



Mary Ward CSS Weekly Update:

For the week of Monday June 8th to Friday June 12th, 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 38

IMPORTANT:

This has been a very difficult time for us to view the most recent events that have been taking place in the United States. We in Canada are not immune either to anti-Black and anti-Asian racism and violence. We have people in our Mary Ward community (staff and students) and extended community who have firsthand experience with this. At our staff meeting this week, this was a point of discussion. Our own **EpiC** (Equity plus Inclusivity) Committee has been working for the last few years to plan/facilitate activities and support professional learning among staff for our ourselves and our students in the area of cultural awareness/celebration, equity and inclusivity.

I wanted to share the Board's recent resources with you as you also navigate these difficult times with your loved ones:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Supporting-Your-Child-Following-Upsetting-Incident.aspx>

Additionally, I wanted to share a statement that some of our staff members developed and which may be sent as a message to your children's electronic class sites:

"I want to send a message of love and solidarity at this time. We are witnessing and experiencing anti-Black and anti-Asian racism and violence at this time. Many members of our community are feeling its effects intimately. I pray that you and your families are protected from harm.

As people of faith, we can take a stand - through action, prayer, images, and words -- against Anti-Black and Anti-Asian racism. I hope that your courses can be spaces of resistance and expression, so that we can support each other and the continued strength of marginalized people at this most difficult time.

If you are having a hard time at this moment, feel free to reach out to me, your other teachers or your TA for support."

Reminders of the Week:

Tips for the Week:

- Teachers will continue to collect student assignments. The culminating activities will be due Wednesday June 17th. Students will be able to reach back and hand in old assignments to help boost their marks on Thursday June 18th and Friday June 19th. If there is need for extension, students must work that out individually with their subject teachers.

Monday June 8th:

- Culminating Activities for each subject continued to be launched on a weekly basis or students may have been assigned a larger project that will take several weeks. Due dates will be arranged by individual subject teachers. STUDENTS MUST CHECK WITH EACH SUBJECT TEACHER FOR DETAILS. PARENTS/GUARDINANS – PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR CHILDREN AS WELL.

Tuesday June 9th:

Wednesday June 10th:

Thursday June 11th:

- Beginning of student entry to return AND retrieve materials from lockers. PLEASE NOTE: more information will be coming to you. Do nothing until you hear from us!!!!!!

Friday June 12th:

- Culminating activities for week are due (unless otherwise stated by subject teacher).
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