

HUMBERWOOD DOWNS JMA

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School Website: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humberwood/home.aspx>



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year! The Humberwood staff (office, teaching, support staff, custodians and the Centre's management team) have worked very hard to prepare our classrooms and building for a new school year.

On Thursday September 28th we had our Meet-the-Teacher Night. Thank you to Trustee Minhas for attending and wishing all of our families a great start to the school year. Thank you to **all** of our teaching and support staff for welcoming our families, reviewing classroom expectations, routines and curriculum highlights for term 1.

COMMUNICATION

Thursday is Mailbag

Where possible, mail goes home every Thursday from the school. In this way, you will be able to anticipate when mail will be coming home and ask your child for it.



SCHOOL-HOME COMMUNICATION

You can expect your child's teacher(s) to communicate with you regularly. Communication from teachers *may include* newsletters, websites, letters home, meetings, and notes in your child's planner and/or phone calls. We encourage you to use the planner with any questions and/or concerns for your child's teacher(s).



SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

Our school's website is updated weekly. Dates have been posted for the year and more dates are added weekly. Please refer to it regularly at: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humberwood/Home>

TWITTER

HWD has a Twitter account! Want to know and see more about student life at Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy? Follow us on twitter @HumberwoodDowns. Get tweets about special events, sports, clubs, and amazing student work.



STUDENT ABSENCES

If your son/daughter is sick and will not be at school kindly **call the school** and report his/her absence by 8:00am. The attendance line is equipped with voice mail, which allows parents to phone late at night or very early the day of the absence. The telephone number to our Attendance Line is **(416) 394-4757 and PRESS 1**. When leaving a message please say your child's full name, homeroom and reason for absence. *Thank you for your assistance.*

Grade 7&8 VACCINATIONS

The immunization clinic will be here on **Monday October 30th**. Students will receive the following vaccinations: Grade 7 (all students)- Hepatitis & HPV Grade 8 (girls only)- HPV



STUDENT LATES

Punctuality is a life skill for all our students to learn. From JK-8, we expect students to be on time. It is very disturbing to the learning environment when students enter late and it is also difficult for the student who enters late to catch up on the lesson and complete work. Unless it is an emergency, students must be at school on time.

DELIVERY OF LUNCHES



There are **RARE** occasions when parents need to deliver lunch to their child at school. Fast foods do not provide the nutritious lunch children need. Should you have to bring lunch to the school, please note the

following:

- Please drop your child's lunch off and place it on the counter by the office and mark your child's name on it.
- Please bring it no later than 11:05 a.m.
- Parents may not sit outside the office or in the Great Hall to feed their children.

Children eat in their classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

UNIFORM POLICY

We continue to be a fully-uniformed school from grades JK-8. Our uniform colours are navy blue and white. All navy vests and shirts with the **embroidered school crest** need to be ordered from **McCarthy Uniforms**.

We expect the following from all students:

SHIRTS:

The school shirt must be a **white collared shirt or white turtleneck under every type of school vest**. The white shirt may NOT be a T-shirt. The **white shirt must be tucked in**. Students are not to wear any type of long sleeved shirt under their **navy golf shirt**. However, students may wear a **WHITE t-shirt underneath** their golf shirt. Students may wear any type of white long-sleeved shirts under

the school long-sleeved sweatshirt in order to layer up to keep warm.

PANTS/DRESSES:

Students may wear the uniform skirt or a long knee length dress skirt which is black or navy. Students are to wear black or navy dress pants or dress shorts (knee length shorts). **Jeans, capris, athletic shorts, athletic pants (sweatpants), skinny jeans and leggings are NOT allowed**. Legwarmers may be worn underneath pants and are not to be worn over the dress pants.



SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Please join us for our second meeting on **Thursday October 26th at 6:30p.m.**, in the conference room (2nd floor) where we will vote for co-chairs and the secretary from our parent rep nominees. All nominated parent reps must be present at this meeting. Child minding is available for these meetings.

We are looking forward to working closely with all of our Parent Council members this year.

HALLOWE'EN-

Tuesday October 31st

Students may wear a costume to school on this day. Classes may choose to have activities on this day along with treats; your child's teacher will send home their expectations for this day.



Please note the following restrictions when selecting your child's Halloween costume:

- **Clown costumes are not permitted;**
- **No replica weapons permitted (swords, knives, ax, etc.);**
- **No masks to be worn in class or in class.**

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that all of our students feel safe on this day.

