

Welcome to This Week's Guidance Update -- June 10th

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Graduation Ceremony and Documents

The graduating class of 2020 has sure had a rough time of it, in so many ways.

We wanted to let you know that we have been busily working on possible ways to celebrate this important marker in your life. Pending decisions made by Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Education, our current tentative plans for graduation are the following:

- Hold an in-person or virtual ceremony this fall. Dates are still being negotiated.
- You will be able to collect your documents (photo composite, diploma, various certificates and awards, and the letter you wrote to your future self back during your grade nine retreat) shortly after the ceremony, and the Main Office will determine those details.
- Artwork done by grade 12 students will also be able to be picked up at the same time.

We wish we could communicate information with more certainty, but it's simply not possible at this time, and we are grateful to all our families for their patience and understanding.

Graduates Heading Off to Post-Secondary? Consider a Transition Program

Wondering if you're fully prepared for your post-secondary program? Wondering how you're going to spend your time this summer? Consider signing up for a transition program at your university or college. Many, many post-secondary programs have set up virtual transition programs for students so that they can become a bit more familiar with the demands they will face this September, and you might find it useful to refresh your math and writing skills, and learn more about how to access library resources, etc.

Grade 11s and 12s -- Thinking to Drop a Course? -- Please Do So ASAP!

As we said last week, please consider dropping now a course that you plan to drop in the fall. Timetables are *extremely* tight, and you'll be doing a good deed to a fellow student who can't get in to a course now if you drop it sooner rather than later.

Please fill in and have signed the attached form to request a change to your timetable, and simply indicate that you wish to drop a course.

[Request for Course Selection Changes.doc](#)

Thank you from your guidance counsellors!

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Self-Compassion - A Mental Wellness Resource from Danielle Farmer

Danielle Farmer, our Child and Youth Worker, has shared another excellent resource on the topic of self-compassion, with information and links for both students and parents. Please find the newsletter attached here:

[Issue 7 - BRS LC3 Virtual Learning Newsletter .pdf](#)

Breaking News Regarding Hybrid Remote Summer School – Cancellations

We have just received the following information regarding Hybrid Remote Summer School (see website for details: www.creditprograms.ca):

Unfortunately, enrolment in Hybrid Remote Summer Credit programs is extremely low. As a result, TDSB has made the following changes to our program model:

- 1. Hybrid Remote Summer School is now fully remote. There will be no face-to-face in-class time.*
- 2. The vast majority of courses have been cancelled. Please note that e-Summer is heavily enrolled. Our students are well served in July and August. Credit Recovery is also well subscribed and will not be cancelled. **Continuing Education is in the process of notifying students of cancellations through e-Reg.***
- 3. Secondary Summer School has been cancelled at the following locations:
Central Technical School
Downsview SS*

Eastdale CI
Forest Hill CI
John Polanyi CI
Kipling CI
L'Amoreaux CI
Marc Garneau CI
Newtonbrook SS
North Albion CI
Riverdale CI

4. *For Hybrid Remote Summer School, students may upgrade passing marks for courses they completed in the 2019-2020 school year by successfully completing half of the full credit course hours.*