



## Mary Ward CSS Weekly Update:

### For the week of Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday September 25<sup>th</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 of the 2020-21 school year.** We have just completed our first week back in the new adapted model of in-person learning at Mary Ward. We have learned how to enter and exit the school, reminded students about health and safety protocols, reviewed physical distancing etc. I am proud to say that we made it through a good first week. Students have been able to return to the building, see their friends and feel like some normalcy has returned to their lives, despite Covid-19 still being very present in the world. Congratulations, all!

As a reminder, the TCDSB and Mary Ward CSS uses the School Messenger system of message delivery for all our communication. I communicate with our community frequently so please expect to see various messages on a regular basis. You may need to ensure that your computer does not send school messages into your JUNK inbox on your computer. Please speak to other parents/families. Some may not be aware that there are regular messages being sent out. Let them know.

The **Ward Weekly Update** is sent electronically every Friday with information for the following week including the schedule, special days, various information, changes to the schedule, etc.... It is a basic overview for our parents/guardians. When possible, I try to send a tip of the week for parents/guardians as there is quite a bit of learning for you to do in choosing to send your child to a self-directed learning school. Keep in mind, our SDL model is now adapted and is not quite what our returning students and their parents have been used to.

#### **Tip of the Week:**

The Covid-19 PASSPORT self-assessment protocol must be completed each morning BEFORE your child leaves your home. It is to be signed by the parent each day. That Covid-19 PASSPORT is reviewed each morning. Please encourage your child to get into the habit of completing before they leave your home.

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

1. This is a WEEK 2 in terms of the adapted model. **Students will work on their Day 1 Period 2 course in-person this week. The Day 1 Period 1 course will be online (synchronously) every day from 12:20 – 2:50 EVERY afternoon.**
2. Today, the real subject teachers receive their class lists. Teachers were asked to contact each of the students/families on the class list to introduce themselves, let the child/parent know:
  - Name of teacher
  - Course/section
  - Which cohort (A/B OR C/D) the child will belong to.
  - What day the student will come next week – Monday cohort or Tuesday cohort.
  - Which door to meet the teacher at

Teachers have been asked to have these calls made WITH CONFIRMATION FROM STUDENT/PARENT completed by Sunday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. Please check with your child. Please check your email addresses – home, work, junk mail. Please unblock your phone as calls will be made to you with No CALLER ID showing.

3. We are proceeding with a physically distanced Photo Days this year. Photo day for DAY 1 PERIOD 2 classes will be Tuesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Tuesday cohort AND Wednesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Wednesday cohort. **Please note: We will have further photo days the week of Oct. 5 – 9 for the DAY 1 PERIOD 1 cohort groups.** All students are photographed for yearbook, school I.D. badge. Please ensure students are dressed in full and proper uniform.
4. Details about purchasing a photo package will be shared electronically if parents wish to purchase. Details are still coming but it will likely be an electronic financial exchange. For those not purchasing a package, there is no fee.
5. Soon, we will be sending home an electronic copy of the **Mary Ward Parent Calendar**. It did not make sense to print a paper copy with the challenges and changes that were required to be made for the Covid adapted model. Many of our programming activities will have to be re-imagined. Information will be supplied as it is available.
6. OASIS grade 9 orientation activities are being redesigned. We are aware that our grade 9 families have given the school funds to cover these activities. Once we have determined what the activities will be and whether there will be any expenses involved, we will communicate how we will approach this.
7. We have had a short week, but we are already receiving lost and found items. Should your child lose a belonging (cell, computer, wallet, agenda, sweater, water bottle, lunch bag, etc. please have them come to the Main Office **right away to report** this to our school Secretaries. We do have a lost/found area that they can check. Additionally, we strongly encourage all students to return FOUND items to the Main Office right away. Each Friday we celebrate all “good deed doers” on the PA at the end of the day.
8. Please remind your child to be in full and proper uniform. We do realize some of our grade 9’s are missing pieces of their uniform. Please do your best to have your child come to school in the appropriate uniform until that situation is rectified.
9. Students must arrive between 8:00 and 8:20 a.m. Student cannot be let into the school (NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER) before 8:25 a.m. Please do not have your child arrive earlier than 8 a.m. We are seeing students in short sleeves and it is cold in the morning!
10. **SAVE THE DATE: Parent Council (CSPC) will have our Annual General Meeting AND first meeting of the year using a Zoom platform. The meeting will take place on Tuesday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Details will come early next week.**

#### Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>:

- Morning – Cohort **“C”** (face to face) 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon – Period 1 (Cohorts A & B) online 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

#### Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- Morning – Cohort **“D”** (face to face) 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon – Period 1 (Cohorts A & B) online 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.
- **PHOTO DAY 9 – 11 A.M.**

**Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>: PHOTO DAY!!!**

- Morning – Cohort "C" (face to face) 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon – Period 1 (Cohorts A & B) online 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.
- PHOTO DAY 9 – 11 A.M.

**Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- Morning – Cohort "D" (face to face) 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon – Period 1 (Cohorts A & B) online 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

**Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- Morning – Cohort "C" (face to face) 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon – Period 1 (Cohorts A & B) online 12:20 – 2:50 p.m.