



FRIDAY FILE – Nov. 13, 2020

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School Website Link <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/zionheights/>

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Dear Zion families,

We hope everyone had a safe and productive week. Please see the following important updates:

Health & Safety Updates from Toronto Public Health:

MAKE DIWALI MEMORIES IN A DIFFERENT WAY THIS YEAR

- Enjoy a dinner at home with the people you live with
- Invite friends & family you do not live with to join you virtually
- Practice your prayers & light your diyas at home
- Check if your place of worship is offering live-streamed services
- Consider contactless delivery of food/supplies to loved ones

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TDSB COVID-19 Advisories – The TDSB provides up to date information about confirmed cases of COVID-19 in schools (students and staff). This information is easily accessible by clicking on the [COVID-19 Advisories](#) banner on the main webpage of www.tdsb.on.ca.



- **School Nutrition Program Update:** Thank you to all families who have donated to our nutrition program! Our daily nutrition program is up and running! Students who forget their lunch are also given lunch from our school nutrition program. Donations can be made to school cash online. Please see attached forms for instructions and tax receipt information.
- **STUDENT LOCKER use for boots and winter jackets:**
 - *Student lockers to store personal belongings (coats and boots) have been assigned to all students.*
 - ***PLEASE REMIND HELP US REMIND OUR STUDENTS TO BRING INDOOR SHOES***



- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conference forms have been sent out to all homeschool parent(s)/guardian(s). Please complete submit your P/T Conference Request form by Monday, November 16, 2020. Interview times will be confirmed via email on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Please call the office at 416-395-3120 or email zion@tdsb.on.ca to request an interview after Tuesday November 17 to request an available interview time. P/T Conferences will be conducted via Google Meet, Zoom or telephone on November 19 and 20. An alternate time can also be arranged with your child's homeroom teacher. All parents will be granted an interview time with their child's homeroom teacher.



- **Grade 8 to 9 Transitions:** As we do not have an Elementary Guidance Counselor this year, ZHMS Grade 8 teachers, the school office team and TDSB high school guidance counselors will support this important transition. Please review the following resources that have been created by TDSB Central Guidance to help families navigate through this process (see below). All Grade 8 to 9 Transitions information is available at the following website: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School>
- **Optional Attendance Forms:** Due to reduced guidance support, ZHMS may require up to five business days to return Optional Attendance forms requests. Virtual School Optional attendance forms requests can be emailed to Ms. Rabin at anna.rabin@tdsb.on.ca. Email requests must come from a parent or Virtual School teacher or administrator.
- **[OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE FORM DOWNLOAD](#)**
- Virtual Open Houses & Info Sessions - all TDSB schools: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/OpenHouses>

Your Grade 8 Transition Year – At a Glance

November/December

- Secondary School Information Evenings start
- Information and resources re: Beyond 8 - Grade 8 to 9 Transitions shared

December

- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Secondary School Information Evenings continue

January

- Secondary School Information Evenings continue
- Optional Attendance forms due at secondary school

February

- Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the application request - Secondary
- Course selection sheets due at secondary schools

March

- Parent/Teacher interviews

May / June

- Promotion, Transfer, Retention (PTR) decisions made

LOOKING AHEAD @ ZHMS

November 13 - Parent/Teacher Conference Form to be sent home

November 17 - Parent/Teacher Conference interview times confirmed by email

November 18 - Zion School Council Meeting @ 6:00PM - A ZOOM link will be shared next week

November 19 - Progress Reports Cards go home & P/T Conferences - 4:00PM - 8:30PM

November 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 9:00 AM - 3:00PM (No classes today)

November 27 - TDSB Character Trait Virtual Assembly - Empathy

Please stay safe!

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Principal

Zion Heights Middle School

