



January 28th, 2021

Hello Stingers and Cecil B. Stirling Families

I hope this message finds you well. I want to commend students and teachers for finishing up four challenging weeks of remote learning. The effort and engagement I'm seeing from our community is amazing and something everyone should be proud of. Well done Stingers!

On Monday, January 25th CB Stirling held our first remote assembly. The assembly focused on the Grandfather Teaching (<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/news/story-seven-sacred-laws-0>) of Courage/Bravery (zoongide'ewin – Ojibwe) and recognized students who modelled courage in January. The move to remote schooling has pushed students and teachers out of their comfort zones, asking everyone to be brave and be courageous with their learning/teaching. Thank you to Ms. Bregg's class for teaching the school about Courage/Bravery and Mrs. Reid for leading the school with this initiative. In February our school will be learning about Honesty (gwayakwaadiziwin – Ojibwe).

This Friday, January 29th, is a PA Day for all students in the HWDSB. There is no school for students. Teachers are using the day to assess student work and complete the report cards for their students. Report cards will be emailed home to families on Friday, February 19th.

Remote Learning in Hamilton is continuing until at least February 10th, when the Ministry of Education will inform our community about its extension, or a return to in-person learning (which we are all hoping for). Please remember that remote learning follows the regular school day schedule, starting at 8:45am, ending at 3:05, with two nutrition breaks scheduled during the instructional day. French, Gym (and Health) and other subjects taught by visiting teachers are occurring as regularly scheduled. Teachers are posting their classroom schedules daily. It remains an expectation that students attend school, engage in lessons and demonstrate their learning.

Please let the school know (call or email) if your child needs a device to help them engage in remote learning. We have distributed all of our school's inventory, so there is about a week turnaround if a device is requested. As well, please let your child's teacher know if they having technical challenges and we can work together to solve the issue.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's program or questions about Cecil B. Stirling, please call (905-385-5374) or email (dschroed@hwdsb.on.ca).

Sincerely,

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