**Highland Park Community**

*Good afternoon! We had our second Student Success Assembly of our school year this afternoon and recognized eighteen students for academic progress, attendance and engagement, and for their positive influences on our school community. It was a lot of fun. Please see the important information below, and as always, feel free to ask any questions you might have.*

**Spirit Week:**

We are having a Spirit Week from Monday, October 28th until Friday, November 1st with the following themes:

* Monday is twin day
* Tuesday is students dress as teachers’ day
* Wednesday is decades day
* Thursday is wearing your Halloween costume day
* Friday is pajama day

A reminder that any Halloween costumes worn must be school appropriate.

We look forward to seeing everyone’s creative ideas!

**Term One Progress:**

The first term of the school year ends on *November 22nd, 2024,* which is not that far in the distant future!

Information regarding report cards and parent/guardian conferences will be forwarded to you in the coming days.

Teachers will continue to contact parents/guardians as necessary regarding student progress. Our ongoing relationships, and collaboration, are *essential* to student success and we appreciate you engaging in conversations related to student achievement.

As always, if you have any questions, you may contact our teaching staff directly using the emails listed at the following link:

<https://hpj.hrce.ca/staff-directory>

**Four Fundamental Learning Questions:**

As I have stated throughout the year, it is important that we are all able to answer the following four fundamental learning questions (teachers, parents/guardians, students, support staff, etc.): *How are you doing in your subject areas? How do you know? Where might you go for help or assistance? What are your goals or next steps?*

We encourage you to discuss these four questions with you student(s) so that there is a collective understanding of student progress over time.

*This is our first five-day school week in some time, and we are looking forward to all the learning that will take place! Please keep in mind the importance of student attendance as there is a direct correlation between being present in school and overall achievement.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact at any time.*

*Mr. Sarka (Principal – Highland Park Junior High)*