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September 1, 2023 Newsletter

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

Hope everyone has had a FUNOMENAL summer break. Our admin team is sooo excited to start the school year and see the smiling faces – both on the students...and staff!

Just wanted to send out some information before the start of the school year on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Student timetables were made available at noon today (Friday, September 5, 2023) on the TDSB Connects App. Please visit your 'App Store' to download The TDSB Connects App or update the app if needed ([Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store.](#)) On the Timetable section, selecting a school day will provide students with their timetable for that day. Because the first day of school is a 'special schedule' with only one period, students will only see their first period class and teacher. To access the full student timetable, click on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

We have heard from many students and families that they have been experiencing issues with their student passwords, here is some information about student passwords.... (we are also aware that this is happening at other schools)

RETURNING STUDENTS:

- student passwords remain active and do not expire
- students may reset their own passwords ([infographic](#) and [demo video](#))
- If students require further assistance, Mike in our Main Office can reset a student's password

NEW STUDENTS:

- Students new to TDSB will have their password set to their Shared Secret Password

- last 4 digits of the student number, followed by 2 digits for your DAY of birth, and 2 digits for your MONTH of birth, followed by "@Tdsb" (case sensitive, 13 characters in total).

The infographic is titled "Student Shared Secret Password" and is divided into two columns: "You" and "Your Shared Secret Password".

You: Shows a student profile for "MAPLE GROVE HIGH NAME: SMART, ALEC" with "STUDENT #: 333123456" and "BIRTHDAY: 03-16-2001".

Your Shared Secret Password: Shows the password "3456 16 03 @Tdsb".

The password is broken down as follows:

- #1: Last 4 digits of student # (3456)
- #2: Day of Birth (16)
- #3: Month of Birth (03)
- #4: *Added to the end (@Tdsb)

Because we understand that there continues to be some difficulties for some students with resetting passwords, we will also be emailing you your timetable shortly. Please note, that this email and download of your timetable will not be in matrix/schedule format. Please look for Semester 1 (S1) courses and the corresponding period for that course. For Tuesday, look for period 1A and term S1. There will be information on teacher and classroom locations as well. Please note that changes to timetables may still occur for some students. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Reminder:

At Harbord, the **TDSB Connects App** replaces the old paper school Agenda and more....

- Timetables will be visible in the **My Day** and **Calendar** areas of TDSB Connects.
- Teachers and staff will make whole-school **Announcements** on TDSB Connects **or** in Brightspace.
- These announcements are synchronized and will be read over the PA in the morning.
- Our Whole School Google **Calendar** is on TDSB Connects App and is synchronized with both our public School Website Calendar and with the Harbord's Brightspace calendar. <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/harbordci/>

For Tuesday September 5, 2023:

Locate your period 1 class using Connects App Timetable (or downloaded information from your email) — or from the lists posted in two areas:

- 1. On the walls by the first floor, on the northeast wall beside room 115 and in the hallway in front of the main office**
- 2. On the wall across from the main office, below the grad pictures - then go to your period 1 class to:**

Period 1 Activities:

- Meet period 1 teacher and receive information about the school, Student Handbook, school expectations, timetable, and locker - Students owing textbooks, library books or other materials will be referred to the office.
- Go to the gym with their period 1 teacher to have their school photo taken and to receive a SAC card. The pictures are used for SAC cards (and use on TTC if requested), for our yearbook, and are also available for you to purchase. * All students must have their photo taken whether purchasing a package or not.
- **Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who have Period 1 spares will be meeting in the library at their designated time**

Please note:

- Grade 9 and Grade 10 students will arrive at school at 9am and will be dismissed at 11am
- Grade 11 and Grade 12 students will arrive at school at 10am and will be dismissed at 12 noon (including students with period 1 spares)

Harbord students will see all 4 courses/teachers on Wednesday September 6, 2023 (Day 2 - schedule). If you haven't paid our school's \$60 SAC fee, please visit our school website and pay using School Cash Online or visit our Main Office to pay in cash. Please call the school and speak to a Vice-Principal if you know of anyone who may need assistance with this fee.

Have a FUNomenal long weekend and see you on September 5! **Lastly... "At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"**

Steve and Admin team