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Dear Hawthorn Parents,

As we move into the last three weeks of the first term and look forward to Christmas break, I wanted to take a few minutes to provide some updates and information on what has been happening at Hawthorn. We are very fortunate to be able to continue providing a safe environment in which to work and study. We'd like to reassure you that we continue to follow the developments closely and are adjusting as necessary, especially as it concerns the grey-lockdown that is in place in the Toronto and Peel Regions. Though school doesn't look quite like it used to, we are pleased to see our students adapting and thriving in the classroom. Recently, we had the opportunity to assemble (virtually), as a whole school, to celebrate the achievements of our students through the Virtue Bees and Academic Awards, as well as to remember the sacrifices of the soldiers who served and continue to serve to keep our country free as part of our Remembrance Day activities.

In other news, the Lower School students are excitedly preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert on December 6. We've had to be creative in our approach because of the limits on in person gatherings but our students and teachers have risen to the occasion once more. Don't forget to take a look at the [trailer](#) that was released on our social media accounts and stay tuned for more details!

Amid all the exciting happenings at Hawthorn, I would like to thank you for your continued vigilance in ensuring that students are screened before coming to school and that they are reminded to follow the necessary procedures. This reinforcement at home helps the students to understand the important role that they play in keeping themselves, their families, and their classmates healthy. We have until now been able to take advantage of the beautiful weather to be outside and to even, on occasion, hold classes outdoors. As we move to more indoor activity and engagement with the colder weather, we must remind everyone that the Health and Safety measures we have in place remain a priority.

Especially during cold and flu season, it's important to keep in mind the indications of Toronto Public Health, especially that, "Symptoms of colds can be symptoms of COVID-19, and COVID-19 cannot be ruled out without a negative COVID-19 test." Physical distancing, mask wearing, disinfecting, and staying home when not well are all measures that must be adhered to. Please check out our website for additional resources including the [COVID 19 Decision Guide for Schools](#).

November, as you can see, has been a busy month and the flurry of activity will continue over the next several weeks with Christmas activities. In the midst of everything I wanted to highlight our annual fund campaign which launched this week. We hope that you will take a moment to check out the [video from our campaign leaders](#) - the Cole Family. Our goal this year is \$130, 000 and 100% Hawthorn Family participation. Your support, as always, helps us to continue providing the best education possible.

With my very best wishes,

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School Head