

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Information Items:

- **Registration Dates** for Grade 11 and 12 e-Learning courses for 2020-2021 are currently on hold and are being reviewed to ensure they align with the TDSB back-to-school strategy that is being developed. We will update you with the revised registration dates once they have been determined.
- **Regarding Grade 12 Graduating Students:** The Ministry of Education has indicated diplomas and certificates will not be distributed during school closure due to COVID19. Students' graduation dates **will not** be impacted. Diplomas and certificates will be distributed once schools re-open. Additional information will be shared with families as it becomes available from the Ministry of Education.
- **Hearts & Minds**, which is being shared by the TDSB's Psychological Services Department, is full of information, tips, and ideas meant to make parenting a little bit easier, for you and your children. Please take a moment to read through the attached newsletter.

As you heard this week, a decision has been made regarding the status of schools and school closures beyond May 31. Schools will not reopen in June. I am sure you have many questions regarding accessing the school to allow students to collect their personal belongings and to return school-owned materials such as textbooks, musical instruments, team uniforms, etc. As the announcement was only recently made, we are awaiting directives from the TDSB regarding access. As soon as we have more information, we will share it with you and the students. The safety of our students and staff are front of mind to ensure all Public Health Guidelines are followed.

Also, this week, an announcement was made regarding access to school properties, tennis courts, playing fields, etc. If you live close to Harbord, you may want to access the tennis courts or playing field for recreational use as long as social/physical distancing guidelines are adhered to.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please continue to reach out to teachers as needed. We recognize how difficult it is at times for students and families to continue to have the same level of stamina required in our current on-line learning environment. If this was a marathon, one might say we are hitting mile 22 – commonly known as the wall – it is tough going and we will continue to do everything we can to support both our students and their families. We are Tiger Strong and in my direct messaging to students I continue to remind them of their resiliency and the important life skills they are acquiring as they navigate learning during a pandemic. We are very proud of them and we recognize that each student's individual journey will look and feel different.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Harbord Community. We really appreciate the responses we receive from many families after the bulletin is sent. Your words of encouragement and care mean the world to the staff at HCI.

Take care and stay safe.

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