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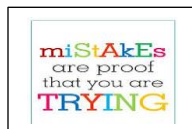
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Note from the Principals

Welcome to the 2021/22 school year! We hope you had a chance to enjoy some rest, relaxation, and family time and that you are rejuvenated and ready for an exciting school year! We are VERY happy to be welcoming our families, students and staff to Hillcrest Academy! Although there are still strict COVID protocols we must follow, we are also excited to see a return for many of our regular events and activities such as, after school programs and clubs. Our goal at Hillcrest is to continue to facilitate a strong school culture that focuses on providing a safe, nurturing environment of active learners, where all are welcomed, valued, and appreciated for what they can bring as individuals to the classroom, school, and community. To do this, we will continue to concentrate on providing opportunities for student engagement and leadership. We will also focus on social emotional learning and mental health, given the impact that COVID is having not only on our youth, but on adults as well. There has never been a more important need for teaching the heart as well as the mind. Here is to a fabulous school year, filled with new friendships, new adventures, and exciting learning opportunities!

Mrs. Lazaris & Mrs. Butler



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Morning drop off times at Clemenceau / René Coty and Pre-K on Churchill: 8:40-8:55am. Kindergarten is drive through drop-off in the daycare lane.
- If you have a child in kindergarten with a sibling in any other grade including pre-kindergarten, you must use the daycare drop-off lane for all of your children.

- René-Coty is not an official drop-off or pick-up zone. There is no teacher supervising this area. You should only be using this area if you are walking or live on René-Coty. The cars being parked here endanger the safety of students and hinder the departure of the school buses. Respect the NO PARKING signs.
- 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 can changes be made.**
- Use Mozaik to report all absences / lates / early dismissals.
- If your child takes the bus you CANNOT make changes and pick them up at the gate after school
- The main office is closed during lunch period (12:25-1:20pm).
- Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and utensils if needed for their lunch
- Please do NOT drop off forgotten items at the office (exception: lunch box or water)
- FOR STUDENT BIRTHDAYS: Please check with the teacher first before sending anything in. The school may only accept store bought, individually wrapped, NUT free treats.
- Please keep a change of socks and pants (all grades) in your child's bag. The yard is often times very messy and accidents do happen, so a change of clothes on hand will put an end to the office having to call home.
- MOZAIK PORTAL: Teachers will be communicating with parents through the MOZAIK Portal. When replying to a teacher communication, **please be certain to indicate your child's first and last name.**

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Upcoming and Recent 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 available on MOZAIK by January 27th. The final reports will go home at the end of June.

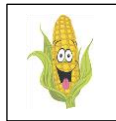


PROGRESS REPORTS- There will be two progress reports this year. The first will be available on MOZAIK on November 17th. The second will be available April 7th.

PARENT INTERVIEWS–Parent interviews will take place after November 17th. 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.



Corn Roast- The administrative team has organized a corn roast for students on September 23rd. All students will participate in peeling the corn which will then be boiled and served at lunch. Two pieces of corn per student will be provided. All students must still bring a lunch, snack and drinks on this day.



NED PRESENTATION- On the 27th of September there will be a virtual presentation for all students focused on social and emotional well-being. This school-wide character education program centers around a 45-minute assembly called The NED Show. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for **Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best**.



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. Our first dress down day is September 30th. Students may wear an **orange shirt** to school that day. **Orange Shirt Day** was created as an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honors the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters.



DANCE WITH SARAH MAUDE THIBODEAU IS BACK! Professional dancer and instructor Sarah Maude, will be moving and grooving with our pre-k, K, 1 and 2 classes for dance lessons each and every week until December!

News from HAUSA - Hillcrest Home & School Association

Welcome back to all our families. We hope that everyone is having an amazing start to the school year!



CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure to save our **HAUSA Website** and **Facebook page** to your favourites. All updates, fundraiser information, reminders, and communication for the school year, from HAUSA, will be posted there. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to email us at one of the addresses below.

HAUSA Website: www.hahsa.ca
HAUSA Facebook: www.facebook.com/haafterschool

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Book Fair: bookfair@hahsa.ca

HAUSA AMILIA Registration **amilia**

For more information about our new registration system and to learn how to create an account and place an order please visit <https://hahsa.ca/registration> If you have any questions, please email fundraising@hahsa.ca.

TCBY & Pizza Days

They are back!!! TCBY and Pizza Day continue to be huge success at Hillcrest Academy. Wednesdays are reserved for frozen yogurt and Thursdays for pizza!!! What more can you ask for?! We are happy to announce that registration for the complete school is back this year!!! For complete details, including how to register please go to <https://hahsa.ca/tcbypizza> If you have any questions, please email fundraising@hahsa.ca



VOLUNTEERING

HAUSA strongly encourages parents to get involved in school life in any way possible. Volunteering at the school is a great way to get involved, support the school, and support your children's education and social development. **If you would like to be notified of volunteering opportunities at Hillcrest, please make sure to fill out our volunteer form at <https://hahsa.ca/volunteering> so your name is added to our list. All volunteers are also required to undergo a "Judicial Verification" or police check as well. Please make sure to download (found with volunteer registration form) and print the Judicial form and send it to school with your child, attention Sandie. We also ask that all volunteers take the time to read the school's volunteer handbook, available on our website.**

Anxiety in Children and Coping Strategies

School anxiety is very difficult for children and heart wrenching for parents. It's so common, but it doesn't always look the same. Sometimes it will dress itself up as illness (headaches, tummy aches), sometimes as a tantrum or fierce defiance, and sometimes it looks exactly as you would expect. Follow the link below to discover some great tips about how to coach your child to deal with anxiety at school.



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