

Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

It's December and we've just recently had our first snowfall of the winter season! The beautiful December snowflakes this past weekend are reminders for all of us to continue to get outside and experience the joys of our wintery outdoors. Students: As we continue to have our 'longer-than-usual' morning and afternoon periods in Semester 1, your teachers will continue to take breaks outside with you so please dress appropriately for the weather. Recently, the TDSB and Toronto Public Health have approved the use of lockers in time for the change in seasons and weather. We understand that students may be bringing some bulkier clothing and additional items during these colder months so locker distribution will be happening soon (see information below). Lots of activity occurred this past week including our Club Fair. It was so nice to see students sharing their passions and interests with other peers at the club booths --- and even nicer to see many students sign up to be members of those clubs! Here are some new...and not so 'new' information items ---- all of which are important!

LOCKERS

Locker distribution will take place on Monday, December 13 (Week 1) in period 1 classes. The location of the locker is based on Semester two classes and are pre-assigned by the Main Office.

Please note the following:

- The locker is the property of Harbord Collegiate Institute and can be opened and searched at any time if deemed necessary by school administration
- The school is not responsible for any items kept in the locker
- Dudley high security combination locks are available for sale in the Main Office for \$8. Students may also use their own locks.

REQUESTS FOR SWITCHING BETWEEN LEARNING MODELS

Reminding everyone that the last day for secondary students to access the Switch Form will be December 6, 2021. Families and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form. Semester 2 classes will reflect changes due to switches beginning on February 3, 2022. For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/switchform.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo retake day is Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

GRAD PHOTOS

Attention Graduates! Graduation photo sessions will be starting on January 13, 2022. It is recommended to bring your own props and personalize your session- items could include- a hardcover book, a rolled-up paper and ribbon, silk flowers and/or a small item that shows off your personality. We look forward to seeing those smiles and celebrating this wonderful achievement!

Graduation photo sessions, which include a variety of different backgrounds, are 10 minutes long. The students will be able to sign up and pay their sit fee online. Booking will begin on Tuesday, December 14.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES (SAC FEE)

As mentioned earlier, lots of activities and clubs have started up again. Our Student Activity Fee collection helps support the clubs, councils, and sports teams at our school to run activities and events for our students. The school yearbook is also included in the fee as well as your Student Photo ID. This year's fee is \$45. Parents can pay the fee via School Cash Online. Click this link to School Cash Online Harbord Student Activity Fee payment:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/110514/153/False/True>

NEXT WEEK: December 6-10

Monday, December 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women• Hour of Code Assembly• E-Learning Registration for Virtual Students
Wednesday, December 8	Late Start 10:00 am (Professional Learning)
Wednesday, December 8	Virtual Black Brilliance Conference 12:30-2:45pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 13	Locker Distribution
Tuesday, December 14	Graduation Photo Bookings Begin
Wednesday, December 15	Late Start 10:00am (Staff Meeting)
Friday, December 17	Last Day Before Winter Break

Lastly --- How awesome is our school?...

[awesome letter to High school students.jpg](#)

I just want to share with all of you how amazing our staff and students are at Harbord. Last night at our Harbord virtual Open House (for future Harbord students and their families), I wanted to encapsulate 'who we are at Harbord' and shared the attached letter written by one of our grade 12 students. This letter was an assignment in our grade 12 Gender Studies and Philosophy class. Students were instructed to write an anonymous, love/caring, letter to a stranger. The class wrote these kind, caring, meaningful messages to other Harbord Tiger students and dispersed them throughout the school. I came across this beautiful letter on a wall and would like to share it with all of you Harbord parents and guardians. It really warms my heart and shows WHO WE ARE at Harbord. At HCI, we really do care for each other. Together. We are one! To the incredible grade 12 student who wrote this message, merci beaucoup...you are FUNomenal!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Steve