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# The Hillcrest Herald

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## Note from the Principals

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you to all parents who attended our virtual General Assembly this year. Your vote to elect parents who represent you on Governing Board and, subsequently, on this year's Parent Committee is very important and we appreciate your involvement in this process. We would also like to welcome and thank our all parent volunteers who have joined HAHSa this year. Although our activities will take on a different format this year, Hillcrests' community support is always appreciated.

Our first official communication, the progress report has been sent out. This reporting consists of general comments on progress only. Please take the time to review the information with your son/daughter. If they are experiencing difficulty within a subject area, it is important to reach out to their teacher prior to the end of first term.

Although our school year is well under way, late arrivals remain a serious concern. Our school has a late start and students NEED to be in class at 8:55am. Late arrivals are very disruptive in the classroom as well as the office and are taking away from instruction time.

On behalf of all staff, we would like to extend our gratitude for your flexibility, adaptability and constant encouragement. Continue to be well.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration.

Mrs. Lazaris &  
Mrs. Butler



- Morning drop off times at Clemenceau / René Coty and Pre-K on Churchill: 8:40-8:55am. If you drop off your child after 8:55, you MUST sign them in at the front office.
- Please note that students are NOT ALLOWED to go back in the school after dismissal.
- To ENSURE student safety parents must refrain from making dismissal changes. Only if absolutely necessary, parents MUST inform the office before 12:00 p.m. at 450-688-0484 ext.5415. Also, please call or email the office before 8:30 a.m. to report any student absence. You MUST state the reason for the absence.
- The main office is closed during lunch period (12:25-1:20pm).
- Halloween Fun: Students may dress up on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October but are not to wear face paint or masks that are part of a costume. Food items cannot be sent in from home. There will be treats offered by administration and HAHSa will be providing pumpkins for all to decorate and bring home. Classes will have the opportunity to participate in a pumpkin decorating contest.
- Please keep a change of socks and pants (all grades) in your child's bag. The yard is very messy and a change of clothes on hand will put an end to the office having to call home for a change of clothes.



## Upcoming Events

**FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS**—As reported by the education minister, M. Roberge, there will only be two reporting sessions this school year. The first reports will be sent home by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The final reports will go home at the end of June.



**PARENT INTERVIEWS**—Parent interviews will take place the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home requesting your preference for a ZOOM or telephone interview. Priority will be given to students experiencing academic and social difficulties. Parents who are not approached for an interview may request one should they feel it to be necessary.



**AGAPE DONATIONS**— Once again, Hillcrest will be participating in the annual AGAPE Holiday Food Drive. Students may bring non-perishable food items and toiletries to their homeroom classes to be kept in storage boxes until AGAPE collects these items on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Now more than ever, AGAPE is counting on the generosity of our parent community to help brighten the Holiday Season for so many who are facing extremely difficult times. As there is a great need, we will collect winter clothes BUT they must be sent in a sealed plastic bag.



**SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR** —The Scholastic Book Fair will be virtual this year. Between November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>, parents and family members will be able to order online and the items will ship to their home address. This is an amazing opportunity to get your Holiday shopping done and support our school at the same time!



**DRESS DOWN DAYS**—Please remember that our dress down days are **FUNDRAISERS** for the Children's Hospital. If your child chooses to come to school in their regular clothes (not uniform), they **MUST** contribute their \$2.

**The Poppy Campaign 2020**- This year our SWLSB schools are working together to raise \$5000.00. Please help us make a difference in the lives of our veterans by having your child purchase a Poppy online or by making a donation at your school. Donations can be made directly to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign secure website. <https://legion.ca/donations> The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that the Poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment or as close to the heart as possible. Thank you for helping our young people to have a positive impact in our community through their participation in this simple act of kindness. A donation of 2\$ or more is requested for the poppy pin.



**COVID RELATED STRESS AND ANXIETY WORKSHOP**- Cheryl Smith our SWLSB spiritual animator, will be visiting our grade 4-6 classes in November to help our students learn some coping and self-care strategies.

**CROSS COUNTRY RACE/WALK**- The Physical Education Department will be offering all students in grades 5 and 6 an opportunity to participate in a 2km walk/run. Students will be training for this event which will take place on October 22-23.

**DANCE WITH SARAH MAUDE THIBODEAU**- Professional dancer and instructor Sarah Maude, will be joining our pre-k, K, 1 and 2 classes for dance lessons each and every week!

## Hillcrest Home & School Association

HAHSA fundraising team is continuously looking for different ways to raise money for our school and enrich the lives our children. Last year our fundraising efforts paid for a corn roast, movie night, popcorn machine, holiday fair, winter carnival, ice cream truck, amazing outdoor classroom and many other exciting events and activities.

### Ice Cream Truck



We kicked off the start of the 2020 school year with the ice cream truck. There were a lot of incredibly happy faces!!!



### TCBY & Pizza Days



They are back! TCBY and Pizza Day continue to be a huge success at Hillcrest Academy. Wednesdays are reserved for frozen yogurt and Thursdays for pizza!!! What more can you ask for?! All the funds from TCBY are used to fulfill our special needs requirements that are not funded by the school board or government. This program was first initiated by our very own Mr. Lepine! Dominos Pizza continues to be a favorite among our students. The best part about pizza day is that parents get a day off from making lunches and they are helping HAHSA raise money for our school!

**WEEKLY SELF-CARE CHALLENGE**  
LINK BELOW



**Halloween Candy Bucket Fundraiser**

Our first fundraising event this year was our Halloween Candy Bucket Fundraiser. A big thank you to the Hillcrest community for your support. We sold 240 candy buckets!!! We hope that everyone has a safe, sweet, and fun filled Halloween!

*If you ordered a candy bucket, please remember pick up is on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm in the Hillcrest bus lane. If you have any questions, please email us at [haafterschool@outlook.com](mailto:haafterschool@outlook.com).*

**Popcorn Day**

HAHSA is always looking for ways to make every day even brighter for our students. With everything going on around us today we want to try and keep those smiles on the students faces so on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> every student will receive a bag of Bad Monkey Popcorn!



**Pumpkin Decorating**

On Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, every class will receive one large pumpkin which they will decorate for a school wide contest. Students can write a group story to accompany their class pumpkin. Administration will be awarding four classes a pizza lunch for funniest, most original, scariest, and prettiest pumpkins!!! HAHSA will also be providing every student with a small pumpkin that can be decorated at school or bring home for Halloween weekend!

**Hospitality Committee**

We want to give a big thank you to our amazing Hospitality Committee who took time out of their evening to come and decorate the school for Halloween. We cannot wait to see what they do for the upcoming holidays!



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Should you have any inquiries or questions, please call us anytime at 514-490-1235.

Team Merenda

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**VOLUNTEERS**—Anyone interested in volunteering for HAHSA activities at school, please contact us at: [volunteerhahsa@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerhahsa@gmail.com)