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Good morning all,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at MPC. We look forward to seeing you at our Arts Night, this Thursday. More information inside this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of this week.

From our School Council:

Calling all parents and caregivers! The Monarch School Council needs YOU!

Our high schoolers have been through a lot over the last couple years -- and now is a great time to help the community rebuild. Teams, clubs and other extracurriculars are back on, and the nutrition program is in high demand.

We want to help and we're hoping you do too!

Come check out our welcome table at Arts Night and stay tuned for updates about future fundraising initiatives.

Our goal this year is to bring the MPC community together to raise \$5,000 for athletics, clubs and the nutrition program.

You can also donate directly to the nutrition program here:
<https://tfss.ca/donate/>

(Make sure to choose Nutrition Program on the designation drop down menu. You can then add Monarch Park CI in the notes section.)

Thanks! From your School Council.

UPCOMING DATES

December 6—National
Day of Remembrance
and Action on Violence
Against Women

December 7—Arts Night
Grade Photos—Starting
December 12

December 14—Late Start

December 15—Credit
Rescue (Schedule to Fol-
low)

December 21—Late Start
December 22—Pep Rally

CULMINATING AND EXAMS

Culminating Activities/Summative evaluations may start 4 – 6 weeks prior to the end of a semester. Culminating Activities and exams carry the same importance and same attendance requirement. Thus, attendance during culminating activities/summative evaluations is mandatory.

A culminating activity is the final evaluation in each course which is worth 30% of the final mark. "This evaluation will be based on evidence from one or a combination of the following: an examination, a performance, an essay and/or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content." (p.41-Growing Success).

Students who miss culminating activities or summative evaluations will be given a mark of zero for the portion missed with no opportunity to make up the missed work unless there is an extenuating and documented circumstance, such as a medical situation, court date, funeral etc. It is absolutely crucial that students do not miss any time during the end of a semester.

Under Ministry of Education and TDSB regulations, there can be no accommodations made for students who miss the 30% culminating activities and summative evaluations at the end of a semester for personal reasons such as vacation or work. Students and parents should be aware that scheduled vacations at this time can significantly impact student achievement. With the exception of a medical emergency, all summative tests and assignments that are missed as a result of these absences will be assigned a mark of zero.

INTERESTED IN DUAL CREDIT?

Ms. Robles Evans will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on December 16 for interested students .

[What is a Dual Credit?](#)

Dual Credit programs allow high school students to earn a college or apprenticeship credit towards their OSSD AND a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree, or a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

Reminder: Code of Conduct

Creating a Safe and Inclusive school is something we are all responsible for. A reminder that [Code of On-Line Conduct](#) as well as a Board [Code of Conduct](#) that we adhere to.

The [Student Learning Strategy for Combatting Hate and Racism](#) is a proactive and student-centred approach to creating respectful and culturally safe learning environments for all students.

STUDENT SERVICES AND STUDENT SUCCESS SITES

Have you checked out our students services and student success sites? We are encouraging you to connect with these sites regularly as there is information being shared regularly.

[Student Services](#)

[Student Success](#)

FROM THE TORONTO FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (TFSS)

As you know, MPC has a robust Nutrition Program. We provide healthy snacks and meals breakfast, lunch, and in-between. Our student volunteers and staff are deeply committed to ensuring our students have what they need to fuel their day. Many have been asking for ways to contribute to our nutrition program and how to do so with a tax receipt. Please use [this link](#) to connect with TFSS. **To ensure funds make it to MPC, please specify Monarch Park Collegiate in the OPTIONAL section.** Please contact the school for further questions.

Additionally from TFSS....

Share your thoughts on building a National School Food Policy

The Government of Canada is taking steps to build a national school food policy. This policy could help guide the expansion of school food programs in Canada. When more children have healthy meals at school, it helps them learn and sets them up to reach their full potential.

We need your input

We want to hear about your experiences and views on school food programs and the most important objectives for a school food policy. To do this, we have launched an online consultation.

Please visit our [consultation web page](#) to read the discussion paper and share your views by December 16, 2022.

The input gathered through the questionnaire and other consultation activities will inform a national school food policy.

For more information, please visit:

[Government of Canada launches consultations on a pan-Canadian school food policy](#)

[Pan-Canadian school food policy – Discussion paper](#)

[The Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)

[The Food Policy for Canada](#)

We encourage you to share this consultation opportunity with your networks.

