

Welcome to This Week's Guidance Update -- April 29!

Many thanks to Ali, Heather and Hillel for putting this Info NewsFlash together

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1. Application For A Device and/or Internet

This is a final opportunity. If you need access to a Device and/or Internet AND you haven't already applied to the TDSB, the last day to apply is this Thursday, April 30th. The Google Form application is no longer active, so now you must download, complete, the attached form and email hillel.heinstein@tdsb.on.ca Thursday at noon. A parent (or student who is over 18) must complete the application. **Note #1:** the form asks for the student's OEN (Ontario Education Number), which is not the same as the student's UFA student number. Find the 9-digit OEN on any report card. (If you are having trouble figuring out how to do all of this, email hillel.heinstein@tdsb.on.ca.)

[Request for Remote Learning Devices Parent Form.docx](#)

2. Graduates -- The Compliment Project! An Email Is Coming Your Way

Hey UFA grads! Every year, everyone in the graduating class anonymously gives a compliment to, and receives a compliment from, another classmate. The compliments are read as you cross the stage at graduation.

Although circumstances have changed, this year is no exception. You all will receive an email to your **TDSB email address** with the subject line: **“Grad Compliment Assignment.”** It will outline what compliments should look like and **who you are giving a compliment to**. If you have a question or concern about anything regarding the project, please reply to that email and we will get back to you. **To submit your compliment, complete the Google Form attached to the email. The deadline to submit one is Wednesday, May 13.**

We look forward to seeing the whole graduating class come together to celebrate our community and achievements!

- Katherine Z., Aglaia, Emma, Michelle, and Sofia
The UFA Grad Compliment Project Team :)

3. **New Drop Date for All Courses**

We have received word from the Ministry of Education that a new "Full Disclosure Date" -- or, as we more commonly call it, the "Drop Date" -- has been instituted for all courses of any type -- day school (semestered and non-semestered), night school and E-Learning. This new date is **May 5, 2020**.

If you are thinking you want to drop a course, first discuss it with your family and then contact your Guidance Counsellor. If the decision is to drop, a parent/guardian will need to contact your Guidance Counsellor directly giving you permission. IF we receive this permission ON or BEFORE May 6, the mark you had before dropping the course will not remain on your transcript. Please note that dropping a course is only an option for grade 11 and 12 students. Questions? Contact your Guidance Counsellor:

Last names A-L: Heather.Strupat@tdsb.on.ca

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4. **The Rotary Club of Toronto 2020 Scholarship**

Please find attached the application information for this scholarship.

[Rotary-Club-of-Toronto-Scholarship--Application-2020.doc](#)

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a four-year tuition scholarship of up to **\$10,000** a year. It is awarded to an outstanding student graduating from a Municipality of Toronto High School with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, leadership and breadth and depth of community service.

Criteria – all must be met by the applicant:

- Attend a University or a publically funded College of Applied Arts and Technology in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The GTA is defined as the Municipalities of Toronto, Durham, Halton, Peel and York

- Provide evidence of financial need
- Have high school grades with an average of 80% and above, resulting in your acceptance to a post-secondary program
- Demonstrate leadership in your school and community activities

5. Grade 11s & 12s -- Check the Websites of Your Colleges and Universities

We receive emails daily from the various universities and colleges in Ontario and across Canada. They are encouraging applicants and prospective students to check their websites for updates regarding admissions, to register for online events such as open houses, and to take virtual campus tours. Please keep abreast of what is going on at the schools you've applied to or are interested in.

6. Some Early Information About Summer School, Both In-Person and Remedial

We just received information this morning that, in addition to the July and August E-Learning new-credit options on offer to students going in to grade 11 and 12, there will also be a "Hybrid Remote Face-to-Face Summer School" (new-credit only, in July, and online but with the possibility of meeting in person if COVID restrictions are lifted). There will also be, in lieu of "remedial" courses for students who fail a course, an online "Remote Credit Recovery Summer School" that will run in July. We are still waiting to hear the details. More information will be coming soon!

7. Summer and Fall E-Learning -- Update

It will probably not be surprising to hear that new credit E-Learning has been receiving very high numbers of students applying, especially for the month of July. If you are thinking you might like to take one, you should register soon. Courses could fill up shortly, and move to waiting lists. There is much more room available in the month of August. If you think you want to drop your E-Learning course, let your Guidance Counsellor know.

For Fall E-Learning as part of day school, we still have no new information. When we do, we will let you know. If you are going to be leaving UFA this spring and are 18 years of age or older, registration for Fall 2020 Adult E-Learning opens up on May 5, 2020. Go to

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/eCredit-18>