



## Mary Ward CSS Weekly Update:

For the week of Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2:** (Cohort C & D are IN-PERSON); (Cohort A & B are virtual)

Thank you to all our cohort A & B students who participated in our Opening/Thanksgiving Liturgy. In this new reality, the Liturgy of the Word was conducted over the PA system as well as through participation in their morning classes. Our students were outstanding, as usual! Thanks to all for such excellent cooperation and flexibility.

### Tips of the Week:

**Student ‘Self-Directed’ Entry into school in the morning. NOT YET...** But **starting on Monday October 26th**, students will be permitted to enter Mary Ward on their own without having to line up at the pylons. We will be following all TPH protocol and we will review the ‘new’ entry protocol with all students and staff throughout the week. Students will still use their assigned Quad 1 door/s. Students will continue to show their phone for the electronic Covid-screening OR will continue to show their paper Covid-assessment passports. Teachers will be in the halls supervising entry and those teachers who are teaching that day will be waiting for their students in the classroom. **Please note that the doors for students will NOT be opened until 8:20 a.m.**

**Students who come late:** All students who are attending in-person learning must arrive at 8:20 a.m. We have a strict entry protocol and students are assigned to particular doors. Once classes have been led into the building by their teacher, late students must report to the Main Office doors – Door #2. We then do a Covid assessment, sign in late through physical distancing and then escort them to class. This is a very time-consuming effort. Please help support us by ensuring your child is on time and in uniform for school by 8:20 a.m. daily.

Please do NOT send your child to school too early. Some students are arriving shortly after 7 a.m. We cannot let them into the building. Have your child **dress for weather – rain, cold, etc!** We cannot let students into the school before their teachers arrive and are ready for 8:20 a.m.

**TA Participation:** Our TA program has begun. Please note that TA will also look a little different this year due to Covid and TPH restrictions. Participation in TA is an expected part for all Mary Ward students and TA is not optional. Please check with your child that they have already been invited AND

participated with their TA group this past week (Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon). **If your child did not participate or did not receive an invitation from their TA, please contact the school right away).**

**Faces Present on afternoon Synchronous Online sessions:** As discussed at our recent Parent Council meeting, I have asked both parents, students, and teachers to have student faces visible during all online meetings. It is essential to build class connections, student-teacher professional relationship and to encourage class participation that all student faces are visible. With student names ONLY visible, it is impossible for a teacher to determine student engagement, level of understanding of concept taught – especially if your child does not ask/answer any questions. We have NO idea whether they are even present and engaged. Please speak to your child. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **Reminders of the Week:**

1. **Grade 9 Orientation program:** For those families who have already paid the \$90.00 for the MW Grade 9 Orientation/Camp Robin Hood program, as discussed at last week's Parent Council meeting, refunds through School Cash Online will start taking place AFTER Thanksgiving.
2. **Mary Ward's Guidance Department** has a google classroom for students, staff, and our families to access to help you access information on Youth Programs, Volunteering, Scholarships, Jobs, and University/Colleges. The Guidance Department updates the google doc regularly with information that they receive. Please join the classroom. **Code is - I3qp4a6**

### **Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>:**

- Cohort C In-Person WHILE Cohort D is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Cohort A & B online in afternoon all week Monday – Friday 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

### **Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- Cohort D In-Person WHILE Cohort C is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Cohort A & B online in afternoon all week Monday – Friday 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.
- **T.A. all afternoon. Attendance is taken for credit course. Participation is mandatory.**
- Mary Ward virtual OPEN HOUSE Q & A for those with grade 8 children. 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>:**

- Cohort C In-Person WHILE Cohort D is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
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- Mary Ward virtual OPEN HOUSE Q & A for those with grade 8 children. 7 p.m.

### **Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

- Cohort D In-Person WHILE Cohort C is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Cohort A & B online in afternoon all week Monday – Friday 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

### **Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

- **Cohort C In-Person** WHILE Cohort D is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Cohort A & B online in afternoon all week Monday – Friday 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.