Yours sincerely,

Karina Gould,
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

Marie-Claude Bibeau,
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Canada 

STAY CONNECTED 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.

Using the [School Messenger](#) app or website provides a faster and easier way to report absences 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 below.

Learn more about [SchoolMessenger](#) and watch a [video](#) about it.

For more information, [please use this link](#).

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

Mental Health and Well-Being

Resources and tools are available for parents/guardians and students on the TDSB [public website](#).

The site includes a system calendar which highlights upcoming events to support our community including webinars, [virtual drop-in hours](#) and more. [Culturally responsive and relevant resources](#), [mental health toolkits](#), [grief and loss resources](#) and [virtual heritage and culturally responsive lounges](#) are also available.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW WARD 15 TRUSTEE



My name is Sara Ehrhardt and I was recently elected as your Trustee for Ward 15 (Toronto-Danforth). I am a mother of a child in grade 2 at Duke of Connaught school and have lived in the area since 2015. Outside of being a Trustee I work full-time for the Ontario Public Service in public policy.

My role as trustee is to provide representation on the Toronto District School Board and serve as an advocate for public education. I am available to help you with concerns around the TDSB, as well as ideas and suggestions for the Board including items on board agenda and board budgets.

I have started a listserv where you can sign up for updates [here](#) (weblink: <http://eepurl.com/iejA9f>)

You can also reach me:

By email at sara.ehrhardt@tdsb.on.ca

- By phone using the trustee shared services support line at: 416-395-8787

Through facebook, twitter and instagram using @trusteesara

I am honoured to be representing you in this capacity for the benefit of our city's students and our community, and I sincerely look forward to connecting.

HELP US MAKE THE YEARBOOK MORE MEMORABLE



UPLOAD IT

MOBILE APP

HELP US MAKE THIS YEARBOOK EVEN MORE MEMORABLE!

Using your mobile device, upload photos taken at games, dances, practices, or any event for use in the yearbook.

FOLLOW THREE EASY STEPS

1

DOWNLOAD FRIESEN'S **UPLOAD IT** FROM EITHER THE APPLE OR GOOGLE PLAY APP STORE

2

ENTER YOUR SCHOOL PROJECT CODE

291612

PROJECT CODE

Monarch Park CI

3

UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS!

FOR MORE VISUAL INSTRUCTIONS [CLICK HERE](#)

TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH—POSTER CHALLENGE

Tamil Heritage Month - Poster Challenge: Invitation to ALL TDSB Students

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized in January nationally since October 2016, provincially since March 2004 and by the TDSB since 2016. This coincides with one of the most important festivals celebrated by Tamils in South Asia and all over the world. Traditionally, during this month, Tamils irrespective of their religion, celebrate Thai Pongal, a harvest festival that offers prayers of thanks to the sun and nature for giving bountiful crops. The theme for this year is: Community. Belonging. Joy.

We are inviting all TDSB students from several grade categories (Kindergarten to Grade 3); (Grades 4 to 6); and (Grades 7 to 12) to participate in a Poster Challenge to support Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB. The selected images from each category will be shared across the system and posted to our TDSB websites to mark Tamil Heritage Month.

Deadline: Thursday, December 8, 2022 by 3:00 pm. It must be sent to tdsbtamilheritagemonth@gmail.com in a .pdf or .jpeg format with the student's name, grade, email and contact phone#.

Full details with the contest guidelines are available on the [attached](#) document.

HAPPENING AT MPC...

On November 28 and December 5, our Social Workers in combination with Child and Youth Counsellors, our Child and Youth Worker, and Guidance and Student Success will be supporting grade conversations about Consent. This will include a grade presentation as well as smaller break out groups, supported by our professional support workers and guidance department.

Thank you to our staff as well as students whose voice supported these very important conversations.

Some of our students also attended the Black Brilliance Conference on December 6 at Downsview. This student led initiative is a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with students from across the Board.

HerStory is getting ready for a ShoeBox Project fundraising activity as a whole school event. They are working with *The Shoebox Project* to collect shoeboxes filled with products such as gift cards, socks, or shampoo to help homeless women in Toronto. *The Shoebox Project* is a woman-founded organization whose mission is "To share empathy, kindness, and compassion with local women impacted by homelessness through the collection and distribution of gift-filled shoeboxes and messages of support". Look out for more information in the coming days.

