



Mary Ward CSS Weekly Update:

For the week of Monday October 5th – Friday October 9th, 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)

What's New:

Thank you to our parents/guardians & students for their overwhelming adoption of the new Covid screening passport use electronically! Please consider this tool where possible.

Use of Government of Ontario Covid app – **Starting Monday Sept. 28th**, students & their families **MAY use the Covid-19 School Screening app:** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> Students may self-screen BEFORE they arrive at school in the morning. Students will simply follow the prompts on the Covid app. Please review this attachment for simple directions. Students who do not have cell phones will be asked to continue to use the paper covid passport.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Tips of the Week:

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. TA will be done virtually with groups meeting 6 times per quad. The next meeting time is Tues. Oct. 6th at 12:20 p.m. A .5 credit is delivered through TA (Advanced Learning Strategies GLS40 – Part 1). Participation in TA is an expected part for all Mary Ward students and TA is not optional. Please check with you child that they have already been invited AND participated with their TA group this past week (Thurs. Oct. 1st 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. **Night school and Saturday School registration** is taking place now through the TCDSB and is being done remotely. This is mostly for senior students and is optional. Interested students must complete registration. **Please note: Registration CLOSES for 1st semester night school on Friday October 16th.** Find all the info including the course flyer and fillable PDF registration form and email it to lynn.hayes@tcdsb.org You may also go online to see the Continuing Education site for further information:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/default.aspx?l=1534783051495&#dates>
3. **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**
4. **Last call for Quad 1 school photos** – Tues. Oct. 6th 9 a.m. Please report to Door 2 (Main Office) and advise Mrs. Magee (even if you have asynchronous or spare that day).

Monday October 5th:

- 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.
- Early dismissal for Faculty Meeting. **Online finishes at 1:35 p.m.** Teachers NOT available between 1:35 – 2:50 p.m.

Tuesday October 6th:

- 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.
- **TA # 2 in afternoon 12:20 – 2:50 p.m. Attendance will be taken**

Wednesday October 7th:

- 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.

Thursday October 8th:

- 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 9th:

- **Cohort D In-Person** WHILE Cohort C is doing asynchronous learning from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Please note this is NOT an error. Every other Friday one cohort comes in on the Friday.
- Cohort A & B online in afternoon all week Monday – Friday 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.