

Principal's Report Feb 2024

Cafeteria

- Food delivery was today!
- Scheduled to open next week on Wednesday, Feb 6/24

Accessibility Updates

Stage 1:

- Construction scheduled to begin Summer 2024
- Accessible front entrance, universal wheelchair accessible washrooms on both floors
- Lift in the library

Later Stages (timeline TBD, but prioritized):

- Other accessibility features, most notably an elevator, making all (or most) of the school wheelchair accessible.

Ottawa Public Health - High School Vaccine Catch-Up Clinic

Ottawa Public Health will be at Hillcrest High School on March 7, 2024. Due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, some students may have missed the opportunity to receive their vaccines normally offered at school. To help children catch-up on their vaccines, OPH will be holding an upcoming immunization clinic at Hillcrest . Flu and COVID-19 vaccines will also be available.

Please see all the details in this [Letter to Parents](#).

A consent form is required. Consent forms and information sheets are available in **English, French, Arabic, Simplified Chinese and Somali** on the OPH website: <https://www.parentinginottawa.ca/en/shared-content/where-to-get-children-or-youth-vaccinated.aspx#Immunization-Clinics-High-Schools> Paper versions of these consent forms are also available from the main office if you prefer.

Students with completed consent forms will be called down from class for their immunization during the day on March 7, 2024.

Initial Learning Updates and Parent/Caregiver Teacher Interviews

Semester 2 Initial Learning Updates (ie. Progress Reports) will be sent home on March 19th. Interviews will take place on March 27th, from 4:00 to 7:00. Parents/caregivers will have an opportunity to sign up for interviews via an online booking system. More details to come!

Commencement 2024

Our Commencement ceremony for graduating students will take place on June 27, 2024, beginning mid-morning. Exact timing and further details to come!

Course Selection Update

Course selection for the 2024-25 school year is now underway. The due date for courses to be selected was **Monday, February 26th**. (We are tracking down a few last students who have not submitted) Our master schedule for the school is constructed based on the courses students select in February. It is important for students and their families to make well informed decisions since it can be difficult for students to make changes after the master timetable has been locked in.

Steps for Course Selection:

1. *Plan* - Access the [Hillcrest Course Planning](#) page on our school website. Review pathway options, how to access Xello and our FAQs.
2. *Select* - Enter your courses into the Xello program ([CLICK HERE](#) to access).

3. *Verify* - Once selections have been finalized, parent / guardian verification is required. To complete the process please:
 - a) Click the "Ready to Submit" button in Xello. Once this button is clicked, students are no longer able to make changes.
 - b) Complete the parent / guardian verification form at the link below:

[Course Selection Parent Verification Form - for 2024-2025 Selections](#)

Help Available:

We have had many resources made available to support students and their families with this process. If your student missed the In Class Support sessions provided this past week, and have questions, they should come to Guidance as soon as possible.

Due Dates:

Course Selections were due **Monday, February 26.**