

April 16th, 2020



Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope that for those of you who celebrate Easter managed to participate in an enjoyable occasion; one of solemn reflection and gratitude. Many of our families are now also in the midst of observing Ramadan, so let me say Ramadan Mubarak to you.

Below is the schedule for accessing remote learning during the Covid-19 school closure. Please login to the Google Classroom on these days specified to get further instructions from your subject teachers.

Please feel free to communicate with your teacher at any time in regard to the work posted and supports needed. Teachers have been requested and will make every effort to respond to students during the working week (Monday– Friday) within 24 hours.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Civics & Careers	Business Studies	Fine Arts	Extra Support	Extra Support
Co-op	Computer Studies	Humanities		
Economics	English	GLS/GLS		
Geography	French	Science		
History	Spanish			
Health & Physical Education	Science			
Math				

Support for Groceries

The Toronto Foundation For Success and Nutrition Program have partnered to offer grocery cards for families requiring support to purchase food.

All York Memorial families are invited and encouraged to register for these food cards. Each child that attends YMCI and is eligible will receive a \$50 card. This amount represents the cost of a nutritious breakfast for a child for 30 days. Once families have registered online, grocery cards will be mailed directly to the address you provide. Staff are also working to provide the cards to stores closest to your family's address. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this support if you and your family need it.

You are asked to complete the registration online by clicking on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDT79PC>

We recognize that completing the registration form may be challenging for some, and, for those without access to internet, impossible. Please note if you unable to complete the form due to lack of internet service, please call the TDSB hotline (416-397-3488) for additional support.

Marks Update and Online Learning

All classes offered at YMCI are now up and running online and teachers should be providing work assignments that consist of no more than 1.5 hours of time to complete per week, per subject. In order to meet the deadlines for the marks entry transmissions for Ontario Colleges and Universities, teachers of Grade 12 students will be submitting student marks to administration next week. Transmission of marks to the post-secondary institutions occurs April 27th (this is a move from April 23rd). As per the Ontario Ministry of Education directive all mid-term marks will be entered for Grade 12 graduating students only by April 27th to meet the deadline to report grades to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS).

Marks will reflect work done up until March 13, 2020 (from the February report card). However, teachers may allow students to submit assignments that were *due prior* to March 13 and they may allow students to re-submit assignments that were *due prior to* March 13 if it will benefit the student. Teachers may use formative assignments assigned prior to April 27th to provide additional opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning. These assignments will be counted towards the mid-term mark only if it improves their March 13 mark.

At this point we will only be entering Grade 12 student marks into our Trillium database as we navigate working remotely away from the school building. All students from Grade 9-12 will be informed by their subject teachers of their current mark in of their classes by April 27th. For any mark at 50% or below teachers have been asked to contact the student and parents to discuss ways to support the students learning moving forward. These marks will serve to be the minimum mark that a student will achieve by the final report card in June.

Students have the opportunity to increase their April report card mark by continuing to complete course work and participate and complete formative assignments. In addition, the knowledge gained from participating regularly in class discussion, submitting completed work and receiving constructive feedback from your teachers on work assigned and completed will be crucial in helping to prepare students for the next grade level and/or post-secondary education.

Students this is not the time to slack off. I cannot stress this enough, please take advantage of the online learning that is being provided for you. After Covid-19 has dissipated your education will continue and will still need to move forward. Supports are here for you; whether it be your classroom teachers, Guidance Counsellors (Mr. Vujacic, Mr. Imbrogno & Mrs Ostermann), Head of Special Education teacher Mr. Aranha, Student Success Counsellor Mrs. Saylor, CYW Shelle Librarian Mrs, Taylor or administration (Ms Martins, Mr, Masciotra or myself), simply reach out to any adult and you will be directed to the staff member who can help you support you best.

We have gone through challenging times and the one thing I have learnt is how resilient we are as individuals and a school community. Let's continue to support each other and respect the parameters around social distancing so that we can once again be back together appreciating and valuing the importance of positive human interaction.

Sincerely,

Donna Drummond
Principal