

Ursula Franklin Academy NewsFlash – May 22nd Edition.

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1. **e-Learning Courses for 2020-2021 Update** (message from: **TDSB**)

Registration dates for Grade 11 and 12 e-Learning courses for 2020-2021 are currently on hold and are being reviewed to ensure they align with the TDSB back-to-school strategy that is being developed. We will update you with the revised registration dates once they have been determined.

2. **SAC Meeting Info (May 26th @ 7 pm)** (message from: **SAC**)

*This is a tentative agenda for May 26 Meeting. A **Google Meet Link will be emailed out via a special NewsFlash on Tuesday, May 26th between 5 and 6 pm.** Clicking on the link will take you to your browser – in some cases you will need to wait for admittance to the video link. If you run into difficulties connecting – email David immediately @ david.freedman@tdsb.on.ca)*

- **Opening mark from SAC co-chairs**
- **Students report including, funds raising for Covid, FAA, Student tudors proposal, on-line Agenda and "unplugged"**
- **Teachers and guidance report, including latest update on OSSFT**
- **Principal report**
- **Vice-Principal report**
- **Ward 7 report**
- **Q&A session**

Questions and concerns for Q&A session can be provided in advance which will give us opportunity to organize the meeting as best as we can under these circumstances.

Please email your questions at the latest Monday, May 25, to:

ufa.sac@gmail.com or

Sanjassanja@gmail.com

3. **COVID-19 Emergency Meal Program** (message from: **Robin Pilkey**)

From: sarahdoucette@stonesoupnetwork.ca <sarahdoucette@stonesoupnetwork.ca>

Sent: May 21, 2020 12:02 PM

To: Pilkey, Robin

Subject: COVID-19 Emergency Meal Program

Robin;

I hope that you and your family are staying well.

Re: COVID-19 Emergency Meals Program

Windermere United Church (WUC) has partnered with MLSE/Scotiabank program, Feed-It-Forward, Second Harvest and other West End Churches to provide pre-packaged meals each week in our community.

Could you please share this information with your school Principals and Parent Councils. We will be sending it out to the school Social Workers. If the Principals know of families in need of these emergency meals they are very welcome to contact the individual families. Due to confidentiality it may be harder for Parent Councils to identify families but helping us get the word out would be great.

As you see from the poster for those living in TCHC properties families will have their meals delivered within their location. For families not living in TCHC properties they can pick up at the front door of St Pius Church at 2305 Bloor Street West at Durie Street north, on Fridays from 1-3 pm.

For more information you can either email ineedhelptoronto@gmail.com or should the Principals have questions about the program, please feel free to contact Rev. Alexa Gilmour of WUC at 416-769-5611 or windermerechurch@bellnet.ca

Thank you for your help in spreading the word.

Best regards

Sarah Doucette

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Please see attached poster that summarizes the above information.

[NHN Food delivery Poster Letter Print PDF_v4.pdf](#)

4. **Information for Our Upcoming Grade 12 Graduates** (message from: **David, Barbara, Sheila and Ali**)

Graduation/Commencement Update

On Tuesday afternoon, the province indicated that schools will remain closed through to the end of June. That effectively ensures that UFA's Graduation/Commencement Ceremony will take place in the fall. At this point we have no idea what school will look like when it resumes in September, so it would be foolish to state with any certainty what date the deferred Graduation Ceremony will be held. The only assurance we can give is that Ursula Franklin is committed to providing the graduating class, their parents and friends the opportunity to cross the stage and receive

recognition for their accomplishments. In order to ensure that we are able to update the graduates and their families with the details of the fall graduation ceremony we will be actively collecting their personal emails over the next couple of weeks. We can't use their Board email as that will be closed at the end of June.

Prom Update

The Prom Committee (Allie, Ellary, Kate and Sabina) has continued to meet virtually to discuss possible options to recognize and celebrate the end of our graduates' high school careers. Needless to say, this is quite difficult to do as the circumstances continue to unfold and it is unclear when groups will be able to congregate in large numbers again. It's also unclear to what extent graduates will be able to come together once they are no longer UFA students.

To give us a clearer picture of student priorities, the Prom Committee has undertaken to survey the grade 12s to gauge their level of interest in various scenarios. Based on this feedback, as well as input from parents via the SAC, we will look at next steps.

As we so frequently hear these days: stay tuned.

Valedictorian Nominations and Ballots

Next week the ten students who have been nominated to be valedictorian by their peers will be submitting a short write up for the graduating class to consider. Grade 12 students will then receive the write ups and electronic ballots which they will use to vote for co-valedictorians during the second week of June. Students will only be able to vote and submit their ballots once.

Diplomas & Certificates

The Ministry of Education has indicated diplomas and certificates will not be distributed during school closure due to COVID19. Students' graduation dates **will not** be impacted. Diplomas and certificates will be distributed once schools re-open. Additional information will be shared with families as it becomes available from the Ministry of Education.

Awards & Scholarships

Please stay tuned for next week Guidance Update for information.

5. PASS Club leadership application (message from: **Tony)**

PASS Club, UFA's peer tutoring program, is taking applications for two leadership positions for the next school year. We are only considering students who are currently in grade 10 or 11. Experience as a PASS Club tutor is preferred. The position requires a year-long commitment. Further details can be found on the application form. Applications must be submitted to Tony by email (antonio.zappitelli@tdsb.on.ca) by the end of day on June 15.

Click [here](#) for the application form.

(Please note this application is only for the leadership positions. The application process for tutors will take place at the beginning of the next school year.)

6. **Get ready for...** (message from: **Mia**)

THE UFA QUARANTINE CUP

Hear ye! Hear ye! Announcing the UFA Quarantine Competition. Students from grade houses (and a staff team!) will compete through the month of June for the glory of winning the UFA Quarantine Cup. Each week, individual and group challenges will be announced and students will represent their grades to win house points towards a final tally on June 24th, when the winning grade house will be declared.

Competitors, may we present the UFA Houses:

Grade 9: The Retreat Roosters

Grade 10: The Magnanimous Monkeys

Grade 11: The Solarium Sheep Squad

Grade 12: The Hobbit Door Horses

Staff: The Potlucking Professors

This challenge is here to get you up, get you moving, and ramp up that good old UFA spirit! Participate individually or as part of a grade team, every week or as you're able and pick and choose components (food, literacy, media/visual, and/or physical). Students will collaborate in online Google documents.

Please join using this Class code: **vsif24v**

7. **Access to TDSB outside fields** (message from: **TDSB**)

On May 20 the City of Toronto made the following announcement that they will be re-opening park amenities, the TDSB has made a similar decision and will be re-opening its **sports fields, basketball nets and tennis courts for individual/non-organized** use beginning Thursday, May 21.

NOTE: playscapes/play structures are still **CLOSED**.

Please note - Continue to practice physical distancing with any visitors you encounter.

Please have a great weekend.

David

