

URGENT UPDATE re e-Learning for the Summer - Time Sensitive

The update, in addition to the above also contains:

1. E-Learning Update
2. Grade 12 Students & Community Service Hours
3. Info for Students currently enrolled in Night School
4. Option Changes
5. Reminder re Awards and Scholarships for Grade 12 students
6. Graduating and Post-Secondary Applications

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Thank you to Ali, Heather and Hillel for putting this together.

Guidance Update -- April 7, 2020

E-Learning - July & August Registration Opens Tomorrow

Here's what you need to know:

- Registration for July and August courses opens on April 8, 2020. We don't know exactly at what time, but they tell us there's plenty of room, so don't stress!
- Click on this link: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-Summer-School>
- You can find important dates, the list of courses, and how to register using "e-Reg" by clicking on the tabs on the left side.
- You will need to print out and have your parent/guardian sign the permission form that is sent to you after you request a course. Scan that sheet and send it to your guidance counsellor, or have your parent send your counsellor an email giving explicit permission for you to take the course. Once we receive that email, we can approve the course request.
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Questions About . . .

In-Person Summer School?

Remedial Summer School (in case you fail a course)?

Next Year's E-Learning for Semester One and Two?

We simply don't know yet. As soon as we get information, we will send out another Guidance Update.

Grade Twelve Students and Community Service Hours

If you are a grade twelve student who has not yet completed your 40 community service hours, don't worry. The requirement has been waived since it is impossible for you to complete them at this time.

Students Currently Enrolled in Night School

Just as with current semester II e-Learning, your teachers should have already reached out to you, and remote completion of learning and course work should be underway as of this week. Please note that should you wish to DROP your night school class, the drop dates are as follows, and you need to alert both your night school teacher AND your UFA guidance counsellor:

- Tues/Thurs classes -- drop date (full disclosure date) is April 23
- Mon/Wed classes -- drop date (full disclosure date) is April 29

Thinking You Would Like to Make a Change to Your Course Requests for Next Year?

Please be patient. We typically take requests for course changes starting in mid-May. We will let you know when that process will begin.

Nominate Your Classmates for Awards!

Do you have classmates who deserve to be recognized?

If you do, then this is a reminder to follow the [instructions](#) sent out by David Freedman on Thursday, April 2nd, at 10:40 p.m.

Deadline to nominate: Thursday, April 16, 12:00 noon.

Grade 12s -- Want to Apply for Scholarships? Now Is a Good Time!

See the Message From Scholar Tree below:

I hope you and your family are well. The next two months are when the majority of scholarship applications close for students who will be attending post-secondary school next year (here is one of the larger dollar value scholarships that is [only available to Ontario students](#).) Scholarships are probably the furthest thing from most students' minds with all of the uncertainties related to COVID-19 but unfortunately, as of now, very few scholarship providers have extended their deadlines.

I can tell you that ScholarTree's daily traffic has been halved since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who are still interested in applying to scholarships, this can be an opportunity for them to gain an additional competitive edge as there are fewer students competing for these awards.

Here are a few resources you can use to help students who are applying to scholarships:

- At the bottom of <https://scholartree.ca/educators> there is a **downloadable budget planner** that students can use to prepare for next year
- At the bottom of <https://scholartree.ca/educators> there is an **email template** that you can use to let students know about ScholarTree
- Here is a **blog** outlining the most common mistakes we see on scholarship applications - <https://scholartree.ca/blog/the-6-most-common-mistakes-when-applying-to-scholarships>

Graduating, and Worried About Your Post-Secondary Applications?

Please don't worry. Just focus on your studies right now. The universities and colleges have been telling guidance counsellors that they are very aware of what is going on. See a sample message from U of T below:

If students are concerned about meeting specific conditions in their offer, know that we are committed to working with all admitted students who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will exercise as much flexibility as possible to make sure students aren't disadvantaged by circumstances beyond their control. Applicants and admitted students should contact the faculty or campus directly with questions or concerns – we are here to help!