

Hello parents/guardians and students:

Another fantastic week everyone! Keep up the hard work and continue to stay focused as we start the last month of school. Weather is certainly warm, sunny, and beautiful but remember, we can go outside after our virtual classes. Again, we've had a lot of positive news this week from our Provincial Government and our Public Health officials. The COVID numbers are steadily decreasing as our vaccination numbers are steadily increasing. Great job everyone --- continue to be smart, mindful, careful, and respectful of each other. Let's be SAFE together. Let's continue to look after each other.

A few updates and lots to celebrate:

Recent In-person and Graduation announcement from Government

As you likely know, the Government of Ontario announced this week that students will not be returning to in-person learning for the remainder of this school year. You should have received an email communication from the TDSB (also posted on the website and shared via social media) regarding the government's announcement. In that announcement, the government also shared their recommendation around outdoor graduations. At this point in time, we do not know what may be possible with regard to offering "short, outdoor graduation celebrations". We have just learned this information (as you did on Wednesday) and are awaiting further information from the province on parameters for outdoor gatherings, along with guidance from Toronto Public Health, prior to making any decision on these events. We have been working hard to organize and put together our virtual Commencement for some time now and we will continue to do so. I hope to provide another update as soon as more information is available (and we receive direction). With regards to our Commencement video --- and for our families with students in a graduating position, please make sure that you have completed the online form: '**Virtual Graduation Ceremony- Parental/Guardian Consent**'. This was sent to you (families of graduates) previously.

Student Timetables for 2021-22

Scheduling is an ongoing process that will continue up to and including August 2021. While "TDSB Connects" and "MyBlueprint" may have a timetable cached in their system, student timetables for 21-22 are not final until 'printed' (i.e. released) by VP Massey, which typically occurs after Labour Day 2021.

Let's Celebrate!

Harbord CI Annual Awards for 2019-2020 school year

So important to celebrate and recognize the many achievements of our Harbord students. During a more typical year, we would recognize, honour, and celebrate our students through assemblies, breakfast celebrations, and other gatherings. As we are unable to 'physically' do so this year, recognizing the academic achievements of students during their 2019-2020 school year will be done virtually through this video presentation. See this link here: [Harbord CI Annual Awards for 2019-2020 school year](#) This video will also be on our website. Congratulations 'current grade 10 – grade 12 students' for your academic achievements in your 2019-2020 school year! Thank you to Mr. Smith (as usual) for all your tech assistance and expertise in putting this presentation together.

University Women's Club Scholarship winner: Mouna Aden

Congratulations to our Mouna Aden! We are proud to share that she has been selected to receive the University Women's Club Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year. The competition was intense but Mouna's academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and

her determination definitely shone through!!! In non-Covid years, UWC would hold a reception for Mouna and her family at the Faculty Club and celebrate her achievement with other students from various schools. I know our Harbord family is proud of her and joins me in saying “we are sooo proud of you and you are such a deserving student. Simply put...you are FUNonmenal!”

From the Business department...

On Saturday May 15th, 4 members of the Harbord Business Club Executive team became the first Harbord students to obtain a Certiport Digital Certification. They all passed 1 of the IC3 Digital Literacy certification exams, a certification recognized globally.

(<https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Certifications/IC3/Digital-Literacy-Certification/Overview>) **The students are Lie Von Kok, Lily Meng, Jennifer Chow and Melissa Chow!**

Please congratulate them as they have spent many hours setting up the certification program at Harbord, creating materials and testing the programs. Lie Von has ran a class on it and since then, another 17 certification exams have taken place, and the following students were first to certify in some of the categories:

First Excel: Yu Xuan Chen

First Word: Melissa Chow

First Powerpoint: Melissa Chow

First full Digital Literacy (3 levels): Lie Von Kok

We had our first Grade 10 student already obtain 2 certifications as well: David Meng; and our Grade 9s are already practicing and getting ready to take this over. There are a few more dates but spaces are filling fast. Certifications are open to all students through the Business Club. Business classes (and ICS and Comtech) will soon make the certification a part of the curriculum at Harbord. This quad, both Grade 11 Accounting and Marketing classes will have the opportunity to try out a Microsoft certification in Excel, Word or Powerpoint. Exciting things happening at Harbord!!!!

Vaccination Clinic at Harbord next week...

Lastly --- as always, please continue to practice the health and safety protocols and follow the most up-to-date Toronto Public Health directives.

“Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!”

Stay safe and well everyone. Have a FUNomenal weekend!

Steve