### Principal's Report Nov 2023

#### (don't forget to view our Staff Report as well!)

#### Awards night

Our Academic Awards night took place tonight (Wednesday, Nov 22nd) from 5:00 to 6:00pm. These academic awards are based on achievements from last year. It was a great evening, celebrating the hard work and dedication of many of our HIIIcrest students.

# Welcome to High School - Open House (ie. Grade 8 Night) - Dec 12th 4pm to 6pm

Please save the date - Hillcrest will be hosting our Welcome to High School Open House for incoming Grade 8 students and families on Dec 12th.

We have shared this date with our elementary feeder schools.

Preliminary planning has begun for this evening. Some ideas include:

- a Welcome to High School Presentation in the library.
- Sports practice/game that grade 8's can watch
- Music in the foyer
- Photo booth
- 3D printing & Robotics activities
- MLO support
- Activities in all our department areas art, technology, auto, science, english, math etc.
- Hawk mascot
- Lots of student volunteers
- Alumni
- Pizza making in the foods room
- Clubs
- School council

#### **Graduates Page**

A reminder that information for graduates can be found on our <u>Hillcrest</u> <u>Post-Secondary page</u>.

- This site has information about applying to university, college, apprenticeships, the world of work, and gap years
- There is a calendar of college/university visits linked to this page

- Scholarships and applying for student loans

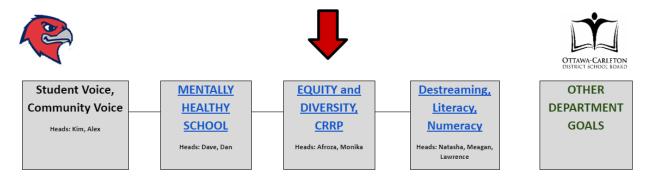
#### Post-Secondary Application Presentation, Grade 11 and 12 Students

This assembly took place last week, it was led by Natasha Lamb from our Guidance department.

• Purpose: To review with students what is needed for life after high school and the options available for students. to apply to university and/or college, the world of work, and gap years. The process for applications, offers of admission, and acceptances.

#### **School Learning Plan**

These are the key pillars of our School Learning Plan. These represent key areas of focus for Hillcrest, aligned with key priorities from the school board and the province.



## HILLCREST SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN

While these are shown as distinct pillars, we know that there is much interconnection between the pillars.

Individual departments at Hillcrest have created their own Department Learning Plans, aligned with the School Learning Plan.

We have asked members of the Heads team to each take a leadership role, along with Admin, in one these various areas. They are working collaboratively with many of our amazing staff.

As part of our monthly staff report, we will highlight initiatives happening in one of these areas. This month, Sophie will be highlighting our focus on literacy strategies.