

# HILLCREST PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE: JANUARY 2024

## Hillcrest's School Learning Plan:

Focuses on 4 pillars:

- 1) **Being a Mentally Healthy School**
- 2) Equity, Diversity and CRRP  
(Culturally Responsive and Relevant  
Pedagogy)
- 3) Support for destreaming, Literacy  
and Numeracy
- 4) Student and Community Voice



## Mental Health at School

-Dept Head leads: Dan Lajoie, Dave Thompson & Afroza Mohammed

-School-wide focus on mindfulness for semester 2

-Speaker series being planned

-Events across the school: Cocoa & Cram, Crafting for Wellness, Black Excellence Club events, bracelet making, athletics (weight room, gym open at lunch)



## From the classrooms of our ARTS spaces!

**Drama:** an end-of-year production in the works

### **Music:**

-Arts & Culture SHSM students went to the NAC to participate in a career exploration workshop and to pitch some marketing ideas to staff

-Music Night- Dec 14

-Grade 9/10 strings class -performed Children's Stories for the Kindergarten Classes at Vincent Massey. The students set some popular fairy tales and children's stories to music, and complete with a narrator, reenacted the tales for the children

-Grade 11 and 12 strings class hosted 50 grade 7s and 8s and all learned to play a song together



## HHS Athletics & Clubs Updates

Student's Council: Cocoa & Cram

Feminist Club: Bead Together event Feb 14

Black Excellence Club: Black Excellence Day. Black History Month assembly on the 29th-performer, speaker.

Girls only Fitness Club- Tuesdays at Lunch

HHS Athletics: Sr boys bball and Sr girls volleyball are in season. Both teams are competing well and hoping to make the playoffs. We have 1 girls curling team comprised of mostly beginners and they are having lots of fun. Jr girls and jr boys volleyball are in the tryout process right now and teams will be made by next week. The badminton team will be starting tryouts soon as well.

