



# École Publique Hillcrest Public School

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## Happy New Year

As 2022 has ended, we reflect on a year of learning that was full of challenges and growth. Thanks, everyone, for your efforts during the 2022 Calendar Year to help support students and build capacity in our school community. We have many reasons to be thankful here at Hillcrest and in our community at large. We wish to extend a very Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

## Kindergarten Registration

KinderSTART is a special series of events for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or students who are new to Senior Kindergarten. It is an opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school. In the coming days, we will be sharing a link with the entire school community, and posting it on our Facebook page, so families can register their child(ren) who will be entering Junior Kindergarten next year, or who will be joining us for the first time at school in Senior Kindergarten. More details about KinderSTART will be provided as we approach that important time of the school year.

## Upcoming Events

### January 9

First Day of Classes

### January 10

School Council 6:00 p.m. and  
Johnny G's Fundraiser Night

### January 13

Skills Ontario Presentations for  
Junior and Intermediate  
Students

### January 13

Vive les vendredis (French  
Karaoke)

### January 24

Grade 8 and Kindergarten  
Graduation Photos

### January 27

Vive les vendredis (French  
Games)

### February 1

Second Installment of  
Muskoka Woods Payment is  
Due – Grade 8 Students

## MYSBI App

MYSBI is a free app available on the play store. It will provide you with real-time notifications of late buses and weather cancellations. Buses that are running more than 10 minutes late will be posted to the app and notifications will be sent out to anyone signed up for those specific buses. Follow these steps that were provided by Transportation Services to stay up-to-date and informed of what is happening with your child(ren) bus(es).

1. Download MYSBI from your play store
2. Select All Buses at the bottom of the screen
3. Select \*WEATHER CANCELLATIONS\*
4. Select Filter by Schools
5. Select your school, then OK
6. Select your buses both AM & PM

## Facebook

Don't forget to follow our school's Facebook account. We periodically post items demonstrating student learning, promoting special events, sharing fun facts about our school, and providing timely announcements. You can follow us by visiting us on Facebook. As is the case for each Newsletter, the Facebook link is included at the top of the Newsletter, in the Header section.

## Holiday Dinner

December was a very busy month here at Hillcrest. We are grateful for all those who assisted in facilitating a variety of activities for our students. We were happy to hold our annual Holiday Dinner that was on pause during the pandemic. This year the way that we facilitated the meal was different, by having older classes eat with their reading buddies in the rooms of our younger learners, rather than all together in the gym. There were many smiles and a lot of excitement in the building that day. It was also nice to hear from some students that they did not like mashed potatoes, but many of them ended up coming back for second and third helpings. Sometimes we just have to try something for the first time or try it again to see if we enjoy the experience. We wish to thank Burns Restaurant for catering the event. We are also pleased to share this year that this event was served without any cost to families, as shared in last month's newsletter. We are not sure if we will be able to accomplish this next year without contributions from families, but for now, we will celebrate this accomplishment! We wish to thank our community partners for helping make this event happen!

## School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held virtually, on January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Any parent/guardian is welcome to participate. Please email [hillcrest.s.council@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrest.s.council@gmail.com) for a link to participate, or contact the school directly. This is always a great way to stay informed. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Please Know That We are Here to Help

We are always proud of our students, parents, and staff here at Hillcrest. It is a great place to learn. We are convinced that should your family need something, when collaborating together, we can find a solution. Please reach out to us if you are in need of anything to assist with your child's learning, or otherwise.