

This letter contains important information for parents/guardians and students as online teaching continues at Marc Garneau C.I. If you do not read English please have someone translate this information for you

Pashto: دا برېښنالیک د والدینو / ساتونکو او زده کونکو لپاره مهم معلومات لري لکه څنگه چې په مارک گارنیون C.I. کې د تدریس بیا پیل کیږي. که تاسو انګلیسي نه لوستئ نو مهرباني وکړئ یو څوک ستاسو لپاره دا معلومات وژباړي

Arabic: يحتوي هذا البريد الإلكتروني على معلومات مهمة للآباء / الأوصياء والطلاب حيث يتم استئناف التدريس في Marc Garneau C.I. إذا كنت لا تقرأ الإنجليزية ، فالرجاء طلب شخص ما ترجمة هذه المعلومات لك

Urdu: میں اس ای میل میں والدین / سرپرستوں اور طلبہ کے لئے اہم معلومات شامل ہیں کیونکہ مارک گارنیون C.I. تدریس کا آغاز ہوتا ہے۔ اگر آپ انگریزی نہیں سیکھتے ہیں تو براہ کرم کوئی آپ کے لئے اس معلومات کا ترجمہ کرے

Slovak: Tento e-mail obsahuje dôležité informácie pre rodičov / opatrovníkov a študentov pri pokračovaní výučby na Marc Garneau C.I. Ak nečítate angličtinu, požiadajte niekoho, aby vám preložil tieto informácie

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Return of textbooks, musical instruments and library books to the school and opportunity for students to pick up belongings from lockers

A TDSB protocol has been developed to coordinate the safe collection of personal items from lockers by students as well as the return of school books and other equipment.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WERE SENT A BOARD DEVICE: **COMPUTER OR IPAD:** THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO RETURN IT!

Please complete our Collection of Personal Items Survey at [MGCI- Collection of Personal Items Survey for Parents](#) so that we can know how many students need to enter the building. Once we have all the data we will send information to the email you submit with date and time information to come to school.

Should you not wish to retrieve or deliver anything you are not REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FORM OR SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. Non-essential items, such as notebooks and pencils, that are not picked up will be discarded. Clothing and personal items will be packed up and stored until the fall.

I know this is not the way we expected to end the school year but I appreciate your support in making this process as smooth and efficient as possible. I am already looking ahead to the fall when we can be together again in hopefully a more familiar way.

Contacting MGCI

Even during this pandemic, MGCI staff are available to answer questions and concerns that you may have.

If you have questions about particular classes, please contact the classroom teacher. Email is the best method at this time and will usually result in a shorter response time. Email addresses of all our teachers are on our website

(<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/marcgarneau/Staff/Departments>)

If however, you do not have access to email, messages for particular teachers may be left in the MGCI general mailbox at 416-396-2414, ext. 20000. Please ensure that you clearly state the full name of the teacher that you are looking for as well as your full name and phone number. (If you know the extension number, messages may also be left at the appropriate department extension.)

For any other questions or concerns or if you are not sure how to contact the appropriate person, please feel free to contact the MGCI Administration who will be happy to assist you in any way that they can.

Our Vice Principals, can also be reached via email:

Ms Papadopoulos, Grade 9 students Agoritsa.Papadopoulos@tdsb.on.ca

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Mr Haid, Grade 11 students, Craig.Haid@tdsb.on.ca

and Mr Sharp, Grade 12 students, Christopher.Sharp@tdsb.on.ca

I also invite you to email me, Mr. Di Felice, Principal, at Carlo.DiFelice@tdsb.on.ca if I can assist you in any way. If you are unable to use email, voice-mail messages can be left at 416-396-2414, ext. 20000.

Ward 11 Trustee Chernos Lin Newsletter

Our trustees newsletter can be found following the link : [May 2020 Newsletter](#)

Learn About TDSB Digital Tools – Sessions for Families

The TDSB is pleased to announce upcoming sessions for families on some of the digital tools available to students throughout the TDSB. Discovery Education and Knowledgehook will share tips on using these tools to enhance the remote learning experience.

On Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30pm Discovery Education will host an information session to explore Discovery Experience, STEM Connects and Math Techbook (Grades K-12). Please register for the Discovery Education session [here](#).

On Wednesday June 3, at 11:00 am and Thursday, June 4 at 4:00 pm Knowledgehook will be hosting a session with tips on how to use key features within the digital resource (Grades 3 - 9). Please register for the Knowledgehook sessions [here](#).

Please check our [TDSB Mathematics for Families](#) website for upcoming sessions.

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) for Prospective graduates.

