

# HUSKY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY | 2020

## Character Trait - Teamwork

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"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Andrew Carnegie

## School Advisory Council

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There is no meeting in January. The next meeting is on February 24<sup>th</sup>. New parents are always welcome to attend.

## Festivus Maximus

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Festivus Maximus - Anticipation builds as Lismar Hall goes dark and a video of Cold Play's *Christmas Lights* plays on the screen. The anticipation continues until Chris Martin belts out, "Those Christmas Nights like up the night" and 5000 Christmas lights illuminate the stage. The holidays are finally here!

Festivus Maximus is Humberside's annual winter variety show and holiday celebration. Festivus continues to grow in popularity because it feels good to celebrate together. It feels good to witness our school spirit and the latent talent hiding in our halls. Festivus is a unique combination of tradition and an ever changing cast of student performances. This year we were treated to dances from Kpop, and the Dancing Queens and serenaded by piano, fiddle, guitar, and voices from across the grades. By the time the *All I Want for Christmas* sing-a-long was over, we all felt as if the holidays had finally begun.



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## Music Department

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December's festive season was in full swing as our Music Department gave two outstanding performances of the annual Holiday Concert. It was a wonderful celebration of the season, of sharing music and of the commitment shown by all our musicians. The bands, choirs, orchestras, stage crew, sound and lighting crew and Music Council did an exceptional job working together to produce two truly memorable events. Congratulations to everyone involved! And a special shout-out to staff and alumni who joined in for the Hallelujah Chorus. It made the evening all the more special to have you join us! The Music staff would also like to thank our Humber side community for their overwhelming support of the Music program. We hope you had a wonderful holiday!

## Guidance

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### Guidance Grade Visits and Online Course Selection

Course selection will again be completed on-line. The deadline for course selection is February 21, 2020. Guidance Counsellors will be visiting all students in January to help students understand and complete this process. Students will require their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found on their current report card and on their timetable, in order to complete online course selection.

Course selection occurs on myBlueprint. ([www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb))

### Night School Registration

Registration opens January 6<sup>th</sup> for Night School through the TDSB Continuing Education Department. Courses will begin the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will require permission from their day school to enrol in night school courses. Students are advised to visit [www.creditprograms.ca](http://www.creditprograms.ca) to register and meet with their Guidance Counsellor for approval.

### Ontario Universities Application Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for students to complete their online application for Ontario Universities is January 15, 2020. Applications received after this date will be processed by the Ontario Universities Application Centre and distributed to universities, however, specific deadlines will apply. For more information, please see your Guidance Counsellor or visit [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca).

### Ontario Colleges Application Deadline

A reminder that the EQUAL CONSIDERATION deadline for students to submit their online application to an Ontario College is February 1, 2020. Applications will still be accepted after this date, however, specific college deadlines will apply, especially for over-subscribed programs. For more information, please see your Guidance Counsellor or visit [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca).

## Open House Info

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On Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Humber side C.I. is looking forward to hosting our Grade 8 Parent Information Night. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the main foyer where representatives from each department will be available to speak with parents about courses offered in Grade 9. At 6:30 p.m. parents and students will be invited into our auditorium, Lismer Hall, to view a presentation on our Grade 9 program. After the plenary session, parents and students will be invited to take a tour of the school.

We hope the information session will be helpful in assisting Grade 8 students and their families about making choices for Grade 9.

## Student Success Morning

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On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Humberside will be running a 'Student Success Morning'. This is an opportunity for some students to potentially complete outstanding work in their courses. The goal is to help ensure the successful completion of credits.

As such, the focus is on students who, in the professional judgement of the teacher, are at risk of not obtaining the credit or would otherwise benefit from attending this session. Teachers will be notifying students and parents if their child is expected to be at school in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please encourage your child, if he/she has been notified by any teacher, to take advantage of this opportunity that has been scheduled into the calendar. The hope is that successful completion will provide them with a better opportunity as we head into the second half of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Vice Principals' Office at (416) 393-8122.

### Schedule for Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (no cafeteria services)

Student Success Morning	8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Periods A, B, C, D	12:35 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

## HCI Charity Initiative

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It was another successful year for the Humberside Charity Initiative's holiday fundraiser, the Santa Project. The Humberside Charity Initiative ran the most successful Santa Project ever in December. Home forms received the first name of an individual living in a shelter and a wish list. The students then raised the money for the gifts, bought the gifts and wrapped them. The students at Humberside generously bought multiple gifts for 30 adults and children this Christmas. For many of these individuals, the gifts they received from Humberside were the only gifts they received this holiday season, so Humberside showed its generous spirit and brightened a stranger's life. Many thanks to all of you who donated and bought gifts.

## OSSLT-Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

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The OSSLT, a requirement for all grade 10 students, will take place on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Activities leading up to this important assessment are ongoing, with a special focus over the next three months. For more information about the OSSLT, check out: <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/parents>.

