

Principal's Report - Oct 2023

Don't forget to also see our Staff Report!

OSSLT

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. This year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will be offering the computer-based online OSSLT to eligible students across the province. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

On November 14th, eligible grade 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students will be taking part in the OSSLT at Hillcrest HS. If eligible, your child will be scheduled to write the OSSLT and will receive a personalized invitation on Nov 2nd. If your student does not get an invitation, and they have not yet completed the OSSLT requirement, please have them see their guidance counsellor.

We will be offering in-person practice sessions on Nov 7th.

Please see all the details in this letter: [OSSLT 2023 Letter to Community](#)

Grade 10 students will be writing the OSSLT in the Spring. More details to come about this later.

Cafeteria Update

The re-opening of the cafeteria was delayed due to repairs needed with some of the equipment. Most of these issues have now been resolved, and we have been told from OCDSB facilities that we are quite close to re-opening, but no specific date has been provided yet.

Progress Report (ILU's)

The Initial Learning Updates (ILU) (*formerly known as Progress Reports*) were emailed to parents/guardians and eligible students on October 17, 2023. The Ontario Education Number (OEN) was needed to access this document. Visit ocdsb.ca/reportcards for details. Please contact the main office if you need help identifying your child's OEN or additional information.

Note that Sem 1 midterm report cards will be sent home on Nov 21st.

Parent Teacher Interviews

- Parent Teacher interviews will take place tomorrow Oct 26th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The interviews will take place in person, but parents/caregivers will also be able to request a virtual meeting.
- Parents/caregivers can sign up for an interview at the following link <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/fsdas>

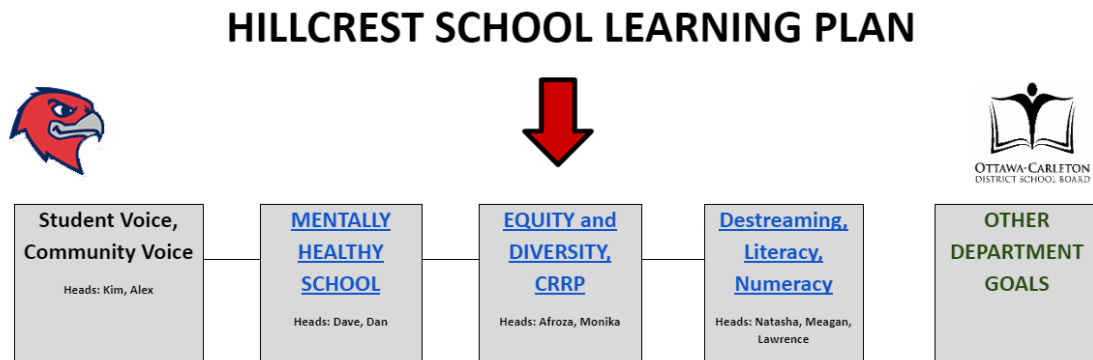
Parent/Guardian Post-Secondary Application Presentation, Oct 26th.

This will take place on the same night as Parent Teacher Interviews.

- Oct 26th in the Library. We will run the presentation twice, once from 4:30 to 5:00pm, and then again from 6:00pm-6:30pm. For those parents that can't make it, we will post the full slideshow on our website under Student Services
- Purpose: To review with families 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.
- Note - we will also be running a version of this presentation in the next few weeks for Grade 12 students to attend while at school. Date to be determined.

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.



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 principal/staff report, we will highlight initiatives happening in one of these areas. This month, Sophie will share about our work on Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy.