



# HUMBERCREST PS

## Family Communication

**October 20, 2023**

Dear Humbercrest Families,

We are noticing an increasing amount of jackets, hoodies and belongings being left in our yard. We have many lost and found items. In the coming week, we will be taking pictures of these items and including them in our Family Communication. In the meantime, if your child is missing any clothing items, encourage them to visit the Lost and Found.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

## Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Each school in the TDSB must have in place a Caring and Safe committee responsible for fostering a safe, inclusive, and accepting school climate. The Caring and Safe Schools Committee works together to ensure a positive and peaceful school. We are looking for a parent representative on this committee.

As part of our commitment to hear from our Humbercrest families, we are also looking for parent volunteers to join our School Improvement Planning Committee. Every year, we look at our school data and create/revise/review our School Goals.

If you are interested in being a part of either of these school committees, please email Marlene or Debra.

## Hallowe'en 2023

Each year, Halloween is marked in a variety of ways in school communities across the TDSB. Students can choose whether or not to participate in Halloween related activities.

As TDSB schools prepare for this day, there are often questions and concerns about Halloween costumes. To support safe, welcoming, and dynamic learning spaces, educators are encouraged to engage students in critical conversations about cultural appropriation, stereotypes, and caricature. This includes reminding students that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community. Additionally, school communities are reminded that it is important to be aware of the potential negative and triggering impact violent images and/or scenarios can have on students and families with varying lived experiences and backgrounds.

This year at Humbercrest, students are welcome to wear costumes to school that are appropriate. Please ensure that younger children are able to remove their costume on their own to use the washroom.

- Masks or face coverings of any kind are not allowed.
- Weapons of any kind are not allowed.
- In partnership with the School Council Allergy Committee and in alignment with the Allergy Policy, students are not permitted to bring food/treats to share with classmates for a celebration. Any food given to students for any purpose requires parent/guardian permission from all - we have many students with allergies.

## Humbercrest Highlights



X-Movement getting active with our students.



Practicing music



## Streetproofing

On a regular basis, we review with our students some tips on Streetproofing. For our parents, we have attached some streetproofing trips that you can review with your child(ren).

- [Street-proofing for Elementary](#)
- [Street-proofing for Intermediate](#)

# Community Coaching Meeting

Parent/Guardians and/or community members (non-TDSB teaching staff) who are interested in assisting with coaching school sports this late fall season, must attend a Community Coaches' session in order to receive a TDESAA Community Coach card. The purpose of this meeting is to become familiar with the TDESAA code of conduct for coaches and the TDESAA's philosophy of sport. Please see the upcoming virtual meeting details below and review the eligibility criteria within the [Community Coaches page](#) on the TDESAA website.

Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12PM

Presenter: Kevin Dunn – HPE Co-Curricular Lead Teacher

[Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)

## School Advisory Committee

### Pizza Days are Back!

Pizza Days will be the first Wednesday of the month starting November 1. Please see the [Pizza Day flyer](#) for more information. Next week, further communication will be shared for the volunteer sign up link and ordering details.

### Fall Schoolyard Cleanup – Saturday October 28th, 10am-noon

Join the Parent Council Environment and Sustainability Committee for a fall community cleanup. Refreshments and Halloween activities. Drop-in anytime and get to know your Humbercrest Community. Meet at the main entrance to the school anytime between 10:00-12:00 pm.

## X Movement

X Movement visited Humbercrest this week and worked with all of the classes. X Movement's goal is to give every child the tools, resources and support to reach their extraordinary potential.

On November 2, there will be a Family Event with X Movement at Humbercrest from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, click here for their [Community Flyer](#).

## Fundraising Opportunity

If you haven't been to Bellona Restaurant on Jane south of Annette then October is the month to check it out. If you have been and enjoyed it, make sure you return this October. To help build community and reinforce their passion for education, Bellona has created a school give back program. 10% of your final bill will be donated to Humbercrest P.S. during the month of OCTOBER. Just make sure you mention that you want to support Humbercrest when you sit down to lunch or dinner. You don't need to be a staff member or have a child at Humbercrest PS to participate so share this great program with friends and neighbours. Just ask them to mention Humbercrest during their next meal out.

Heather Sinclair

Kristen Juschkewitsch

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## Preparing for High School Information Sessions for Grade 8 Families

To support our Grade 8 students and families, the TDSB will be hosting a series of Preparing for High School Information Sessions. The series includes:

- Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Information Session - November 1, 2023
- Student Interest Programs Information Session - November 2, 2023
- Virtual Secondary Alternative Schools Fair - January 10, 2023

More information, including the instructions to register and request interpreter services, will be shared in the coming weeks. Please visit the TDSB website [beyond 8](#) for more information.

Runnymede CI	November 21	6:30-8:30 pm
Western Tech.	November 15	6:30-8:30 pm
Parkdale CI	November 14	7:00-8:30 pm
Humberstone CI	December 12	6:00-8:00 pm

Humbercrest will also host an online session for our parents on Thursday, October 26th 6:30-7:45 pm. Meeting details have already been sent out to grade 8 parents.

## Boomerang Lunch

The Toronto District School Board encourages our schools to reduce food and food-related waste. A waste-free lunch/snack contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. Food and drinks are packed in reusable containers within a reusable lunch bag. A boomerang lunch/snack means that any uneaten food and any waste material produced is returned home. This will include any items from Lunch Lady on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

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

## Early French Immersion

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) would like to share some information with you and your families about Early French Immersion. The entry point to Early French Immersion for September 2024/25 school year is [Junior Kindergarten](#).

The application to the Early French Immersion program will remain an online process managed by the Central French Department and applications must be completed online between November 6 and December 1, 2023. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online

application for the new student. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).


Information sessions will be available in November.

At any time, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french) 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 Early 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.

## Essential Skills Upgrading Open for Registration

Free classes to upgrade adults' foundational skills, such as reading, writing, numeracy and digital literacy, are still open for fall registration! Essential Skills Upgrading, operated by the Board's Community Services Unit, welcomes adults (19+) seeking to further their education, improve their job opportunities, and reach their personal goals. We offer our classes and workshops in multiple locations across the city. Please visit [www.upgrademyskills.ca](http://www.upgrademyskills.ca) to learn more about the program.

## Upcoming Dates

Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	October 24 and 26
Cross-Country City Finals	October 25
Grade 8 - 9 Transition Parent/Caregiver Meeting	October 26
Pizza Day	November 1 
X Movement Family Event	November 2
School Advisory Council - So Fun Meeting	November 7
Photo Retake Day	November 9
Progress Reports Distribution	November 15
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews	November 16 - evening
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews	November 17 - morning

## October Heritage Month

Somali - [Educate. Elevate. Excel.](#)

Islamic - [\*Salaam: Joy, Excellence, Belonging.\*](#)

## Days of Significance

Navratri	October 15-24
Durga Puja	October 20-2
Kathina	October 28

## School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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