## Report Card February Notice

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Students will receive their next report card on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Online booking of Parent/Teacher interviews will begin at 8:00a.m. on February 12, 2020 and close at 11:00p.m. on February 19, 2020. If you do not have access to the online booking system, you will be able to book interviews in advance by phone. More Information will follow about this process. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 2:30-4:30p.m. & 6:00-8:00p.m.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

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Parent Teacher interviews are taking place on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 2:30-4:30p.m. & 6:00-8:00p.m.

Here are some tips for a successful night:

- Schedule an interview with each teacher you wish to meet
- Be sure to allow yourself enough time to travel to each interview and to take a break
- Review your child's report card and talk to them about their progress before the interview
- If you have any concerns that cannot be covered within the given time, email the teacher or arrange another time to follow-up by telephone
- Provide the teacher with updated contact information to keep the lines of communication open  
If you have any other concerns, contact your child's guidance counsellor or Vice-Principal

## News from the Comm. Tech Program

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The Communications Technology program (course code TGJ) brings students a comprehensive set of transferable skills that combines media technology and creativity to plan, design and produce digital photography, video filmmaking, podcasting, and graphic design. The program was introduced this year and it will be an elective course for Grades 11 and 12 in 2020 - 2021.

Current Grade 11 students are showcasing their work in a Photography Digital Exhibition hosted at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/hci-commtech-collective19-20/home>

Starting in January, Comm. Tech will open its doors to all Humber side students to try photography, videography, animation, graphic design, etc. "**COMM TECH FRIDAYS**" will run on Fridays after school in Room 11. It is a great opportunity for our students to experiment with filming equipment, lighting, sound recording, editing software, etc. All students are welcome.

For more information on the Comm. Tech program, contact Mr. Libedinsky, [miguel.libedinsky@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:miguel.libedinsky@tdsb.on.ca)

## Cooperative Education

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Cooperative education offers Humber side students an exciting opportunity to earn high school credits while gaining valuable work experience in a career of their choice. Currently, Humber side students are working in a variety of placements throughout the city. Placements range from auto mechanics to veterinary assistants and airline mechanics. We have placed students at a number of great places, such as:

The University Health Network - Princess Margaret Hospital, City Hall in the marketing department and with a local city councillor, Bank of Montreal, Glass Box Barbershop, System Fitness, Porter Airlines and many more. This is an excellent opportunity for students to combine work placement with a classroom component. Students learn a variety of specific workplace skills while developing networks, knowledge, and attitudes for future employment. For more information, please see Mr. Khadaroo or email [Shamil.Khadaroo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Shamil.Khadaroo@tdsb.on.ca)



## Athletic Update

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The TDSSAA Winter season is in full swing! Humberside Athletics is once again BOOMING with a wide variety of teams being offered, including;

- Senior Boys' Basketball (Coach Khadaroo)
- Non-Contact Boys' Hockey - Junior & Senior (Coach Johnson, Coach Tingley & Coach Tremblay)
- Contact Boys' Hockey (Coach Murdoch, Coach MacDonell, Coach Channing & Coach Zaph)
- Girls' Hockey (Coach McPhee & Coach Vujacic)
- Coed Swimming (Coach Maguire, Coach Mancini & Coach Sawa)
- Boys' / Girls' / Coed Curling (Coach Loewen & Coach Shiraishi)
- Coed Badminton (Chella Tingley & Coach Wells)  
Note: Badminton is a short season that takes place between the Winter & Spring Seasons
- Novice Girls' Volleyball (Coach Young)
- Junior Girls' Volleyball (Coach Schoales and Coach Matheson)
- Senior Girls' Volleyball (Coach Singh & Coach Douglas)

## Athletic Council (H.A.C.)

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The Humberside Athletic Council will be hosting its third annual Huskies vs. Limits Tournament. This year our dodgeball event will take place January 31, 2020. The link to the Huskie vs. Limits Donation Website is:

<https://fundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/huskiesvslimits>

Team sign up will begin in January! Great prizes to be won, hope to see everyone involved.

The annual grade.9 Ski Trip to Mt. St. Louis/Moonstone has been approved by the TDSB - We will be skiing on Friday, February 21, 2020. Permission forms and trip details will be available from the Health & Physical Education this week. There will be only (1) bus heading up, so it will be a "first come, first served" situation.

Please contact Mr. Zaph if you have any questions or concerns @ (416)393-8122 ext.20030

## Calendar

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Remember to view our Calendar posted on the school website.

### Upcoming Dates:

January 15

January 20

January 21

January 23 & 24

January 28

Late Start - School begins at 10:00a.m. **(cancelled)**

Ontario Universities Applications Deadline (OUAC)

Student Success morning / MHF 4U Exam

Gr. 8 Parent Info Night 6-8 pm

Grad photo retakes

2:30pm Early Dismissal **(cancelled)**

## Contact Us

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**HAVE A GREAT 2020 AT HUMBERSIDE**

