



October 31, 2021

Good Afternoon Monarch Park Students and Families:

It was a busy week at MPC! Teachers had opportunities to meet with Students/Parents/Guardians during our interview sessions on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I had the great opportunity to collaborate with Ms. Ferry's Class and Chef to teach students how to fold spanakopita. Grade 9 Geography students created amazing apps using mapping principles. Grade 9 French students had three days of cooking and learning to compliment the first unit "La Recette". Many thanks to our student council for creating an outdoor Halloween Photo Booth.

Our student in the MSA created a wonderful gallery wall to celebrate Islamic Heritage month and educate MPC students. Thank you to student leaders for their commitment to this learning opportunity.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month. For more information, please visit [this link](#)

November is [Indigenous Education Month](#) at the Toronto District School Board. It is important to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, contemporary realities, and voices.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

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## 1:1 DEVICES

Grade 9 Students: Opportunity to opt-in for a device ends on November 3. We ask that you let us know either way by accessing the form and opting in/out. Remaining devices will be returned to the Board after November 3, 2021

## CLUB FAIR

Plans are underway for a Club Fair on November 12, 2021 during C&D Classes. Students will travel throughout the school with their teachers to visit booths for clubs offered at MPC. Please also continue to listen to announcements for club/council opportunities that are both in person and virtual. Club reps will be available to answer questions and will have QR codes available for students to sign up using a device but will also have an alternate method for students who do not have a device.

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with select community partner organizations are facilitating a series of [community consultations](#). Community members and parents of students who self-identify as Black are invited to register for a virtual session. Upcoming date is November 23 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## CREDIT RESCUE DAYS

Credit Rescue Days at MPC will be held on November 2 (Week 1) and November 10 (Week 2). Credit Rescue is an early intervention initiative to support student achievement.

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

All students must attend in-person or virtually for attendance to be taken on these days. Teachers will communicate with students/parents/caregivers who should access credit rescue opportunities as well as the expectations for students who do not require credit rescue support at this time.

On November 2, Credit Rescue opportunities will be provided to week One classes during their regularly scheduled time, and November 10 Credit Rescue opportunities will be provided to week Two classes during their regularly scheduled time.

## EXCURSION MANAGEMENT APPLICATION – PARENT/GUARDIAN REFERENCE GUIDE

As opportunities for field trips arise, we will be shifting towards a web-based application. The Excursion Management Application (EMA) is a web-based application which will allow Parents/Guardians to complete field trip (or excursion) permission (or information - as it's in the video), athletic forms and Medical Information forms online. This step-by-step [Reference Guide](#) will assist Parents/Guardians on how to successfully Login to EMA. The PDF is also attached to this email.

## LUNCH

As the weather gets colder and students start to eat lunch indoors, this is a reminder that while students are eating, they should be maintaining social distancing when masks are off. Further, please be sure to clean up after eating, making sure that food is not left on the ground and that wrappers or packaging is placed in the garbage. We have been noticing lately that there is food left on floors and in the cafeteria. Let's continue to do our part to keep our spaces clean.

## REGISTRATION FORMS

Parents have received registration forms that require attention. These forms allow you to update medical information, confirm personal information, and provide permission for walks in the immediate community, media releases, and other important per-mission forms. You may find these registration forms in your spam folder. Please look for them. These forms have been sent to parents via "Permission Click". If you have not received the form, please let us know by sending us an email request to: [monarchpark@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:monarchpark@tdsb.on.ca)

## VERIFICATION FORMS

Hard copies were sent home a few weeks ago with in-school students and mailed to virtual students. Please return the form with changes (or no changes) by the end of this week.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



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## 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.

## FROM MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL

Pop-up vaccine clinics: Please see below for this week's vaccination clinics. 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) Wednesday November 3: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

## UPCOMING DATES

November 2 – Credit Rescue Day

November 3 – Take Your Kids to Work Day (grade 9s)

November 10 – Credit Rescue Day

November 16 – School Council Meeting @ 7PM

November 19 – PA Day