We are getting ready for exams in January. Look out for announcements from Ms. Robles Evans on Exam Preparation Sessions.

United Nations celebrates annually on December 3rd, the International Day for People with Disabilities calls on the global community to support the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into all facets of society.

NATIONAL THEATRE SCHOOL CREATIVE LABS APPLICATION

National Theater School Creative Labs Application 2022-2023-Time Sensitive

Secondary School Principals are asked to share this information with arts teachers and student artists.

Theatre artist [Erin Brubacher](#) is an advisor to the National Theater School, and she has designed an online, Canada-wide opportunity for high school students to work creatively under the guidance of a National Theatre School student. This interdisciplinary lab is a chance to make connections with other high school students across the country, while learning with emerging theatre professionals.

All artistic interests and disciplines are welcome.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Application Deadline: December 10th, 2022

FROM TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH...

Reducing Spread of Respiratory Viruses

As the weather has gotten colder, there has been an increase in respiratory viruses among children including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza and COVID-19. These three viruses have been called a "Triple Threat" because they can cause serious illness, especially to children under five years of age, seniors and people with medical conditions.

Recently, there have been higher than usual hospital admissions among children with one or more of these viruses. Toronto Public Health strongly recommends [layers of protection](#) to help keep children and others safe:

Masking: Wear a well-fitted [mask](#) in indoor public settings, including in schools and childcare. Children under 2 and those with medical exemptions are not recommended to wear a mask

Vaccinations: Anyone 6 months and older should stay up to date with [COVID-19 vaccines](#), including a fall booster for anyone 5 years of age and older and a fall [influenza vaccine](#). Anyone aged 5 and older can safely get their COVID-19 booster and flu vaccine at the same time.

Stay home if sick: Complete this [daily symptom check](#) for your child. Keep your child home, even if symptoms are mild, and until they are feeling better.

- **Clean your hands:** Use hand sanitizer or wash hands often.
- **Clean surfaces:** Clean commonly touched surfaces frequently.

Call 811 or speak to your child's healthcare provider if you have questions about your child's health. If your child is sick, you can find information about how to care for them [here](#). We can all take care of our families and school communities by reducing the spread of respiratory viruses. When we reduce the spread we also help ensure that our healthcare system remains able to care for the sick.

Director Child and Youth Response and Chief Nursing Officer

SOCIAL WORK & COMMUNITY VIRTUAL FAIR FOR ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This Community Fair is open to all families who have children with Special Needs attending TDSB schools. This includes children who are integrated in classrooms in our schools, attending our Intensive Support Programs (ISP) located in schools across the TDSB, as well as students in our Congregated Schools.

- 1st session: Monday December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon,
- 2nd session: Monday December 12th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm

Along with TDSB support staff, we will have Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Respite Services, P4P Planning Network, and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital presenting at the fair.

The flyer with information and the Zoom Link is [attached](#) as well as the Zoom Link to the events are below:

When: Monday December 5, 2022, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Monday December 12, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

Dial by your location Meeting ID: 983 6737 8226

Passcode: 969515

CALL OUT FOR STUDENTS (GRADES 6 – 12): TO HELP SHAPE ENVISION CONFERENCE

Are you a Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, trans, or queer student interested in meeting other 2SLGBTQIAP+ students and staff to help co-plan the EnVision 2023 conference for students? The EnVision Conference is an annual gathering of 2SLGBTQIAP+ students and allies/co-conspirators and this year, will be IN PERSON from Tuesday, February 28th to Wednesday, March 01. The focus of this year's conference is 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous, Black and Racialized Student Joy and Futurity.

We are looking for Black, Indigenous, and Racialized TDSB students and their allies from Grades 6-12 committed to working in solidarity to help shape this year's EnVision Conference. Please complete [this form](#) to apply as part of the Queer Youth Justice Lab. Grades 9-12 participants may be able to receive community service hours for their involvement. Please sign up by Wednesday, December 14th.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Thank you to our students for creating a week of awareness for December 6, a Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

Thank you to Aiden, Mme Phillipe and all the students for providing learning about this day, including the impact on Indigenous women, women of colour, immigrant women, women with disabilities and LGBTQ women who have been impacted by gender-based violence.



