

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone is continuing to be well and healthy. Weather is changing and dressing for the cooler temperatures is extremely important as we will continue to take our fresh-air, well-being breaks outside! I know our students and staff enjoy taking that break and getting outside for some physical movement and mental re-focus. Also, as we will keep the outside air flow circulating in classes by keeping some windows open, having that extra layer is a great idea! Keep up the hard work Tigers...we are getting there...and we are getting there **TOGETHER!**

A lot is happening around the corner so here are some important updates:

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

This year, the OSSLT will be written in grade 10 and 11 English classes. **Graduating students DO NOT have to write the test.** Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. For more information, please see the link below.

[EQAO ASSESSMENT LETTER \(2\).pdf](#)

Extra Curricular Activities

As mentioned a few weeks back, TDSB schools may move forward with extracurricular activities and yes... Harbord staff have been working hard to facilitate the gradual reintroduction of extracurricular activities (clubs, councils, and school sports). Announcements are made each day sharing information about clubs, councils, and school sports. Students should pay particular attention to the morning announcements for extracurricular information or access the link below for information on the many extracurricular opportunities we are offering...

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qJsYYwbax8I3JN6DI9jc8dwFq6HESnlq-LmHcyu0_yA/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you to all the staff who have volunteered their time to provide 'Funomenal' learning outside of the classroom walls!

Harbord 101: An "inside peak" at our "school-home" for grade 9 parents

We are planning to share general information about our school for our new grade 9 parents on Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 5:30pm - 6:30pm. It will be a virtual event where our Administration, Guidance team, Spec. Ed ACL, and ACL of Student Life: Engagement, Leadership, Athletics will share information and help answer any questions our grade 9 parents may have. Looking forward to seeing our 'new' grade 9 families --- We'll provide the Zoom link next week!

Credit Rescue

The TDSB will have two Credit Rescue dates and for Harbord, it will be on: Wednesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 10. More information will be provided about the altered school schedule. Please note that all students must attend in-person or virtually for attendance to be taken on these days and

that your child's individual teachers will communicate with students/parents/caregivers who should access the credit rescue opportunities as well as the expectations for students who do not require credit rescue support at this time. Teachers will provide specific attendance instructions for students on those dates.

Parent and Guardian/Teacher Interviews

Parent and Guardian/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. These interviews will be conducted virtually. More details will follow next week.

Photo Day

- **GRADES 9-12 PHOTO DAY:** Monday, November 15, 2021
 - Students will be called down by class for photos: more specific times will be sent home closer to the date.
 - Students who are learning virtually will be invited to participate in school photos. The specific time will be sent home closer to the date.
 - A minimum of 6 feet will be maintained between individuals
 - Students will keep their masks on until the actual photo shoot
- **GRAD PHOTO DAY:** Thursday, January 13 -- Friday, January 21 (25-30 grads per day)

Report Cards

Midterm Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 19, 2021.

As always, please continue to practice the health and safety protocols and follow the most up-to-date Toronto Public Health directives. Have a FUNomenal weekend!

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

Steve