



WALTER E HARRIS HURRICANES!!

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September 2023

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Welcome Back!

We are excited to start another great school year at Walter E. Harris. If you are new to our school family, you look forward to meeting you and we trust that you will find our community warm and welcoming. On the following page, you will find important information to orient you to our school and to inform you about our September 2023 start.

With extensive construction taking place in the immediate WEH area, there will be significant implications for school arrivals and end of day. Please read the following page carefully so that you are contributing to safe arrivals/departures for all students!

Safe Arrival Line 24 hrs

Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

Website: attendance.ddsb.ca

Principal:

Trina Lewis

Vice Principal:

Susan Doern

Administrative Assistant:

Chelsea Phelan-Tran

Superintendent:

Kandis Thompson

Administrative Officer:

Jeffrey Maharaj

Oshawa Trustees

Deb Oldfield

Shailene Panylo

Linda Stone

Next SCC Meeting:

Fall - 2023

Homeroom Assignments:

Homeroom assignments are available through Parent Portal on September 1st. OEN's can be found on your previous report cards.

First Day of Classes:

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023



The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

Elementary School Year Calendar

**DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, 2023-24**
First Day of Classes – Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Legend: **B** – Board Designated Holiday **H** – Statutory School Holiday **P** – Professional Activity Day **P*** – Prov Priority Day

	Number of Pro & Provincial Activity Days	Number of Instructional Days	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
			M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
August	1	0		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
September	0	19					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
October	1	20	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
November	1	21			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	
December	0	16					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
January	1	17	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
February	0	20				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	
March	0	14					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
April	1	20	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30			
May	0	22			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
June	2	18	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
Total	7	187	5	1	2	3	P	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	P					

Important Kiss 'n' Ride Information

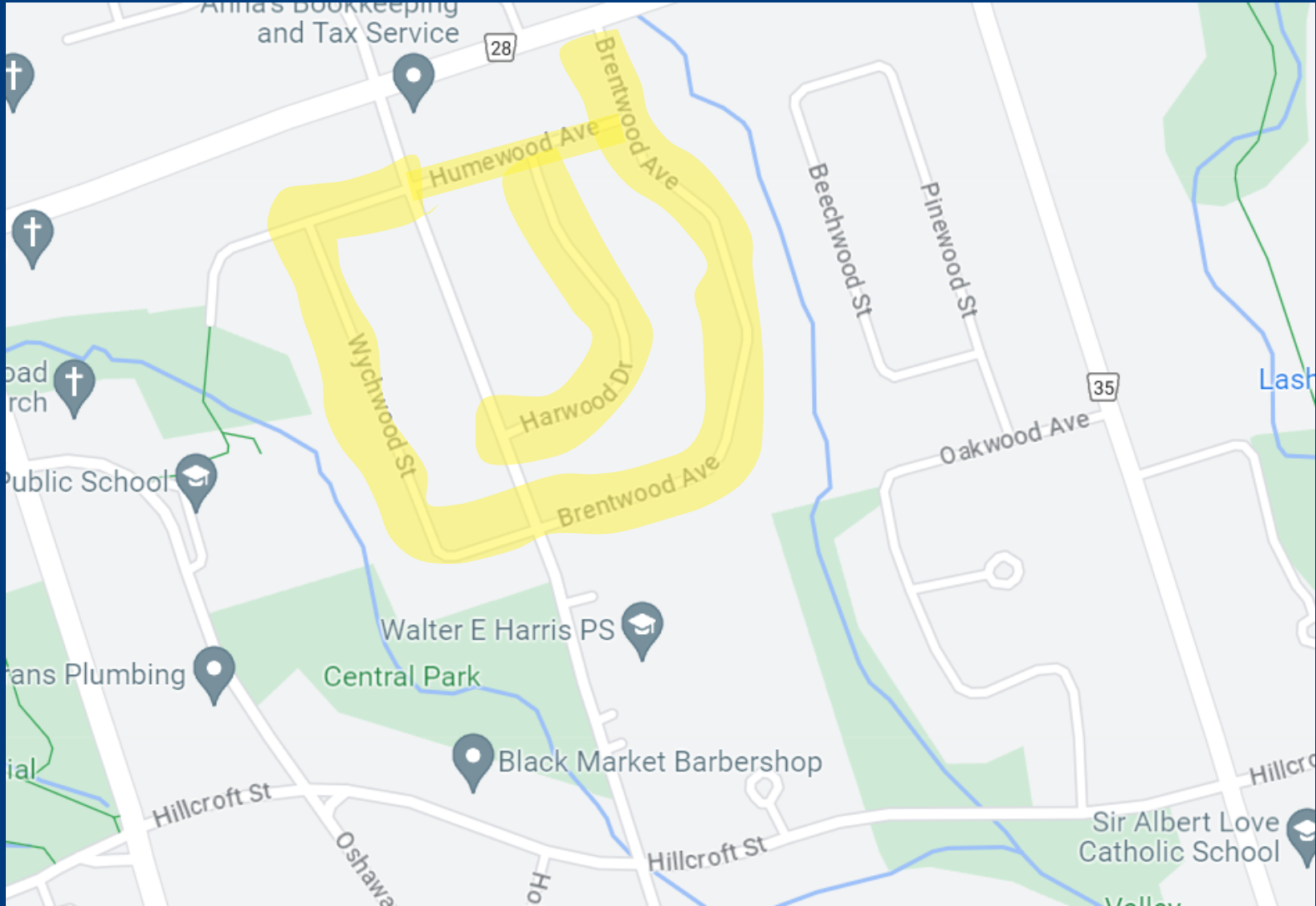
If you have been past the school in recent days, you will know that Central Park Blvd is closed in both directions at Hillcroft. Pedestrian walkways will be in place for September 5th to help students safely navigate the intersection and there will be an extra crossing guard to assist.

We are expecting major delays through to the end of September. If we work together to reduce traffic we can ensure a safe arrival for all. We have 8 buses who need to access our driveway on a schedule so we want to keep the roadway as clear as possible.

For those needing to drive, we ask that you park on the side streets to the north of the school and walk to the school property. If you are dropping an older student, please drop them on a side street so that you don't hold up the movement of traffic along Central Park Boulevard. We recommend the use of Brentwood Ave. or Harwood Dr. If necessary, please cross Central Park Blvd at Brentwood Ave where there will be a staff member and/or police officer supporting.

We are asking that all families who have bus privileges use school bus transportation for both mornings and afternoons to reduce car traffic near the school.

Limited parking is available on the highlighted streets. Please walk your primary students from there and allow older students to walk on their own so you can make space for another family.





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