



# HUMBERCREST PS

## Family Communication

January 19, 2024

Dear Humbercrest Families,

We have really been experiencing the cold and snowy weather of winter. The winter months will continue to provide inconsistent weather conditions. Please help us to ensure students are prepared for the outdoors by having them come to school with appropriate gear for outside. We will always monitor the weather and ensure that decisions about sending students outside are made with their safety in mind.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

## Cold Weather

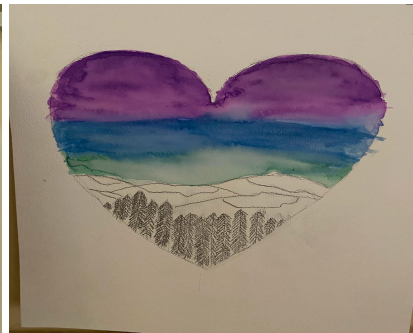
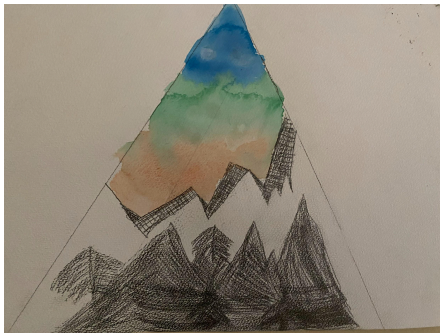
Please note that according to TDSB policy,

Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions.

## Humbercrest Highlights



Books to honour and celebrate Tamil Heritage Month.



Watercolour Art by Mme. Chow's class

# Student Opportunities

## Online Tutoring

TDSB students now have access to free academic support through online tutoring. Support is available for secondary students through [Paper](#):

- For all courses and grades, including support with exam and/or culminating activity preparation
- For writing assignments, such as essays, resumes, cover letters
- For all math and science courses
- 24/7, on demand for ongoing help, or when they are stuck
- Families or students (18+) who are interested in online tutoring services can contact [Paper](#)

Support is available for elementary students through [Brainfuse](#):

- For homework help in all subject areas and grades
- For enrichment activities
- 24/7, on demand

Families or students (18+) who are interested in online tutoring services can contact [Brainfuse](#)



FREE HOMEWORK HELP, EXAM PREP, CULMINATING ACTIVITY HELP  
**FREE ONLINE TUTORING!**

**How Do I Sign Up?**  
Families or Students (18 years or older) who are interested in online tutoring services can contact [Paper](#). During registration, use your child's TDSB credentials (name, TDSB email address, etc.) to ensure that you are not charged for tutoring services.  
Once registered, a student can start tutoring immediately.

**PAPER REGISTRATION**

- **Support is available:**
  - For all courses and grades
  - 24/7, on demand
  - For writing assignments (essays, resumes, cover letters, etc.) through Paper Review Centre
  - Tutors also available for all math & science courses
  - Every day for ongoing help, or when you're stuck.
- **Paper is FREE for TDSB students**

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The TDSB is not operating the online tutoring services. TDSB staff will not be present during tutoring sessions.



WINTER 2023 - KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8 STUDENTS THROUGH BRAINFUSE  
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**BRAINFUSE REGISTRATION**

- **Students can get help with:**
  - Homework in all subject areas and grades
  - Writing assistance with feedback through the Writing Lab
  - Enrichment opportunities
  - All tutors have prior teaching or tutoring experience
- **Brainfuse is FREE for TDSB students**

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## Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest

Every year, the Royal Canadian Legion (Maple Leaf/Swansea) hosts a public speaking contest. The contest will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm. We are able to send two students from Primary, Junior and Intermediate. If we have more than two students interested per division, we will need to decide who we are sending. The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and on a topic of choice. They are allowed to have cue cards during the speech. The deadline to enter a student into the contest is Friday, February 23rd.

## School Advisory Committee

### SAC Fundraising

As a council, our fundraising objectives are to spend the greatest proportion of SAC funds on projects which collectively, over the long term, benefit the largest number of students and to only utilise funds when there are insufficient funds available from other sources, including the Principal and the school board.

Our fundraising initiatives at Humbercrest fall into three categories: SoFun activities (short for social fundraising), public and corporate grants, and individual and corporate donations.

### **Fundraising Proposals:**

Parents and staff are welcome to submit a Proposal Form for SAC spending before our next Council meeting on February 27th. Please use the link below to find the form. Feel free to ask any questions to either of us before emailing your submission. Forms are due by Tuesday, February 20th and can be sent to myself at [msheathersinclair@hotmail.com](mailto:msheathersinclair@hotmail.com) or my Co-chair Kristen at [kristengrace@gmail.com](mailto:kristengrace@gmail.com).

Proposals will be presented by the parent/teacher submitting the form or one of the Council Co-chairs if the individual submitting the proposal cannot attend. The proposals will then be voted on by our Members at Large and Executive team. Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday **February 27rd at 6:30 pm in the library or** on Zoom.

Click the link for our funding proposal forms <https://humbercrestcouncil.ca/>

👁👁 To keep up to date with SAC events such as pizza day or the upcoming talent show, follow our NEW

Instagram account  @humbercrestparentcouncil

Sincerely,

Heather Sinclair & Kristen Juschkewitsch

Council Co-Chairs

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

**Follow us on Instagram: Humbercrestparentcouncil**

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## **Parent Opportunities**

### **17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference**

The 17th Annual PIAC Conference is on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. The PIAC Conference is a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the educational landscape, connect with fellow parents/guardians/caregivers and staff, and contribute to the continued success of our community. More information: [www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences](http://www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences) and review our [conference flyer](#).

# TDSB School/Program Opportunities

## Out-of-Area Admissions

The online applications for Elementary and Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions are now open.

- Students have the opportunity to access schools outside of the school that is designated to serve their residential address.
- Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.

Interested applicants can learn more about a school's status from the main [Out-of-Area Admissions website](#) and the Out-of-Area Admissions priorities from the [Out-of-Area Admissions Random Selection Priorities website](#).

[Elementary Out-of-Area Admissions Website](#)

[Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Website](#)

Application Window: January 8 - 31, 2024

Application Window: January 8 - 26, 2024

Offers Made: February 26 and March 1, 2024

Offers Made: February 7, 14 and 21, 2024

## 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.

## Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

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

### Extra-Curricular

The Watermelons	Thursdays at Lunch
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)	Last Wednesday of the month in the library at Lunch
Primary Choir	Thursdays at Lunch
Junior Choir	Wednesdays at Lunch
BSA	Day 5 - Lunch
Jr./Sr. Hockey	AM practices
Student Council	Lunch
Coding Club	Lunch
Senior Boys basketball	Lunch Practices
Junior Girls Volleyball Try-outs	AM Tryouts

**COMING  
SOON!**

Primary run, jump & throw

Rubix Cube Club

## Upcoming Dates

Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	January 23 and 25
Report Cards go home	February 14
Parent/Guardian Interviews	February 15 PM February 16 (AM)
PA Day	February 16

## Days of Significance

Guru Gobind Singh Ji Birthday	January 20
Feast of the Wedding of Cana	January 21
Pasha Putrada Ekadashi	January 21
World Religion Day	January 21
Mahayana New Year	January 25
Tu B'Shevat	January 25

## 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](#)

## Contact Information

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