



# HARBORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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## April 7, 2023 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone is enjoying this holiday weekend. Spring is definitely in the air — and I know we are all looking forward to spending more time enjoying the warmer temperatures outdoors with our family and friends. Take the time this long weekend to do just that! Family, Friends, and “ME-TIME” are simply FUNOMENAL!!!

Here are some important upcoming information items:

### UPCOMING CREDIT RESCUE DAY - WEDNESDAY APRIL 12 - Day 1

#### SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR Wednesday, April 12 (Credit Rescue Day - note: DAY 1)

Time	Wednesday, April 12
<b>9:05am - 10:20am</b> (75 mins)	Block A (Day 1, Per 1)
<b>10:25 - 11:40am</b> (75 mins)	Block B (Day 1, Per 2)
<b>11:40am - 12:40pm</b> (60 mins)	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:40pm - 1:55pm</b> (75 mins)	Block C (Day 1, Per 3)
<b>2:00pm - 3:15pm</b> (75 mins)	Block D (Day 1, Per 4)

As a reminder, Credit Rescue is an early intervention initiative to support student achievement. The goal of Credit Rescue Days at mid-semester is to enable students and educators to work together to engage in credit rescue activities and plan for continued support throughout the semester. **Teachers have identified and communicated with students who need credit rescue opportunities and they have been invited to attend on the Credit Rescue Day.** Expectations for students who do not require credit rescue support have been shared by individual teachers including their attendance acknowledgement requirements and responsibilities for that day.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN TEACHER INTERVIEWS - APRIL 27, 2023**

Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews are coming up and information regarding booking time slots has been sent separately via an email. Please refer to that separate email for specific details

*Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview Date: April 27, 2023*

*Times:*

*1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (In- Person) - Main Gym*

*6:00 PM - 8:00 pm (Virtual)*

### **GRAD GOWN PACKAGE ORDERING**

**This year's Commencement (graduation ceremony) will be on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10am in our auditorium.** After the graduation ceremony, there will be light refreshments served in the main gym. More information about Commencement Day will follow as we get closer to that magical day.

For our grade 12 graduates and families, you will be receiving an email regarding the purchase of a grad gown, cap and tassel package. This is an optional purchase as our HCl grads may choose to wear or not wear a gown on Commencement Day. The order is made through Cash Online. Link to grad gown order page:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/163915/153/False/True>

The last date to place an order is on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, to allow sufficient time for the vendor to fill the orders. Late orders will not be accepted. If a cash payment is needed, please contact Albert in the Guidance Office, by telephone or email (albert.fung@tdsb.on.ca), a receipt will be issued.

### **PROM**

Our Commencement and Prom committees have been working hard planning these important, memorable events. We are happy to share that our Prom this year will be at Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex on the CNE grounds. The date is Wednesday June 7, 2023. Grade 12 Grads: get your dancing shoes ready because I know there are a few staff members all ready to celebrate with you! More information will be coming shortly.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! — for COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION**

Please be on the lookout for more information from our School Council (parent/guardian council) regarding volunteers for our 2023 Commencement Reception that will take place on Friday, June 30 following our Commencement (graduation) Ceremony at 10am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organization of the reception in the main gym and also provide support the day of. We would like to continue the culture of having parents of the "year before the graduation" assist in these types of activities (very similar to grade 5 and the grade 7 years). More information will come from our School Council Chair, Debbie Childerhose shortly.

### **SUPER EXCITED AND WISHING YOU LUCK!**

Congratulations to our Harbord students who have qualified for the Regional Intuit Social innovation Challenge! This semester, more Harbord students competed, and the following teams made it to the Regionals, with a project :

[Intuit's 2023 Spring Social Innovation Challenge](#)

This spring, students will be asked to develop a solution to the following prompt:

**How might we help your school be more sustainable?**

Intuit's Social Innovation Challenge engages students from school districts and educational organizations across North

America to leverage design thinking as they develop innovative solutions to solve a problem prompt. Students compete in teams to win prizes from swag to scholarships.

[See here the videos and Mural of the qualifying teams, including the 2 Harbord teams that qualified.](#)

**Grade 9 Eco-Life: Isabel Berena-Mojica and Enze Chen**

**Grade 11 Waste Wiz: Lara Soares, Rowan Driver, Rebecca Li, Lily Stewart-Ward and Jania Marshall (in Ms Mummery's Marketing class)**

So PROUD!!! Congratulations!!!

### **HARBORD'S BLACK EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE AT MICROSOFT**

Our Whole of Africa and Caribbean Club (WACC) students had an incredible day of learning at our Black Excellence Conference at Microsoft this past Thursday. The students were provided with a tour of Microsoft, had career chats with employees ("BAM" - Blacks at Microsoft), learned from an Artificial Intelligence presentation by Microsoft's worldwide AI Director Wemba Opota, and listened to the keynote by STEM educator and author Curtis Carmichael. It was certainly a day of learning and experiencing 'what is possible'. Thanks to Ms. Gemsy Joseph for her leadership and organization of the conference. Check out some Twitter photos of the conference here:

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<https://twitter.com/harbordci/status/1644447861671620609?cxt=HHwWgsCz6cKnoNItAAAA>

### **UPCOMING : April 10 - April 21**

Monday, April 10	Easter Monday Holiday (no school)
Wednesday, April 12	Credit Rescue Day - see information above
Monday, April 17	TDSB Student Census 2023
Tuesday, April 18	Semester 2 term 1 ends
Wednesday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Semester 2 term 2 begins</li><li>● Late start schedule - PLC meeting (classes start 9:55 am)</li></ul>

At "Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"

Have a FUNomenal long weekend all!

Steve and Admin Team!