



# HUMBERCREST PS

## Family Communication

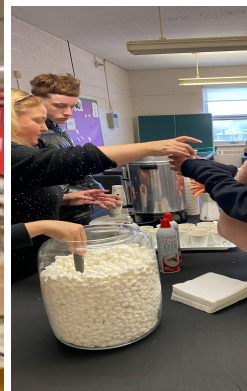
**December 22, 2023**

Dear Humbercrest Families,

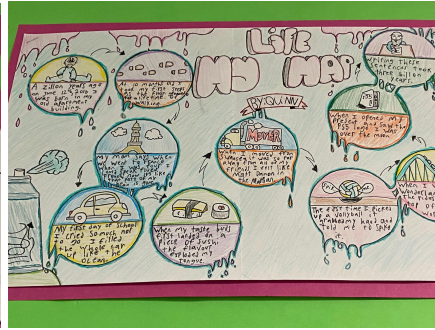
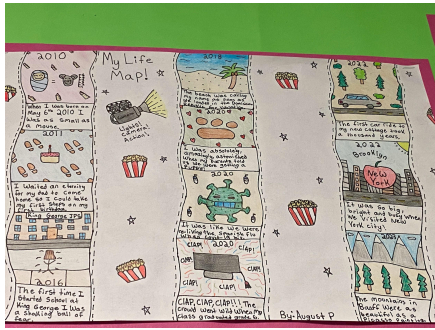
We hope that over the break you have time to spend with family and friends. Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

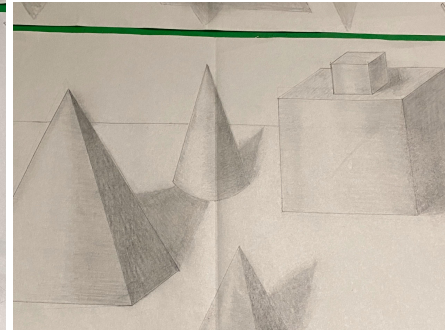
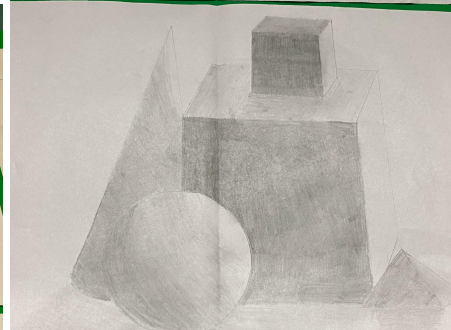
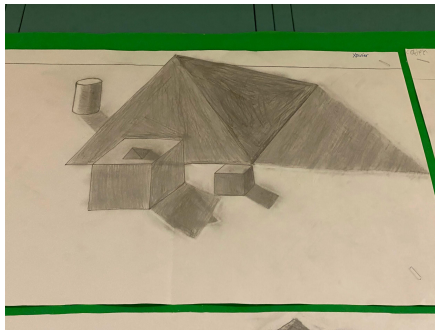
### Humbercrest Highlights



A HUGE thank you to the volunteers that helped organize, cook and serve our Holiday Pancake Breakfast and our Hot chocolate station. You are amazing!!



My Life as a Map



Geometric Pencil Drawings

## Drop Zone

This is just a reminder that we have a School Drop Zone which is supervised by a staff member starting at 8:45 am. Please use this area on Watson Avenue if you are dropping off your child as we are noticing some of our students being dropped off on St. Mark's. We are hearing from neighbors that cars are parked in front of driveways causing no access to their homes with young babies. This is a very busy street where cars are traveling both east and west, but it is also used for our school bus. Both parents and staff have observed very close calls with cars not seeing students crossing and we want to prevent any type of accident.

