2 Principal’s Message’ (see link below). Students will be watching this video in class on both Monday and Tuesday morning with their teachers. They will also be reviewing the Quad 2 HCI Virtual Learning Expectations (also attached). Our expectation is that your son or daughter - -- after reviewing the class virtual learning expectations with their teacher, will speak with you and share his/her commitment to being an active, engaged learner during our virtual classes. Thank you for being an amazing partner in your child’s learning at Harbord!

Principal’s Quad 2 video message:

<https://youtu.be/Og1VZiMBGRY>

Lastly, with only 2 classes in a quadmester, grade 9 students don’t get to see the whole school and learn where different parts of their “school-home” are. To help our newest family members get more familiar and ‘acclimatized to their new home’, our wonderful Student Council members have created a ‘grade 9 virtual tour’ of the school. Have a look and discover the different parts of our school... enjoy! ---- thank you Student Council!!!! Click link here: <https://youtu.be/csVufrMsX8w>

Please continue to practice the health and safety protocols this weekend and adhere to the Public Health directives of limiting your contacts to your household members ---- “Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”

Have a great weekend everyone. Looking forward to Quad 2 next week!

Steve