Monday November 9, 2020

Good evening Highland Park Families,

In order to maximize student engagement so our learners can concentrate on their lessons we have been implementing new initiatives regarding acceptable cell phone use during class time. Students have been spending more time than normal on their phones during class for purposes other than schoolwork.

We have enough Chromebooks for each student to have access to technology whenever necessary. Therefore, students do not need cell phones for classwork.

In an effort to promote responsible cell phone usage, we have provided each classroom with "cell phone hotels" where they can safely store their devices. Also, each student's desk has a 'cell phone parking spot' where students can put their phone face down. The other alternative is for students to have their cell phones put away in their bags or desks during class time.

Due to Covid-19 mandated classroom cohorts, we have breaks towards the end of each period. Students are permitted to use their devices during this time.

We will be holding a Virtual Remembrance Day recognition during class time on Tuesday.

Wednesday is Remembrance Day; there are no classes.

The above information will also be posted on our website at: <u>https://hpj.hrce.ca/</u>. Follow us on Twitter for pictures and updates of our opening preparations **@Hpjhdragons**.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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