## Preparing for High School Information Sessions for Grade 8 Families – Secondary Alternative Schools Fair

To support our Grade 8 students and families, the TDSB has hosted a series of Preparing for High School Information Sessions. The past sessions in the series included:

1. Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Information Session - November 1, 2023
2. Student Interest Programs Information Session - November 2, 2023

The third installment in this series is the Secondary Alternative Schools Fair, taking place on January 10, 2024, via Zoom. The virtual Secondary Alternative Schools Fair will introduce families to the Secondary Alternative schools in the board that offer Grade 9 to 12 programming. Alternative schools are highly engaged, smaller school environments. They use non-traditional, hands-on approaches to learning and each school has a distinct identity and focus. These schools are ideal for students seeking an alternative to mainstream education and who want to take an active role in their own learning.

Families can register and request an interpreter for the session by visiting <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tlYpcu6vpz4sHNJk0RRLsMtUOtGu3Kd-mQC1#/registration>. A recording of this session will be available on the [TDSB Guidance website](#) shortly after the event. Here is the [flyer](#) for this event.

Resources:

1. For more information about Alternative Schools in the TDSB please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/alternativeschools>
2. To view the Secondary School Open Houses and Information Sessions, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights>
3. For more information about transitioning from Grade 8 to 9 in the TDSB, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Beyond-8>
4. [Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transitions Information Session Recording](#)
5. [Student Interest Programs Information Session Recording](#)

## Heart and Minds - [Newsletter from Psychological Services](#)


### Topics:

Breathe: How we can access our Inner Calm

The Role of TDSB school Psychologists

Bias and Attribution Errors

TDSB Family Resources



The flyer is for 'Virtual Drop-in Hours' and is designed with a green header and a blue box for the main information. The header text is 'Virtual Drop-in Hours' in large white letters. Below it, a white banner says 'OPEN TO ALL TDSB PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS!'. The blue box contains the text 'Join our Virtual Drop-ins on Google Meet', 'Wednesdays\* 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.', and the website 'www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport'. A small note at the bottom of the box says '\*Check website for specific dates offered'. To the right of the blue box, there is a green section with white text that says 'Connect with Professional Support Staff to explore ideas related to your child's mental health & wellbeing, including students with Special Education & Complex Needs'. At the bottom right, there are two logos: 'tdsb Professional Support Services' and 'tdsb Mental Health & Well-Being'.

## **\*NEW\* Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Helpline 9-8-8**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) through the Canadian Radio and Television Corporation (CRTC) has announced on November 30th, 2023 a national three digit Mental Health and Suicide Prevention hotline number, 988, will be in effect.

CMH's new role in leading the development of 988 service delivery in Canada builds on their experience delivering Talk Suicide Canada, previously known as the Canada Suicide Prevention Service. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) has been selected as the organization to lead the coordination of service delivery for the national three-digit number.

In the face of increased demand for crisis services, 9-8-8 provides:

- A number that's easy to remember in a crisis situation.
- Support in English and in French, by phone and text.
- Quick access to support from trained responders, available 24/7/365.
- High quality, evidence-based, equitable suicide prevention and crisis support for everyone in Canada.

For more information about 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline, visit <https://988.ca>.



# School Advisory Committee

**PIZZA DAY Ordering DEADLINE: Sunday, January 7, 2024**

A great big thank you to our parent volunteers who have supported Yard Day, Pizza Day, the Poinsettia Fundraiser, along with this week's Holiday Spirit Day which included a Pancake Breakfast and Hot Chocolate/ Hot Apple Cider Station. Your time and effort is appreciated and you really do make a difference in our Humbercrest community.

New this year! Mme Rutledge's Gr 5/6 class added a special touch of holiday joy to our pancake breakfast on Wednesday morning by performing some festive favourites. Thank you!

Thanks too to our Student Council representatives — we can always count on you to show up with a positive spirit and lend a hand.

Special recognition goes out to the following individuals who have kindly (in a big way) been a part of and/or led events this fall:

Shay Bennedict	Jennie Boutilier	Jillian Dunn
Lindsay Kennedy	Cara Krueger	Jen Kwong
Darina Larga	Jayne Maltby	Mima Mimic

Jenny Walker

Plus, a great big shout out to Beverly Magyari who is part of Humbercrest's Admin team and goes above and beyond to support SoFun.

