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# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

*September/October 2022*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**9/26-** Rosh Hashanah,  
school closed

**9/30-** Day of Gold

**10/3-** Week of Respect

**10/6-** School photos

**10/17-** 12:40 dismissal,  
Staff Professional  
Development

**10/20-** Parent  
Presentation on the  
health curriculum, 6:30  
p.m. in the Tenakill  
Auditorium

[Hebrew translation](#)

[Korean translation](#)

[Spanish translation](#)

## Off to a great start!

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It has been a great start of the school year! Students and staff are excited to return in person with many of our previous activities returning this year.

We are excited to plan events including the First Grade Thanksgiving Show, Winter Concert, Kindergarten Song Fest, Instrumental Concert, Second Grade Flag Day Show, Recorder Concert and third grade trip to Carnegie Hall.

It was nice to see many families at Back to School Night. Thank you for attending our Back to School Night events! The presentation can be viewed here. ([link](#))

Review the updated attendance procedures ([link](#)). Livestream students must log on between 8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

## From our counselors

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Our School Counselors Ms. Weiss and Mrs. Lang have been supporting the transition back to school with videos about arrival, our newly implemented lunch and recess routines, proper use of the bathroom, and making and keeping friends.

They are organizing daily events for the week of October 3rd to observe and celebrate the annual Week of Respect ([link](#)).

Throughout the school year, Ms. Weiss and Mrs. Lang will continue to create and share ICARE and Wellness Wednesday activities with all of our students to promote their social, emotional, and academic growth.

Take a look at the videos and resources we have shared so far this year!

[Back to School Videos + Resources](#)

[Bathroom Videos + Resources](#)

[Friendship Video + Resources](#)

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## Curriculum

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On Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Tenakill Auditorium**, we will hold a presentation to clarify the revised health curriculum. More information will follow. Curriculum can be viewed on our website. ([link](#))

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## Safety Reminders

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Plan accordingly and allow yourself time to park in a designated spot or on the street.

- Parents must remain in their vehicles when using the designated drop-off lanes in the front of school or upper loop. **DO NOT LEAVE CARS UNATTENDED.**
- Students should enter and exit vehicles from the **passenger side only.**
- **Do not double park or block in any parked cars.**
- Do not park in or block crosswalks **or fire lanes.**
- **Families should cross at crosswalks only; do not attempt to cross in the active driveways.**
- When dropping students off, please pull forward as far as possible.
- If you will be walking from your car to the building to drop off or pick up your child, **please park in a designated parking spot - do not park in the pick-up line\*.**
- Parents/guardians should use the sidewalks at all times.

\*Parents of kindergarten and first grade students should park in designated parking areas.

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## From The Closter Education Association

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September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time to acknowledge the thousands of children and their families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, raise awareness about the reality of childhood cancer,

and emphasize the importance of research. The Closter Education Association is honored to continue supporting a local charity created in honor of Josephine Rispoli, who lost her fight in 2011, at the age of seven.

To help honor Josephine's life and promote Childhood Cancer Awareness, we celebrate a Day of Gold and raise money for the Josephine's Garden Foundation to help support their work with the brave children battling cancer, their families, and cancer research.

On Friday, 9/30, we ask that **everyone** wear yellow and gold clothing to show our support in the fight against childhood cancer.

Additionally, if you would like more information about the Josephine's Garden Foundation or to make an online donation, the following is a link to the donation webpage: [www.josephinesgarden.org/donate](http://www.josephinesgarden.org/donate).

## PTO Information

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Hillside ASEP Registration Opens 9/27 on a new platform! Make sure you visit [www.closterpto.org](http://www.closterpto.org) to set up in advance! Must be PTO member.

Lunch service starts Tuesday 9/27. Please make sure to send lunch with your child(ren) on the days for which you have not ordered lunch; you can go to my account -> my orders to verify.

Become a Hillside Library Volunteer! Go to [www.closterpto.org](http://www.closterpto.org) to learn more.