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) provides financial support to post-secondary students, and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI).

From May to August 2020, the CESB provides a payment to eligible students of:

\$1,250 for each 4-week period or \$2,000 for each 4-week period, if you have dependants or a disability.

Click here for more information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.html>

Students Checking TDSB Email

Please remind your teens to check their TDSB email daily. Teachers often send important messages via email. It is important for students to check on and respond to these messages.

Extended School Closure and Change in Instructional Days

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announced that all publicly-funded schools in Ontario, including those at the TDSB, will remain closed until September 2020. He also announced that the government will replace all remaining Professional Activity (PA) days and exam days with instructional time.

TDSB Sports Fields/Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts

Following the announcement that the City of Toronto will be re-opening park amenities, the TDSB has made a similar decision and will be re-opening its sports fields and basketball and tennis courts **for individual/non-organized use** beginning Thursday, May 21. **Permits for these amenities continue to be cancelled until further notice.** While on TDSB property, people must continue to practice physical distancing and signage highlighting the importance of physical distancing will be posted at all schools. Please note that TDSB play structures remain closed at this time.

For Graduating Students & Their Families:

The Ministry of Education has indicated diplomas and certificates will not be distributed during school closure due to COVID19. Students' graduation dates will not be impacted. Diplomas and certificates will be distributed once schools re-open. Additional information will be shared with families as it becomes available from the Ministry of Education.

Also as previously announced, we had to cancel our May 29th prom booking at the Liberty Grand however, the possibility of having a celebration in the future for the graduating class of 2020 has not been dismissed. Although future circumstances will determine when we can safely proceed with such large gatherings and in what format, we share with you that Staff, Student Council Executive, and School Council Chairs have been in communication and are continuing to discuss possible options for the future. We will share the information once plans have been solidified.

Food Banks in Toronto

Attached is a list of available foodbanks. A map of food banks currently operating in Toronto can be found here:

<https://www.211toronto.ca/topic/Central%20Region/ORGANIZATION/fht142/Central%20Region>

Commencement – For Graduating Students

Dear Potential Graduates

It is with sadness that we must confirm that the Commencement ceremony scheduled for June 2020 is postponed until the fall of 2020.(tentative)

40 Community Hours Requirements

The full 40 community hours requirement for your OSSD will be granted for all students in a graduating position this spring. If you are in grade 9, 10 or 11, please hold on to your volunteer completion forms until school reopens. If you are in Grade 12 and have completed additional hours that you feel should be added to your transcript, please contact Ms Jamal with proof of these hours.

Summer School 2020 UPDATE

Summer School 2020 information is now available online for grade 9-12 students at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Night-School-and-Summer-School/Summer-School>

Students have 3 options for summer school: (Summarized [HERE](#))

Option 1: Traditional face-to-face summer school is being replaced with a NEW Remote Hybrid model that will start with remote learning and transition to in school (AT MARC GARNEAU C.I.) learning in accordance with ongoing guidance from the Ministry of Education.

Option 2: Remote Credit Recovery will be offered in summer school for the first time. This program allows students to “recover” the credit in a course in which they were unsuccessful within the last two school years.

Option 3: Traditional e-Summer school program. This is primarily for grade 11 & 12 students with the exception of grade 10 Civics & Careers. **E-Summer School** is open for registration for July and August sessions. E-Summer school offers grade 11 and 12 courses with the exception of two grade 10 courses (Civics & Careers) You can visit <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-Summer-School> for more information about dates, times and course offerings and/or email your Guidance Counsellor.

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Special Services at Home Program for Students with Special Needs

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, has temporarily expanded their list of eligible expenses under the Special Services at Home program to support people and their families while community-based activities and settings are closed.

The changes will allow families to use funding for goods and services that may make it easier for them to stay at home during physical distancing. Please visit this link for more information: [Special Services at Home](#)

Update re: Registration for e-Learning Day School courses, 2020-21 School Year:

Registration dates for Grade 11 and 12 e-Learning courses for 2020-2021 are currently on hold and are being reviewed to ensure they align with the TDSB back-to-school strategy that is being developed. We will update you with the revised registration dates once they have been determined.

CIVICS and CAREERS - Evaluation

Please note that students currently enrolled in our Civics and Careers courses will need to complete the evaluations assigned by their teachers in order to earn the credit. If students have any questions, they should speak with their teacher directly.

Parents Supporting Teens

Please see attached flyer on how parents can support teens during the lockdown.

[Parents supporting Teens during Lockdown.](#)

Be safe and be well!
With warm regards,
Mr. Carlo Di Felice