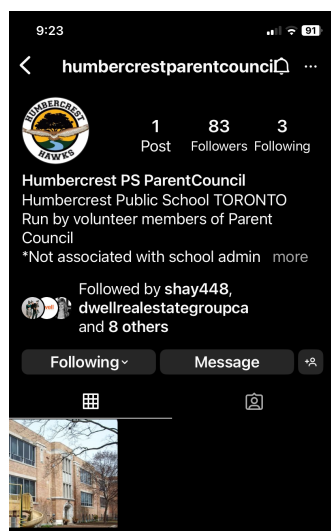
It has been great seeing many new faces joining us — we love the energy you bring. We look forward to hosting more activities in 2024 with your continued involvement.

On behalf of SAC, we would like to extend warm holiday wishes for a new year that's healthy and happy.

SAC Co Chairs:

Heather Sinclair & Kristen Juschkewitsch

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# Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry) Application Information and Timelines

Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) Application Deadline - For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). To apply to the Middle French Immersion Program for September 2024, applications must be completed online between January 8 and February 2, 2024. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information, please visit: [Middle French Immersion](#) or the [Application Process](#).

Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

At any time, please visit the [TDSB French website](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs as well as the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. More information about the Middle French Immersion Program is available in [22 languages](#), or visit the [Information Sessions](#) website for related links to join a live zoom webinar about the application process.

## Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application Process

The TDSB has a wide range of [elementary alternative schools](#) available to students. The application process is managed centrally and includes an online application form. Information about the online application process will be available on the [Alternative Schools website](#) on December 11, 2023.

The online application for admission for September 2024 will be open from Monday, January 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Elementary alternative schools will hold information sessions and/or open houses for students and parents/guardians/caregivers in December 2023 and January 2024. More information is available on the [Elementary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#) web page.

There will also be two Elementary Alternative Schools live webinars, including one daytime and one evening session. Registration is required, and a recording of the webinars will be posted on the website.

The registration link for the December 12 webinar, from 1 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. is: [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hUaDVOo5SWOSyaGxRPT0g](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hUaDVOo5SWOSyaGxRPT0g)

The registration link for the December 13 webinar, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. is: [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yzjAeULCQg6ELcK0qBWxAA](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yzjAeULCQg6ELcK0qBWxAA)

## Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

Please sign up to receive the [newsletter](#) from Debbie King.

## Extra-Curricular

The Watermelons	Thursdays at Lunch (starting November 23)
Junior girls basketball team (grades 4-6)	Monday and Thursday after school practices
Eco Club	Day 3 - Lunch - Library
Minecraft Club	Thursday Lunch (room 22)
Pokemon Club (gr. 4-8)	2 Mondays per month - Lunch (library)
Mila's Book Club (Grade 5)	Every 2nd Wednesday in the library at Lunch
Primary Choir	Thursdays at Lunch
Junior Choir	Wednesdays at Lunch
BSA	Lunch
Jr./Sr. Hockey	AM practices
Student Council	Lunch
Coding Club	Lunch

Upcoming: Jr & Sr. Boys Basketball

Co-ed Volleyball

Primary run, jump & throw

## Upcoming Dates

First Day Back	January 8
Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	January 9 and 11
Pizza Day	January 10
PA Day	January 19

## Days of Significance

Advent	December 3-24
Yule	December 21- January 1, 2024
Fast of Tevet	December 22
Christmas Day	December 25
Death of Lord Zoroaster Zarathosht No Diso	December 26

Kwanzaa	December 26-January 1, 2024
Gantan-sai	January 1, 2024
New Year's Day	January 1, 2024
Twelfth Night	January 5, 2024
Feast of the Epiphany	January 6, 2024
Orthodox Christmas	January 7, 2024
Baptism of Jesus Christ	January 7, 2024

## After Hours School Safety

If you see any suspicious activity or vandalism at the school after hours, but feel it is not a call to police, you can call **The 24-hour TDSB security number: 416-395-4620**

## School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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