

Friday, June 19th, 2020

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and celebrate Fathers, Mothers, and guardians! Enjoy this weekend with family!

Report Cards Update!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to provide you with information about your child's final report card.

This year, considering the school closures due to COVID-19, report cards will be delivered electronically. The report cards will be delivered directly to parents and guardians by email on **June 24, 2020**.

Accessing Your Child's Report Card

As an added measure of security to protect your child's privacy, you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) in order to access the report card. You will find your child's OEN number on a previous report card.

The Ministry has waived the expectation for both a teacher and parental signature for this reporting period. The School Principal's electronic signature will appear on all student report cards.

About Your Child's Elementary School Report Card

As a reminder, no student's mark should be negatively affected by performance during the school closure period due to COVID-19.

As a result of school closure, the Kindergarten Communication of Learning and Report Card for Grades 1-8 will reflect the learning demonstrated from the beginning of Term 2 to March 13. Evidence collected during the school closure period that shows improvement in learning may be taken into consideration when assigning a final grade/mark.

In such cases where there is insufficient evidence of learning in a particular subject or strand (including math strands), the code "I" may be used on a student's report card and the following statement may be included: *Due to the school closure period, there is insufficient information to determine a grade/mark.*

Ratings for Learning Skills and Work Habits will reflect the period from the beginning of Term 2 to March 13. Teachers may choose to include comments on growth in Learning Skills and Work Habits demonstrated during the school closure period when it is to the student's benefit.

Questions About Your Child's Report Card?

As with all reporting periods, parents and guardians may contact their child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the report card.

You are also welcomed to contact our school administration with any questions or should you require further clarification.

Talent Show 2020

Thank you to all the students who have kindly offered to share their talents with the school community! The show will be posted to our website on Monday, June 22nd. Looking forward to the showcase of talent! Special thank you to Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Boiago, Mrs. Rak, and Mrs. Lattanzi!

Grade 8 Graduation Wednesday June 24th 7:30pm. Congratulations Grade 8's!

A special thank you to our Parent Committee- Mrs. Mercer, Mr. Popovacki, Mrs. Islip, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Stocco, and Mrs. Vanderlelie! Thank you, Mr. Emili and Ms. Dover!!

Pick up Drop Off Reminder

To continue Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Thursday 25th.

Please do not forget to bring items for **Drop Off**:

- Technology (devices) borrowed
- Special education equipment
- Sports uniforms
- Library books
- Textbooks
- Musical instruments and mouth pieces (where applicable)
- If any items are forgotten please reach out and we can coordinate a time to collect items, thank you.

Please note that **all devices/technology will need to be returned by the end of June**. Thank you.

Please be sure to have signed up for a time! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out! vignap@hcdsb.org

If you have items that do not belong to you, please take a moment to return and place the item on the tables situated by the large planter in the primary yard by the parking lot entrance. For any miscellaneous items not retrieved or returned, families will have the opportunity to have a look at the tables with unclaimed items before leaving or upon entering the yard. Please note that any items not picked up will be placed in our lost and found and a day in the fall will be coordinated as another opportunity to retrieve any personal lost belongings. Thank you!

ISW June Sale - Save 10% on your entire purchase

- Returning Students - **Log into your account to shop for your uniform. Our new chat window lets you connect with one of your uniform experts while you shop!**
- New Students **3 WAYS TO SHOP**
 1. **IN-STORE APPOINTMENT** - New families are welcome to book an in-store one-on-one appointment with one of our uniform experts.
 2. **VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT** - New families are welcome to book an appointment from home via video chat with one of our uniform experts.
 3. **ONLINE LIVE CHAT** - Our new chat window lets you connect with one of our uniform experts while you shop.

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Promoting Well-Being – Mental Health Family Stress

- When we first become parents, the hopes and dreams we have for our children are boundless. These tiny little humans who we have sworn to nurture, protect and love without condition have a lifetime of opportunities awaiting them. But life is unpredictable, and we face challenges for which we are unprepared. No matter how fiercely we fight to protect our children, there are some things in life we can't control. According to the World Health Organization, 20% of adolescents (age 10-19) will experience a mental health condition, and now with families facing life during the Coronavirus, those mental health conditions will intensify. In the article [Mental health and psychological resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), the World Health Organization outlines the impact that COVID-19 can have on children and families and makes recommendations on how to handle this unprecedented time.
- When a loved one, especially one of our children has a mental health disorder, the added stress it brings to the other members of the family can be overwhelming. Not only are there day to day challenges, but when an extreme crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic hits, managing life becomes much more difficult. If your family is coping with the stress of a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder, here are some tips to bring a little peace to your life and ease some of the anxiety in the home.
 1. **Build family relationships** – [125 Ideas to Keep Kids Entertained During the Coronavirus Crisis.](#)
 2. **Find a support system** – [Resources for Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing During the COVID-19.](#)
 3. **Learn to cope with fear and anxiety** – [7 Ways to Support Kids and Teens Through the Coronavirus Pandemic.](#)
 4. **Be an advocate** – [Coping With Anxiety and Depression During the Coronavirus Pandemic.](#)

5. **Stop blaming yourself** - Helping Children Cope with Emergencies.
6. **Take a break** – How to Look After Your Mental Health During a Pandemic.

- Whether you are new to this journey or have been on this road for a long time, it is always a good idea to check in with yourself and your family. The stress of caring for someone with a mental health condition can make you feel powerless. With a strategy in place for dealing with the obstacles ahead, you and your family can stay strong together.

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Have a wonderful weekend!