

Harbord Collegiate Institute

Facts and Figures

A) Basic Statistics for 2013-2014

of students: 1103

of teachers: 63

of administrators: 3

of counselors: 3

of support staff: 19

Key Harbord staff can be found on the school website along with their contact information.

Our TDSB School Superintendent: Louie Papathanasakis

Our Ward 10 School Trustee: Chris Bolton, www.chrisbolton.ca

B) French Immersion and Extended French

Statistics for 2013-2014

of students: 315

of teachers: 6

Harbord offers both French Immersion and Extended French programs along with regular French classes for students. Both programs started in the mid 1980's. Harbord has over 25 years experience in this field of language instruction.

French Immersion: Students must complete a minimum of 10 credits in French in order to obtain the Certificate of Bilingual Studies in French Immersion.

Extended French: Students must complete a minimum of 7 credits in French in order to obtain the Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Extended French.

C) Volunteers

Parents and Guardians are welcome to volunteer for and/or attend special events and field trips at Harbord. Each event is led by a specific teacher or club, organization, or

sport. Volunteering, therefore, is specific to an event. If you are interested to volunteer, contact the teacher leading the event and/or the students leading the event.

D) School-Wide Parent and Guardian Events

Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend all Harbord School Council Meetings. See #E below for more about the Council.

Listed are standard events held each year for all parents/guardians:

- *Curriculum Night* – held in the beginning of the school year.
- *Course Selection Information Night* – held in the first part of February.
- *Parent and Teacher Conferences* – held twice in the year in the school gym. These days are set aside for direct contact between the parent/guardian and teacher to discuss a student. The discussion is limited to 10 minutes, and is a great way to check in with your students’ teachers. If you would like more time with a particular teacher, then call the teacher to arrange a meeting. If you cannot attend the conference day and would like to speak with a teacher, then place a call to the teacher (usually you will need to be available for a return call).
- *Graduation* – held in early October for the spring and summer graduates.
- *Award Assembly* – held in November for Harbord students receiving special awards from the previous year.
- *Creative Arts Fair* – held in early May for all parents and guardians and extended families to view student artwork and attend performances from Harbord music students.

E) Harbord School Council

The School Council is made up of representatives from the school and all parents and guardians. The school representatives are the Principal and Vice Principals, a Teacher, and the leaders of the Student Council.

The School Council meets the end of the month for the following months: Sep, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, and April. Minutes will be posted on the school website.

A representative from the School Council also attends monthly Ward 10 meetings, though any parent or guardian is welcome at those meetings.

Parents and Guardians are also needed to be involved in the school through various school committees.

F) Harbord Arts Program

The arts are an important part of life at Harbord and include everything from visual arts to band, symphony, dance, and song. At the end of the year, usually early May, is a Creative Art Fair organized with the student run Creative Arts Council. This Fair is open to all.

Student artwork is continuously displayed in the school mostly throughout the first floor and library. Any student who takes an art class will see his/her artwork displayed.

Harbord students are also responsible and take pride in the outdoor wall mural located across the street from the front of the building.

G) Special Academic Programs at Harbord

Outside of the French programs, there are a few special programs at Harbord available to students through an application process. These are briefly described below. Students interested in these programs should talk with their guidance counselor.

LAWS: The LAWS program is a partnership between the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and the Toronto District School Board to deliver a three-year academic and extra-curricular program that teaches young people about the law and supports them to succeed in school. Each year, LAWS serves over 350 grade 10, 11, and 12 students attending inner-city high schools.

Co-op: Cooperative education -- or co-op -- is a credit course during which students learn through workplace and classroom experiences. In co-op, students use what they have learned in a school subject by applying it in the workplace. The program allows students to “try out” an occupation and helps them to make decisions about future careers. Students develop work habits, attitudes and job skills necessary for a successful transition from secondary school to post-secondary education or the workplace.

H) Guidance Office

The Guidance office and the counselors are an important resource for students and their parents/guardians. Here students can learn about course selection as they plan for their future, as well as get help applying for post-secondary studies.

Every parent/guardian should take a moment to step into the Guidance office and meet the counselors.

I) Sports at Harbord

Harbord has a vast array of sports for boys and girls as well as co-ed teams. The full list of sports and the lead teachers is on the website. Below is a brief overview of what season each sport takes place. Some teams may hold practices throughout the year, not only during their season.

Fall – from the very beginning of the school year:

Cross-country, boys volleyball, girls basketball, tennis, boys soccer, field hockey.

Winter – from November

Swimming, wrestling, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls and boys hockey.

Spring – from late March

Badminton, co-ed volleyball, track, baseball, ultimate Frisbee, rugby, girls softball, dragon boat team, girls soccer, table tennis.

Most sports have a nominal cost each student must pay. If you have difficulty paying this amount please talk to the Principal to see if a subsidy is available.

Parents/Guardians are always welcome to attend and cheer at any sporting event. A reminder that you may need your own chair for outdoor sports.

Harbord has a swimming pool in the basement. This is used for gym classes extensively. The pool is also contracted for use for competitive swimming by the Toronto Swim Club. For more information on this swim club, go to their website: www.torontoswimclub.com.

J) Special Events

A number of special events take place each year at Harbord, though there may be new events planned by students as well. The Student Council is in charge of helping to plan and organize special events. Key events are listed below:

- Lunar Banquet
- Chinese New Year
- Welcoming BBQ
- Dances
- Sports Banquets
- Winter Activity Day
- Creative Arts Council Banquet

K) Harbord Museum

In a room on the first floor sandwiched between busy offices is the Harbord Museum. This is organized and run by the Harbord Alumni Club. Anyone is welcome to come in and peruse the collection. Harbord was founded in 1892, and there is a great selection of nostalgia and information on Harbord through the years. Members of the Harbord Club sponsor a number of awards for Harbord students each year. More information on the Harbord Club can be found on the school website. Any and all alumni can join the Club.