



## University of Toronto Schools Building Update

May 30, 2018

With the end of the 2017-18 academic year fast approaching, we are entering our final weeks at 371 Bloor Street West before our move to 30 Humbert Street for the construction period. Several initiatives are underway to prepare both our temporary and historic locations for the this exciting era at UTS. Our objective with this Building Update is to inform you of the progress we have made.

### **30 Humbert Street**

We are pleased to report that the construction at 30 Humbert is ahead of schedule and under budget, with Dalton Construction expecting the bulk of their work to be complete by the end of May.

Painting and locker installation will be finished in June, after which our staff will begin the process of moving. We look forward to receiving new science lab mill work and fume hoods in early July, and our IT team will work through the summer to ensure that phones, WiFi and computers are in place for staff and students. The move will be finished by early August, following the completion of UTS summer programs held at 371 Bloor, and our students, art department and communications staff are preparing decorations and artwork for the new space.

Our temporary home will include many features that will benefit students, including greater ease of access to a sports field, outdoor gathering space and several lunch options within walking distance. UTS is also working to ensure that our major events have a home next year. We have visited event spaces around Humbert Street and beyond, and are finalizing plans for many of these events.

We are happy to announce that Show 2019 will transform our new gym/auditorium at 30 Humbert into a magnificent theatre venue. Next year's Show directors and staff are excited about the possibilities in our school space and look forward to planning a brand new Show experience for all.

Our Drama Department will be showcasing the Sears Play performance at the Lower Ossington Theatre, which is just around the corner from 30 Humbert. Meanwhile, we are tentatively looking

at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, in particular the MacMillan Theatre, to host our Senior and Junior Music nights next winter.

We are very excited about new spaces and partnerships for events, and confident that our gym/auditorium at 30 Humbert will host not only Show, but other music and drama performances throughout the year.

We are also pleased to share parking information for 30 Humbert Street. The parking map for the area is below, and you can also find it on our [website](#).

## PARKING AT 30 HUMBERT STREET



### 371 Bloor St. West

Diamond Schmitt Architects are currently developing the construction drawings in anticipation of finalizing our plans and selecting a construction company to undertake our building project in late summer or early fall. The final design includes these new features, which will facilitate our enriched UTS program:

- 700 seat auditorium
- Double gymnasium & cardio/fitness centre
- Two art rooms
- Two music rooms and several music practice rooms
- Black box theatre
- Creativity/ maker space

- Multipurpose room where students can eat, relax and socialize
- New Library/ resource centre
- Media Lab
- Four science labs outfitted by the same experts who helped design the Sick Kids Research Lab.

Filming is underway on 360-degree VR panorama photography of 371 Bloor Street West prior to our move, which will allow alumni, students, staff, family members and friends of the school to revisit their favourite spaces on a virtual tour.

### **Bon Voyage and Hello Humbert Events**

Students, alumni, parents, staff and members of our community are also invited to attend our **Bon Voyage, 371 Bloor Party** on June 20. Attendees can walk the halls, catch up with friends and former teachers, participate in a photo scavenger hunt and enjoy one final assembly in our historic home before it undergoes a transformative renovation. The event will take place from 5:00-8:00 p.m., with the assembly scheduled from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Alumni (19-plus) are invited to continue the celebration at the Madison pub across the street afterwards. [RSVP here](#) for the Bon Voyage, 371 Bloor party.

UTSPA is also working hard to plan the **Hello Humbert! Welcome Party** during the school's first registration day on August 30. This event is an opportunity to welcome students and their families to our new, temporary school location and the surrounding neighbourhood. The party will take place between 4:00-7:00 p.m. and includes a barbecue, live entertainment and a variety of other activities. Those who would like to attend can [RSVP here](#) and take advantage of early-bird coupons for food and activities.

### **Capital Campaign**

As of this update, the *Building the Future* campaign has raised \$48.7 million, or 81% of the \$60 million campaign goal. We are engaging alumni, parents and campaign representatives and prospective donors in a number of initiatives to help secure the remaining \$11.3 million in funding, and we are grateful to everyone who has made a contribution.

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