



October 12, 2021

Good Morning Monarch Park Students and Families:

Hope you had a restful long weekend, and were able to enjoy the beautiful weather as you spent time with family and friends.

During the month of October, TDSB recognizes [Islamic Heritage Month](#), [Somali Heritage Month](#), and Women's History Month. Please see the attached links for more information from TDSB.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Toronto Public Health (TPH) recently released [updated guidance](#) with regard to extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs, bands, and field trips.

At this time, our school will be gradually moving forward with extra-curriculars and more information will be shared as specific plans and timelines are finalized.

Thank you for your ongoing patience as it takes time to create plans, identify staff and community volunteers and ensure that the appropriate health and safety measures are in place so that activities can be done safely.

At this time, students may participate in:

- Any number of virtual extra-curricular offerings
- Two indoor extra-curricular activities (club, council, athletics) with appropriate masking and physical distancing at any given time.
- Outdoor activities with appropriate physical distancing.
- There is a hold on allowing any spectators to extra-curriculars. Guidelines are being developed.

HOMEWORK HANGOUT

Our Student Success department has begun a Homework Hangout for Students:

How you use Homework Hangout is up to you → stay for 10 minutes or the whole time, come everyday or just when you need help, work alone or with a group...

Why Attend? Get one on one help in Math, Science, English, Geography, History, French, Civics, and Careers, etc.



Who are the Tutors?

Grade 11 & 12 students & teachers from Monarch who are volunteering their time to help you.

How do I participate?

- Where: Room 224 or online via Zoom
- When: Monday - Thursday after school until 4:30pm
- Scan the QR code below for the permission form



PARENTS AS PARTNERS CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 16 & 17

Please watch this [promotional video](#) created by the Community Support Workers communications team. Register for this event by visiting the [2021 Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference](#) website. The 2021 Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference provides an opportunity to highlight innovation and high-impact strategies for partnering, collaborating, and nurturing parents' and caregivers' partnerships and alliances.

REPORTING & EXAMS

For the 2021/22 School Year, the TDSB has provided the following direction to schools:

- There will not be final exams.
- Course work throughout the semester will account for a minimum of 70% (and up to 90%) of the final mark.
- Culminating Activities will account for 10-30% of the final mark.
- Culminating Activities will take place towards the end of the course and will be comprised of tasks that enable students to demonstrate a consolidation of their understanding of the course expectations. It may include a test, as well as other types of assessments.
- The "exam days" that have been scheduled in the calendar will be used to support Credit Rescue Initiatives.
- Mid term report cards for semester 1 will be sent out electronically during the week of Nov. 15– Nov. 19.
- Final Report Cards for Semester 1 will be sent out electronically no later than Feb. 11.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Student council elections are on Friday, October 15, 2021. Students should receive an email directly to their TDSB email accounts with an invitation to vote via google form. Voting will close at midnight on election day.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK 2021

Monarch Park is pleased to be participating in Take Our Kids To Work day on November 3, 2021. This is a program for students in grade 9 to participate in experiential learning by offering students the opportunity to explore the world of work and various careers.



Students will have the opportunity to: attend a day of work with a trusted adult, participate in virtual Take Our Kids to Work Day events hosted by The Learning Partnership with parents/guardians from home, or their teachers may participate in virtual Take Our Kids to Work from school in their classes.

Students will be asked to prepare questions for the workplace they visit and to reflect on the skills and on the educational paths necessary to access a career at their chosen location.

We believe this is an important and valuable opportunity for our students. Grade 9 students participating with their parents/guardians will not miss any assessments, evaluations, or any new material in their classes.

For more information, visit <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work/parents-and-students>

To participate, permission must be granted by a parent or guardian. Permission forms will be distributed in October.

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Our first School Council is Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7PM via Zoom.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98626663271?pwd=UWczZjdWcjFkeW02ZkxJSFICU1UwQT09>

Current Executive (2020-2021)

Co-Chairs: Voula McLaughlin and Maria Saras-Voutsinas

Secretary: Melissa Kittmer

Treasurer: Darryl Soshycki

Communications: Jennifer Cloke-Campbell

FROM STUDENT SERVICES



MPC University Information Session	MPC Scholarship Information Session	MPC College Information Session
October 13, 2021 @ 3:30 PM	October 14, 2021 @ 3:30 PM	October 19, 2021 @ 4 PM
https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96903243123	https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/91883551956	https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93469902419 Meeting ID: 934 6990 2419



OUAC/ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Application PINs distributed: November 2021

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES FAIR

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

ONTARIO COLLEGE MONDAYS

Register to attend a session from October 4, 2021 – November 29, 2021

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent/late, please report by 9 am by calling the school at 416-393-0190 and follow the prompts to leave a message on the attendance line. Please do not send an email to the general school mailbox as it is not meant for daily attendance reporting and may be missed.

TPH AND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority and everyone plays a role. Toronto Public Health has made updates its [COVID-19 screening for students/children in childcares and JK to Grade 12 schools](#). Please use this updated version when conducting your daily screening before coming to school.

Here is the revised [TDSB Health Pass](#) paper version and these updates are reflected in the TDSB Health Screening App.

One of the most important thing families can do to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our schools safe and healthy.

MGH COVID TESTING AND OUTREACH SITES

Take-home COVID-19 PCR testing kits fact sheet can be found here: <https://tehn.ca/about-us/common-questions-about-mghs-take-home-covid-19-test-kits>.

Translated versions of instructions can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o6n98opwkwclki4/AADesQGWX2OKcyDgHtQf76M1a?dl=0>

Please see below for vaccine clinics this week. They offer first and second doses by walk-in to everyone born in 2009 or earlier (i.e. turning age 12 or older this year). [See upcoming pop-up vaccine clinics in East Toronto](#).

The school-based clinics this week include:

- a) Tuesday October 12 4-8 pm: Our lady of Fatima



- b) Wednesday October 13 4-8 pm: Leslieville Junior Public School
- c) Thursday October 14 4-8 pm: Grenoble Public School
- d) Friday October 15 4-8 pm: Greenland Public School

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12 – School Council Meeting 7PM via Zoom

October 20 – Late Start

October 27 – Late Start