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## **Hillside Herald - December 2022**

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## **From the Desk of Mrs. Rodriguez**

Hillside Families,

I am not sure about you, but I cannot believe we are already saying "December" and talking about winter weather. Thank you all for adjusting to the late start Friday on December 2; I know it is not always easy to do. I hope the adjustment helped you and your family stay safe – I know the extra time helped teachers and staff, coming from near and far, get to work safely. One of our key goals as a school is improving student attendance. According to Al-lensworth, et al. with the U of Chicago CCSR, "Improvements in attendance and grades are related to substantially better high school outcomes." Authors at [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org) indicate that missing just two days a month (about 10% of a school year) has a negative impact on student performance. This means that attendance, even on short or late-start days, is imperative to student success. Students who miss class miss out on instruction, skill practice, and new information, in addition to not having the support from peers and teachers as they complete assignments. When an absence is unavoidable, help your students access assignments and lessons via Canvas, have them email their teachers, or call for a homework request from our main office. If you have not done so already, check PowerSchool to see attendance, assignments, and up-to-date grades. Every student should shoot for no more than nine days absent in a year to stay on track for graduation. Please help support learning by ensuring your child is at school every day, all day; schedule family events, travel, or appointments for outside of school hours and days.

Finally, we do want you to know about some new processes we've adapted to support behavioral expectations. Due to an increase in restroom incidents (vaping, vandalism, skipping class, etc.), we have implemented multiple interventions this year. Hall passes are allowed only after the first ten minutes of class up to the last ten minutes of class, and we ask that students leave backpacks and phones in the classroom. The dedicated time allows teachers to begin instruction at the bell and supports our district SEL goals of welcoming routines and optimistic closures. This also gives administration time to ensure all students are in class. Since we have started this intervention, we have seen a drastic decrease in tardies and restroom incidents. Teachers are, of course, accommodating of unexpected needs as well and will allow students restroom access should the need arise outside of the allowable timeframe. Thank you for your support in our efforts to ensure student safety, restroom cleanliness, and high-quality instruction.

## **Important Dates for December**

Monday, December 5th: NetSmart Assembly 1:38-2:30pm

Tuesday, December 6th: Career Day for 7th Grade / Field trip to Highland for 8th Grade

Thursday, December 8th: Choir Winter Concert @ Highland High 7pm

Friday, December 9th: Mid-terms

Tuesday, December 13th: Band Concert @ Highland High 7pm

Thursday, December 15th: Orchestra Concert @ Highland High 7pm

Friday, December 23rd: Ugly Sweater Day and Music Assembly

Monday, Dec. 26th—Friday, Jan. 6th: Winter Break



**Orchestra News!****December Orchestra News!**

The orchestra classes have been very busy learning new skills and reinforcing what we already know. The most important role a parent can play is to make sure your child is practicing at home. Home practice is essential to learning any instrument. You can also find information about private lessons on my web page <https://hillsideorchestra.weebly.com/>

**Both Orchestra classes (Orchestra I and II) will perform in our Winter Concert on December 15th at Highland High at 7:00 pm.**

Date- December 15th (Thurs)

Where- **HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**- bring instrument and sheet music, dress for concert, see below.

When- **Report to Highland by 6:25 pm**, the concert begins at 7:00 pm, audience needs to be seated by 7:00pm.

Make sure you bring your instrument and music home from Hillside. You will not be able to get into the building to get your instrument if you forget it! If you have a rehearsal before the concert for the musical, plan ahead so you can get to Highland on time.

**Concert dress (what to wear!) is in the disclosure and has been sent home in several email messages. We want the students to look uniform and professional on stage, so concert black or black and white is our dress code.** Plan ahead to borrow, buy or ask for concert attire well *before the concert*. (we can help if you need something)

***HERE IT IS:*** Black dress pants (or VERY dark grey) or skirt and an all black or white dress shirt, sweater or polo. An all black or black and white dress is great, as well. Please no jeans (unless fully dark black and **look like dress pants**) and no t-shirts, sweatpants or sweatshirts. Jackets and ties are great and can have a little color such as stripes, but jackets can get warm on stage. Hoodies will not be allowed on stage!

Neutral colored dress shoes or an all black shoe. No bright colored shoes or distracting shoes. **Absolutely NO ripped pants, t-shirts or midriff-baring clothes allowed on stage, these do not look professional** . Cello players, keep in mind if you wear a skirt it has to be very long and wide, otherwise just wear pants.

We are excited for this performance! We hope you enjoy it, and thank you for all of your support. See you there! - Mrs. Misco

## Bus Route Changes!

Parents and Students:

Change to AM route 514 to Hillside Beginning Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the following are the changes to the AM pick up.

Route 514	AM Times
HARTWELL AVE & 300 W (JUST BEFORE CROSSWALK AT LIGHT)	7:10AM
1445 S 300 W (ENCLAVE APARTMENTS)	7:12AM
S WEST TEMPLE & GROVE AVE (100 W & 1910 S)	7:19AM
S WEST TEMPLE & QUAYLE AVE	7:20AM
S WEST TEMPLE & ANDREW AVE	7:22AM
E 1300 S & EDISON ST (140 E, FIRST STREET EAST OF LIGHT)	7:26AM
BROWNING AVE (1410 S) & S 200 E	7:27AM
HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL (416)	7:40AM

Parents and Students:

Change to AM route 516 to Hillside Beginning Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> the following are the changes to the AM pick up.

Route 516	AM Times
S 400 E & KENSINGTON AVE (1525 S)	7:11AM
S 400 E & SHERMAN AVE (1335 S)	7:12AM
BROWNING AVE (1400 S) & S 300 E	7:13AM
S 300 E & KENSINGTON AVE (1525 S)	7:14AM
E WILSON AVE (1750 S) & S 300 E	7:16AM
S 300 E & DOWNINGTON AVE (1820 S)	7:16AM
S 300 E & RAMONA AVE (1930 S)	7:17AM
E 2100 S & S 600 E	7:20AM
E 2100 S (SOUTH SIDE OF 2100 SOUTH) & S 800 E	7:21AM
E 2100 S (SOUTH SIDE OF 2100 SOUTH) & S 1000 E	7:22AM
E 2100 S (JUST BEFORE CHICK FIL A) & S 1200 E	7:23AM
E CLAYBOURNE AVE & MELBOURNE ST	7:24AM
MELBOURNE ST & WHITE AVE	7:25AM
ATKIN AVE & HARTFORD ST	7:26AM
ATKIN AVE & FILMORE ST	7:27AM