



# HARBORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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## September 23, 2022 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

September is coming to an end and cooler temperatures are just around the corner but the energy from our numerous school activities, and connections with each other have kept us all feeling full of warmth and excitement! So many activities have returned including our assemblies, clubs, sports, and student organizations. Please continue to listen to the daily announcements and check out our TDSB Connects App Announcements section for what's happening. Here are some important 'happenings' over the next little while at Harbord...go Tigers!

### TUTORING CENTRE OPENS NEXT WEEK!

Our Tutoring Centre will be open next week and each week going forward on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30pm - 5:00pm in room 125 and the Mall. Tiger Line announcements will begin on Monday and will also be on our Announcements section of the TDSB Connects App.

Different from last year, we will usually not match Tutor and Tutee on a permanent basis (though there may be exceptions). The model is a drop-in centre. And we will have snacks!

We will have tutors for sciences, math, social sciences, English, French, computer science, and more. If we don't have a tutor for a particular need, we'll work on filling that need. It's not just for grade 9s and 10s needing help. It's for everyone.

Finally, thank you to Mr. Smith, Ms. Fraser, and Mr. Heinsteins for their leadership on this!!

### FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**Please note that our first school council meeting is on Tuesday September 27 at 6:30pm in the library.** Also, please see below about School Councils and the link for the nomination form for voting members of our Harbord CI School Council for 2022-2023. [HCI School Council Voting Member Nomination Form 2022-2023.doc](#)

**All parents are welcome to attend the school council meetings.**

At our first council meeting, voting members/Council Members will choose/elect our executive positions at Harbord CI. The executive positions include: Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Treasurer, Ward Rep, French Rep, Grade 9 Reps, Safe Schools Committee Parent Rep, and Members at Large.

**Please complete and return the nomination form to Harbord CI by noon on September 27, 2022 or email to [steve.yee@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:steve.yee@tdsb.on.ca).**

## School Councils – General information

School Councils work to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system. They are governed by the Ontario Ministry of Education Regulations 612 and 613, which contains very clear guidelines regarding School Council elections. Regulation 612 outlines the roles, the responsibilities and the processes for School Councils. Regulation 613 outlines the responsibility of the Principal in supporting School Councils. As collaborators in education, schools and School Councils recognize that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our schools' community, free from racism, classism, and other isms, intentional or unintentional. There is an understanding that participation can take many forms and work to:

- offer parents/caregivers a variety of ways to share their voices, knowledge and expertise;
- recognize that relationship building is key to breaking down walls and barriers;
- strive to identify and to eliminate barriers to participation for parents/caregivers
- disrupt practices that contribute to oppression based on race, class, nationality, abilities, gender, education, or language.

## CURRICULUM NIGHT - Thursday, September 29, 2022

We are excited to share that Curriculum Night is back! This is an opportunity for parents of students in all grades to come by the school and hear about the learning in each department subject area and grade. We will be having our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 6:30 -8 pm. We will start off in the Auditorium for a brief welcome from administration before going on self-directed visits throughout the building to see and hear from different subject departments. Hope to see you there!

## HARBORD TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER AND RUN

Preparations by the Harbord Athletic Council (HAC) for our annual Terry Fox Fundraiser & Walk are underway. We need your assistance and support to help reach our \$1500 goal! Fundraising efforts will begin on Monday September 26th and conclude on Friday September 30th. Donations can be made to Block 1 Teachers or at lunch to members of HAC outside the Main Gym. Online donations are also accepted and can be made to our [school page](#).

On Thursday September 29th during Period 4, classes are invited and encouraged to join us on the track for a 25 minute walk. We will begin promptly at 2:15 and conclude at 2:40. Classes can choose to stay for the additional activities organized by HAC or return to class at this time.

Please help us honour [Terry's Legacy](#) this year!

*"I've said to people before that I'm going to do my very best to make it, I'm not going to give up. But I might not make it...if I don't, the Marathon of Hope better continue." - Terry Fox*

## 1:1 STUDENT DEVICE PROGRAM (GRADE 9's)

The 1:1 Student Device Program continues for the second year in 2022-23. Current year grade 9 Harbord students will be receiving Chromebooks very soon. A [program overview brochure](#) has been created to familiarize parents with the program and is also attached to this email communication. **The signed agreement is required by the parent/guardian of each student prior to obtaining a device. This form has been sent to the parent/guardian through Permission Click by IT Services.** Grade 9 parents, please complete the form asap or your child will not be issued their assigned Chromebook.

## PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo retake day is **Monday, October 17, 2022.**

## STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES (SAC FEE)

As mentioned previously in other communications, 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 \$60. Parents can pay the fee via School Cash Online. School Cash Online can be accessed via this our website or this link: <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

## STAY CONNECTED WITH HARBORD WITH TWO NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS

The TDSB is offering two new ways for parents and caregivers to stay connected with their school and the TDSB.

1. Parents and caregivers will also be provided an opportunity to opt in to receive text messages from their school and TDSB. A text message will be sent to you to the phone number you have on file in September inviting you to opt in.
2. Using the [School Messenger](#) app or website provides a faster and easier way to report absences directly to our school information system (no need to call the school!) and receive communication sent by the TDSB and your school (this will also go to the email that you have on file). This is available for download now. More details about how to get started with School Messenger are available in this link here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/11>.

## NEXT WEEK: September 26-30

Tuesday, September 27	School Council Meeting (library) - 6:30pm - 8pm
Wednesday, September 28	Late Start - staff meeting ( <b>school starts at 9:55 am</b> )
Thursday, September 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terry Fox Walk</li><li>• Curriculum Night (auditorium) - 6:30pm - 8pm</li></ul>
Friday, September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies

## UPCOMING

Thursday, October 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Back Assemblies</li><li>• Club Fair (lunch)</li></ul>
Friday, October 7	Professional Activity Day - no classes

And remember, at **"Harbord, we CARE for each other. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"**

Have a FUNomenal weekend!

Steve and Admin Team!