

Hello Harbord parents/guardians,

Our first quadmester is coming to an end next week. Again, I would like to thank our students, staff, and parents and guardians for their patience with the many changes and adjustments that have been required of us thus far this school year. It has certainly been a collective effort and our teamwork will need to continue in the quadmasters ahead!

Here are some important updates/reminders:

Quadmester 1 Completion:

The last day of instruction for Quadmester 1 is Tuesday, November 17. If there are any students that are in need of completing any work/project/assignment to pass their course and earn their credit, these students will have that opportunity on our Credit Rescue Days on November 18 and 19 from 8:45 to 12:30 (there are no in-person classes on these days). Both days have the same schedule: Course 1 is 8:45 to 10:30 and Course 2 is 10:45 to 12:30. Again, this work will be done virtually at home with their teachers. Keep up the hard work Tigers!

Please note: November 20 is a PA day and students are not required to attend school. Quadmester 2 begins on November 23, 2020 (Day 1).

Quadmester 2 Virtual Learning at Harbord:

We have our model finalized and approved by the TDSB earlier this week. In order to accommodate the virtual learning option within our 'bricks-and-mortar' school, our model includes the combination of courses/cohorts with all virtual learners (will be taught entirely online with synchronous instruction) and courses/cohorts with 'simultaneous learning'. These courses/cohorts with 'simultaneous learning' will include some students learning virtually (at home) with our students who are learning face-to-face physically in the classroom. Any current face-to-face in-person learner who had submitted their request for virtual learning by our deadline will begin Harbord Virtual Learning on November 23, 2020. These students and parents/guardians received an individual email with confirmation and instructions earlier today.

As mentioned in my communication last week, Virtual School students from Quadmester 1 who have requested to return to in-person learning at Harbord will be contacted individually. Their acceptance into Quadmester 2 courses will depend on course and space availability. If a timetable can not be created for the Virtual School student at Harbord, the student will continue their studies at Virtual School.

Quadmester 2 Timetables:

Quadmester 2 timetables can be accessed through the TDSB Connects App. As some students' Quadmester 2 timetables may be impacted by their work submitted on our Credit Rescue Days, all students are asked to check their Quadmester 2 timetables using the TDSB Connects App on Friday November 20, 2020.

Optional Attendance:

As many parents are often inquiring about optional attendance and the status of schools, here is a link that explains the Board's OA processes: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

Lastly, thank you for your collective efforts to keep everyone healthy and safe at Harbord. For this weekend and in the near future, please continue to do your best to follow our Toronto Public Health directives to limit your contacts to your household members. We can get through this --- and do this TOGETHER!

Thanks,

Steve