CREDIT RESCUE—DECEMBER 15

WHAT IS IT? Credit Rescue is an early intervention initiative to support student achievement.

WHY NOW? The goal of Credit Rescue Days is to enable students and educators to work together to engage in credit rescue activities and plan for continued support throughout the semester.

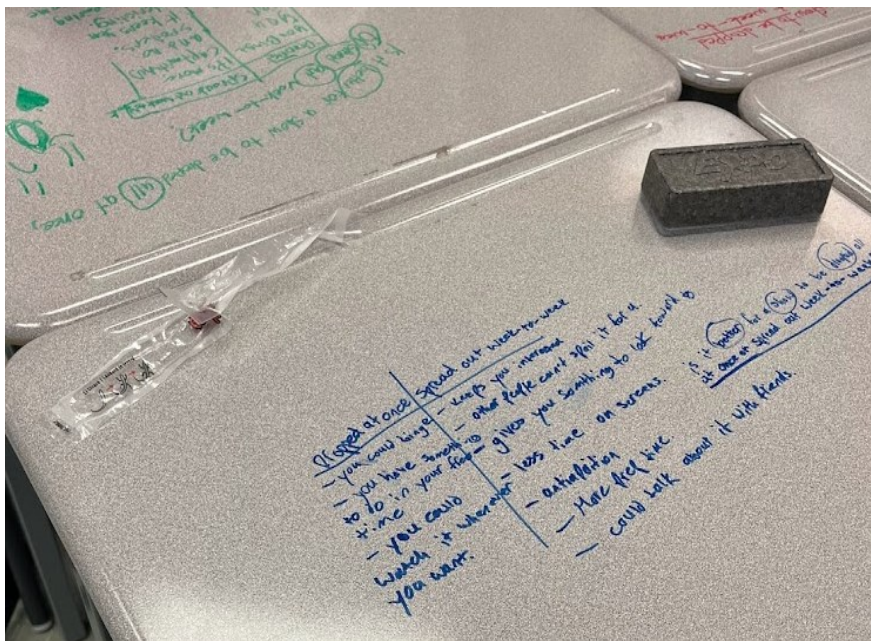
HOW? Teachers will pause on the delivery of new content or assessments (outside of those required for credit rescue) on these days. Instead, students will engage in credit rescue activities, independent work or activities that support learning and wellness.

WHEN? On December 15, 2022, we will be running a special schedule to support our Credit Rescue Activities. Please see the morning schedule above. All students attend their classes in the AM. Students requiring Credit Rescue Support will coordinate times in the Afternoon with their teacher(s).

Bell Schedule: Credit Rescue

Period	Day Part	Start Time	End Time	Duration
1	AM	09:00 AM	09:40 AM	40
2	AM	09:45 AM	10:25 AM	40
3	AM	10:30 AM	11:10 AM	40
4	AM	11:15 AM	11:55 AM	40
Lun	PM	12:00 PM	01:00 PM	60
AS	PM	01:00 PM	03:15 PM	135

Using our desks to take risks and make plans in our Bridging Class





A busy Grade 8 Information Night!



Our Nutrition Team, hard at work

A lot of smiling faces at OFSAA this year. Congratulations to our Boys Volleyball and Cross Country teams



Congratulations to our South Region Champs!



SCHOOL WEAR IS BACK!



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ATTENTION GRADUATING STUDENTS

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION with Clear Images School Photography

Monarch Park C.I. / SOLE

START DATE: Monday, December 12th , 2022 (Secure your preferred time slot. Appointments fill quickly.)

LOCATION: TBA

Hello Graduates!

It's time to capture your special milestone! **A \$35 session fee is required at this time, to secure your appointment. This \$35 fee includes your photography session, an 11"x14" print of your Graduating Class Composite and secures access to your exclusive Graduation Online Portrait Gallery.** During your appointment, the photographer will provide you with access codes, to your exclusive Graduation Online Portrait Gallery for you to view and purchase. These photos will be available to view 10 business days after your school's last graduation appointment has been taken.

Please respect your appointment time and remember to come prepared for your photo session. Collared shirts pair well with the graduation gowns and please bring your smile!

Please click on the following link to book your appointment:

<https://square.site/book/LM6EXKR2K1NR6/clear-images-photography-toronto-on>

Questions? email us at info@clearimages.ca

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT ARTS NIGHT!

