

# Monarch Park Collegiate

Good morning Students and Families,

We hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving Weekend.

Thank you to our students and staff advisors for a successful Club Fair last week. There is a lot happening at MPC. Look out for announcements from Radio Monarch for opportunities to get involved.

On Thursday, MPC hosted a full day girls basketball tournament. A tremendous congratulations to our athletes, coaches, fans, and guests for a positive and exciting event. Our student sports teams are also in full swing. If you are a parent/guardian/caregiver of a student athlete who would like to come to a home event, please begin your visit to our school at the main office to sign in.

This past weekend, the Dome was installed for the winter season. We look forward to using the space throughout the winter for classroom activities, and sports.

Our Student Services department is doing classroom visits this week and continue to hold information sessions with post-secondary pathways at lunch in Ferguson Hall. It's a great way to support future planning and connect with your guidance counsellors.

Grab & Go Breakfast is run by students at MPC. Each day, student volunteers get up early to offer a variety of fruit, whole grain and dairy items in the foyer. These items are also available throughout the school day. Student volunteers make decisions about food orders, communications and volunteer schedules with the guidance of teachers Karen Doherty-Ross and Nuria Robles Evans. Should you like to donate to our School Nutrition Program, an announcement was sent through School CashOnline. Paper forms are also available in the main office for those who would like a tax receipt.

Please also check out CashOnline to contribute to the Student Activity Fee. This fee supports Yearbook, Locks, and Student Activities. Should you have any questions or concerns about part or all of the payment, please contact your student's Vice-Principal.

We look forward to seeing interested parents/guardians/caregivers in our first school council meeting tonight at 7PM in the library.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.



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## UPCOMING DATES

**October 12—School Council**

**October 13—Grade 9 Curriculum Night**

**October 17—Photo Re-take Day**

**October 19—Late Start**

**October 26—Late Start**

**October 27—Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews**

**October 31—Halloween**

**November 2—Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day**

## MPC START OF YEAR UPDATES

**The Start of Year forms** We still have many outstanding forms. Please complete the forms, sent through Permission Click as soon as possible.

**Early Dismissal or Absences** a reminder to parents/guardians/caregivers to call in to 416-393-0190, press 1 for safe arrival. Please do not email the general Monarch Park mailbox as messages are not always checked in time for safe arrival.

### **Verification Forms**

Thank you to all who have been returning the verification forms. Please continue to return any outstanding forms to the Main Office or Guidance Office as soon as possible.

### **Lockers**

A huge thank you to our office staff for organizing the lockers for this year. Any students who have an outstanding issue with their lockers, please see the main office for support.

### 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.

## GRADE 9 CURRICULUM NIGHT

Join us this Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 6-8PM for Grade 9 Curriculum Night.

The schedule for the evening is the following:

### **Classroom Rotations**

6PM—7PM

With 4, 15 min rotations in total, student leaders will be available to guide you to your preferred classroom within the school.

Have an opportunity to hear from our curriculum leaders about grade 9 courses, including what students are learning in Grade 9, strategies to support success, and learning over the year.

### **Group Assembly**

7:00PM—8PM

Thank you to our Band led by Mr. Sasaki for performing.

Hear from:

Administration  
Student Services/Guidance  
Student Success  
Special Education  
Student Leadership

And a thank you to our baking club who will be providing treats for the evening.

## Opportunities For Students

### BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop

Friday, October 14, 2022

7 - 9 p.m.

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) is hosting a free online Scholarship Application Workshop for Black students who are currently in Grade 8 or high school and their parents or guardians. Participants will learn how to prepare and apply for scholarships and bursaries. To register visit: [bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopOctober14](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopOctober14). For any additional questions about the workshop, please email [info@bfcn.ca](mailto:info@bfcn.ca).

[Click here to access the BFCN 2022 Scholarship Directory!](#)

### Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference

Join us at our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 22 and 23, 2022. Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

New this year, we have partnered with the TDSB's Outdoor Education team as well as the City of Toronto to bring a unique, outdoor experience to the conference. All pre-conference sessions will run from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Transportation from hub sites is available to all venues and leaves a designated departure location at 8 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m. More information will be provided in the registration.

The virtual conference includes a keynote address on Sunday, October 24 by Randell Adjei, Ontario's Poet Laureate, as well as a number of workshops in a range of areas including mental health and well-being, learning, special education, anti-racism and hate and more.

Registration opens soon. Visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) for more information.

For more information, please contact or [Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca), Central Co-ordinator, PCEO.

### Fall 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities for TDSB Staff, Students and Families on Building an Understanding of the Experiences and Identities of Muslim Communities

The Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Department, which includes the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is collaborating with the National Council of Canadian Muslims to offer ongoing professional development series for TDSB staff, students and families.

Each session is co-developed with TDSB Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression team and the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and focuses on centering the multiplicities of experiences and identities of Muslims communities, promoting anti-Islamophobia/anti-Muslim racism education and exploring concrete strategies within school communities and classroom environments.

For a full list of sessions and to register, please visit the [Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression](#) and the [Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement](#) websites.

For the following upcoming sessions for TDSB secondary students in grades 9-12, kindly see the [attached flyer](#) with [registration](#) details:

## Get Involved at MPC

Some of the amazing clubs happening now at MPC

AMANI (Afro Canadian Club) - Meets Wednesdays at Lunch in 116

K-POP Club—Thursdays at noon in 116

Zakah—Wednesdays at lunch in 313

HerStory—Wednesdays in 205 at 12:05PM

Inter-Club Council—First Monday of the Month in Ferguson hall

Model UN—Thursday After School—Ferguson Hall

Gaming Club—Monday After School in the Library

MEND (Monarchs Environmental Club) Tuesdays at lunch in 305

Anime Club—Wednesdays at lunch in room 127

MPC Dance Crew—Fridays at Lunch

Rise Above—Thursdays at Lunch in Room 129

Open Gym—Listen to announcements to join open gym at lunch

Not Sure what else there is to offer?

We'll be posting a larger list in the coming weeks, but until then, you can also check out

@lions.icc and @lions.sac on Instagram for opportunities happening every day

### NEED A BIT OF EXTRA SUPPORT?

Seeking with School and Future Planning? Looking for Scholarship information? Head over to the [Student Services Website](#) for more information.

Looking for **Volunteering** opportunities at MPC? Check out @mpcvolunteers for opportunities in and around MPC.

Need Help with your **Homework**?

Join us at Homework Hangout Monday—Thursday from 3:15PM to 4:30PM for help with your homework and/or if you are struggling. Teachers and Peer Tutors are here to support.

## Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. You will be able to schedule your Interviews online. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions printed further down the page.

**You will be able to schedule appointments from October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am until October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

### Instructions

1. Prepare a list with the names of each teacher you would like to meet
2. Go to the Monarch Park scheduling website at <https://parentinterview.com/s/mpci>
3. Enter your child's 9-digit student number and click "Sign In"
4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
5. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
6. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
8. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
9. Print out, email or copy down your schedule

Should you wish to cancel an appointment you have made, click on "Cancel" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule.

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email [support@parentinterview.com](mailto:support@parentinterview.com)