

November 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire team at DDSB@Home Secondary, we hope you are having a great week.

Student Report Cards for Quadmester 1

Student report cards were sent yesterday via a link embedded in a parent email. If you are having trouble locating your child's report card, please check the email that we have on file and any junk folders.

Parents will require the student OEN number as a password to access the report card. The OEN number can be found in the parent portal. If you are still unable to locate your student's report card please contact us at secondaryathome@ddsb.ca.

SCC Meeting

We would like to remind you that our School Community Council meets this month on Monday November 30th. Please RSVP using the Google Form below so that you can be sent a Google Meet invite if you are attending.

[SCC November 30 RSVP](#)

There are also a few matters that the DDSB wanted to share with you that we hope will interest you:

1. COVID-19 Health and Safety Reminder
2. Human Rights Policy Consultations
3. Immunizations for Grade 9 Students

We thank you in advance for your engagement and hope that you find this information useful as we navigate this new environment together.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Reminder

DDSB@Home Secondary and the DDSB are committed to ensuring that learning and working environments are safe for staff and students. The school has implemented a variety of health and safety measures, requiring all secondary students to wear a mask, encouraging frequent handwashing, requiring students and staff to stay home if sick, employing physical distancing strategies, and undertaking enhanced cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces to name a few. You can always review the [Secondary Daily Checklist](#) for students as a reminder on what to do every day before coming to school.

The DDSB is encouraging families to continue to follow the advice of public health officials, including taking appropriate precautions in their day to day lives such as: wearing a mask in indoor public spaces, frequent handwashing, staying at home if sick and avoiding social gatherings. **Remember - limiting your close contacts to those in your household (i.e., the people you live with) will help to limit the spread of COVID-19.**

Now more than ever, we must take care of ourselves and each other. We can do this by following the advice of public health agencies and government officials to minimize the risk of COVID-19 in our communities. For more information, please download the [Red Zone Requirements](#) or visit: <https://www.durham.ca/COVID19>

Human Rights Policy Consultations





At the Durham District School Board (DDSB), human rights are part of everything we do. Protecting these rights is very important for everyone's safety, well-being, mattering and belonging. The DDSB is writing a new policy on human rights.

The policy will help us:

- Share information so everyone knows their rights and understands their roles and responsibilities
- Address racism (including anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism), ableism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and other forms of discrimination and harassment in DDSB learning and working spaces.

You can have your say on the policy. Your voice matters and is very important to us. **Please share your thoughts with us by December 8, 2020.**

Here are some ways you can have your voice heard:

1. Fill out a short, anonymous survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRPconsult2020-12> and/or Thoughtexchange <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/464641328>
2. Share your thoughts by email: humanrightspolicy@ddsb.ca or phone (905) 666-6396
3. Join a virtual meeting. Further details coming soon.

Note: We cannot have in-person meetings right now because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Want to know more?

- **Watch** this video https://youtu.be/Xy9VPQ_OUGM
- **Read** the [plan](#) for the policy and who will be involved
- **Learn more** about human rights <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/equity-inclusive-education.aspx>

If you need this information in an alternative format, or need Human Rights Code related accommodation or communication supports to take part, please contact humanrightspolicy@ddsb.ca or (905) 666-6396.

Immunizations for Grade 9 Students

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Durham Region Health Department will not be conducting immunization programs in schools. Grade 9 students will receive a call from a Public Health Nurse this fall to discuss options to complete vaccines missed at the end of Grade 8. For more information on immunizations, please visit: www.durham.ca/immunizationclinics

If you have any questions or concerns please call into the Immunization Program at 905-668-6242, or Durham Health Connection Line at 905-668-2020 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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