



Mary Ward CSS Weekly Update:

For the week of Monday January 20th to Friday January 24th, 2020

Hello Parents & Guardians. Below, please find our Mary Ward Weekly Update. This will also be posted on our Mary Ward portal page (Under "For Parents" tab) which can be found at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/maryward/ForParents/wardweeklyupdate/Pages/default.aspx>

Welcome to Week 19

Tip of the Week:

- Our **Math Department** offers extra help through peer and teacher assistance every Monday- Thursday from 3 – 4 p.m. in the Math Department. Please encourage your child to attend to receive additional assistance, to have help preparing for tests, to get help with their unit work. Additionally, Mr. Bullock offers **MCR3U test prep sessions** Tuesday after school.

Reminders of the Week:

Parents & Guardians: As most of you will know, the province's teacher unions are in a labour issue with the provincial government. Due to escalating work action, there will be a strike this Tuesday January 21st. As a result, the school will be closed to students all day. We will resume all school activities on Wednesday January 22nd.

This week our foundress, **Mary Ward, turns 435 years old**. We will highlight her wonderful life through the week. We will be celebrating with birthday cake during lunch on Thursday.

This is Our Kids, Our Future (OKOF) week at Mary Ward. Students will be highlighting important issues related to teens throughout the week via morning announcements, prayers and lunchtime activities. **There will be a civvies day on Wed. January 22nd in support of FCJ Refugee Centre.**

Grade 9 Religion Course coming to completion date (1/2 course): The grade 9 religion course is a half credit course and **will be ending with the final exam on Thursday, January 23rd**. Your student should know if they are writing the exam or not.

Winter Activity Day (W.A.D.) 2020: Winter Activity Day will be taking place on Friday January 31st, 2020. This day is a long-standing tradition here at Mary Ward. Very few schools in the TCDSB secondary panel continue this type of an event as it is very time consuming in terms of planning and organizing. We feel however, that this is such an important community bonding time here at Mary Ward so we are able to put the time and energy into making this happen.

We would however, ask for your support in ensuring that your children take part. On W.A.D., students will pre-select from a list of over 21 various fun activities from volunteering, skiing/snowboarding, 3:3 basketball, ice skating, rock climbing, kick boxing, etc. There is literally something for everyone and for all budgets. No one should be excluded from participating due to financial difficulties.

Collection of forms and money will then take place on Thurs. Jan. 23rd and Fri. Jan. 24th. Some activities have limited availability, so we operate on a first-come, first-serve basis, so sign up on School Cash Online asap. Students who are not participating will be expected to come to school for supervised study. I strongly encourage all students to participate in W.A.D. 2020. We have strong participation numbers so I would urge you to avoid making appointments or permitting your child to stay home that day.

School Cash Online: Earlier last week, I send out through School Messenger, an email detailing a reminder of registering for School Cash Online at Mary Ward, if you have not already done so. We will be collecting Winter Activity Day fees as well as student activity fees for the 2020-21 school year using School Cash Online this year. Families can access School Cash Online for WAD payment now. Course registration takes place in February.

Monday January 20th – DAY 4

- Athletics: Sr. Boys Basketball @ College Francis @ 3:15 p.m., Sr. Boys Basketball @ College Francis @ 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday January 21st – DAY 5

- School closed due to teacher strike. Please do not come to school for the 1-day strike.

Wednesday January 22nd – DAY 6 – Staff Meeting CANCELLED (no early dismissal)

- OKOF Civvies Day \$2.00 Monies going to FCJ Refugee Centre.
- EQAO mathematics assessment CANCELLED
- Excursion: Gr. 10 Retreat to Good Shepherd or Scott Mission be @ school @ 7:00 a.m., depart @ 7:30 a.m., return @ 2:30 p.m. Students previously registered.

Thursday January 23rd – DAY C4 - Extended TA “A”; Mary Ward’s Birthday

- Mary Ward’s 435th birthday. Birthday cake celebration at lunch
- Winter Activity Day collection (forms and \$) in Extended TA “A”
- Grade 9 Religion exam in morning
- Grade 10 HPE exam in morning
- Grade 9 HPE kick-off in afternoon
- Grade 10 Religion kick-off in afternoon
- Athletics: Jr. Boys Basketball @ CHAT, depart @ 1:50 p.m., dismissed from location.

Friday January 24th – DAY 7 – Extended TA “A” for W.A.D. collection

- Winter Activity Day collection (forms and \$) in Extended TA “A”
- Excursion: AWD3M/0 trip to Textile Museum, meet @ site 9:45 a.m., dismissed from site @ 2:00 p.m. Students previously registered.

- Ward Athletic Council presents: "Homecoming" Sr. boys' Basketball game vs. Libermann. Tickets purchased in advance. 3 p.m.