



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

December 1, 2023

Dear Humbercrest Families,

There are only 3 weeks until our Winter Break. There are exciting events planned for our students and families throughout this time. As we look ahead to December 22, please let the office know if your child will be absent before that day so we can record any absences in our system.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Holiday Hampers



This week, families received an email with a Google link to information about how to donate to the Holiday Hamper Program. The information provided a profile of a family in need along with items that can be purchased for donation. Classes have been partnered up to support one family. We have balanced the partnered classes based on the number of people in each family, their needs and class sizes. All donated items need to be brought to the school by Monday, December 11. We appreciate any donations that you can make and recognize that not all families will be able to support this program.

Winter Concert

On Wednesday, December 13, we will be having our Winter Concerts. To accommodate room for all the families, we will be hosting 2 concerts. The primary classes along with the Primary Choir will be performing at 6:00 pm. The junior classes along with the junior choir will be performing at 7:00 pm.



Reporting and Responding to Racism and Hate Incidents



In October, we highlighted this policy for families and visited every classroom from Grade 4-8.

We discussed the TDSB [Human Rights Policy](#) and the Ontario Human Rights Code with respect to prohibiting harassment and discrimination on the basis on the following protected grounds:

- Age • Ancestry • Citizenship • Colour • Creed (faith) • Disability • Ethnic origin • Family status • Gender • Gender identity • Marital status • Place of origin • Race • Same-sex partnership status • Sexual orientation • Socio-economic status

We stressed the seriousness of using language that is racist, hateful or discriminates and the resulting consequences. When these incidents happen, we also reach out to our Caring and Safe Schools Advisor for consultation and perspective.

Despite our proactive approach, these incidents continue to rise. Students are using discriminatory language that is hurtful and is causing harm to those students witnessing these incidents.

Often, students are not reporting these incidents when they happen and it becomes very difficult to further investigate. We continue to remind students to report any of these incidents right away to a staff member. We encourage you to have a discussion with your child about this topic also.

For reference: [PR 728](#)

Learn4Life Adult Community Programs - Winter 2024 Registration Now Open!

Winter 2024 registration is now OPEN for Learn4Life's Adult General Interest Program with courses in business, languages, art, music, sports, dancing, and more! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.

New courses this term include:

- § Adventures in Photography
- § Bringing Stories to Life Through Book Illustrations
- § Create Your Own Natural Cosmetics
- § De-Stress and Relax
- § Pastry Arts for Everyone
- § Golf Training Program
- § Portuguese Essential Conversation
- § Afrobeat Aerobics
- § Understanding Landlord Rights and Responsibilities

[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information](#)

Webinar Wednesdays

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement presents [Webinar Wednesdays](#). This virtual series aims to support and empower Black parents and caregivers, and families raising Black children in Toronto District School Board (TDSB) schools.

Through collaborations with various TDSB Departments, the series offers resources and information to families about system navigation processes and builds on their knowledge and advocacy skills to improve Black students' academic achievement and overall well-being.

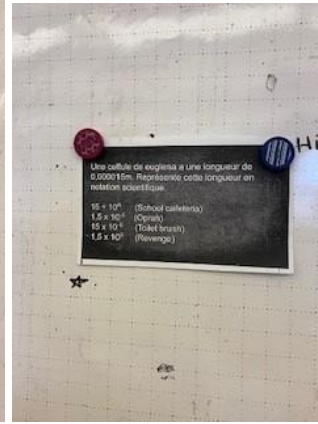
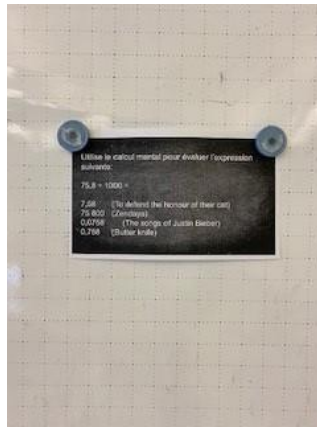
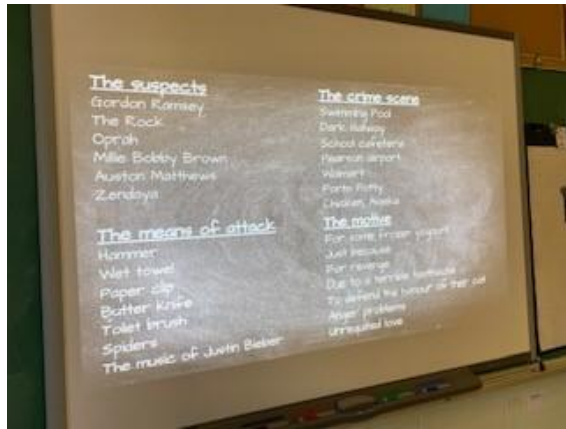
Date: December 6, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3Rh52Iz>

Humbercrest Highlights

Our Grade 7/8FI classes are solving a crime using vertical whiteboards and math equations!



Hockey Tryouts at the Ford Centre Arena

School Advisory Committee

Our next School Advisory Meeting is December 5. The meeting will be in the Library at 6:30 pm. We will be sending out a link next week if you wish to join us virtually. [Agenda](#)

Thank you for your support Humbercrest Families!

Tuesday, December 5 is Poinsettia Pick Up Day! **3:30 to 7 pm Brookside Entrance**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The ever-popular **Holiday Pancake Breakfast** (JK to Gr 3) returns on **Wednesday, December 20**. Stay tuned for important details on this event and an official call for volunteers. Plus, Grade 4s to 8s will also enjoy a special treat December 20!

Thank you for your support!

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Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

Please sign up to receive the [newsletter](#) from Debbie King.
Debbie King will be visiting Humbercrest PS on December 7 in the afternoon with our Superintendent, Erin Altosaar.

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 lunch	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

Upcoming Dates

Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	December 5 and December 7
Parent Council Meeting	December 5
Pizza Day	December 6
Trustee Debbie King visits	December 7
PA Day	December 8
Winter Concert	December 13
Holiday Pancake Breakfast	December 20
Winter Break	December 23-January 7

High School Open House Dates

Humberside Collegiate	December 12 6:30 - 8:30 pm
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Days of Significance

Advent	December 3-24
Bodhi Day – Buddha's Enlightenment	December 8
St. Clements of Ohrid Patrons' holy day	December 8
Chanukah (Hanukkah)	December 8-15

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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