

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

I hope that this email finds you safe and well!

I am writing to invite you to a **Virtual Town Hall Meeting that I will be hosting this Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 pm – 2:00pm**. I will be using the software platform “**Google Meet**” to host this meeting which will accommodate up to 250 people online at any given time.

Below is the link that you are asked to click onto 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. It will be easier if you sign on using your child’s TDSB sign in account, although you can still do it using your own personal device. If you use your own device, you will most likely have to download the Google Meet app, so please give yourself extra time to do this prior to signing into the meeting.

**<https://meet.google.com/qqp-gzit-zst?hs=122>**

The meeting provides an opportunity for me to touch base with you, share information as to how we are delivering the curriculum using remote learning and to receive your feedback / try to answer any questions that you may have.

The agenda is as follows:

**Agenda for YMCI Town Hall Meeting on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:24 pm – 2:00 pm**

- Greetings from Principal Drummond
- Greetings from School Council Chair Dawn Gent
- How YMCI, using Ministry of Education & TDSB guidelines is implementing remote learning
- Supports in place for students
- Supports offered for families
- FAQ's
- Q&A

Before I go, I am including some useful tips taken from the American School of Japan in regard to ways you can help support your child to successfully participate in remote distance learning.

- Establish routines and expectations
- Define the physical space for your child’s study
- Monitor communications from your children’s teachers
- Begin each day with a check in with your child
- Establish times for quiet and reflection
- Encourage physical activity and/or exercise
- Remain mindful of your child’s stress or worry
- Monitor how much time your child is spending online
- Keep your children social, but set rules around their social media interactions

York Memorial teachers are posting onto YMCI google calendars the days and time they will be available to teach and assist students. These calendars which are divided by grade can be accessed by our school website or by clicking onto the following link: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/yorkmemorial/Google-Calendars-by-Grade>

Finally, you are reminded to please check the school website weekly for any new updates and news. Our school website address is <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/yorkmemorial> . Save it as one of your favorites!

Hoping to see some of you on Friday! In the meantime, stay safe, healthy and continue to practice social distancing wherever possible.

Warmest regards

Donna Drummond - Principal