

A list of event reminders that teachers & supervisors should be aware of while attending the HWDSB Special Olympic Event

1. ***** NEW ***** This year's Special Olympic event will take place at the **David Braley Athletic & Recreation Centre (DBARC)** at Mohawk College. The **DBARC** as it is known on campus at Mohawk, is located off of Fennell Ave. Please see the maps available at www.hwdsb.on.ca/specialolympics
2. Parking and drop offs- please see critical information below
3. The Police torch run will be joining us for the opening ceremonies. Please be advised that there may be sirens, loud motorcycles, bagpipes, horses etc. upon their arrival. Schools are asked to be at the MSA Plaza (located outside the DBARC) promptly for the 9:30 start.
4. Washrooms are located throughout the facilities – please see the attached map.
5. An accessible Washroom with a change table and Hoyer lift is located in Room R111 and will be clearly marked with signage.
6. Please use the enclosed trash bag for your trash needs. **Please be respectful of our host –Mohawk and keep the area clean, tidy and in outstanding condition!**
7. Athletes will have a refreshment station on the rotation. Water and snacks will be available. **Students should bring a lunch from home.** ***** NEW ***** As a special treat Genuine Bakery is generously donating a square slice of pizza for each student. Schools are asked to send one representative to pick up their box **after 12:00 pm** at the swag bag pickup area in the DBARC. Slices will be pre-counted based on the number of athletes listed on your school registration form. *Sorry we cannot accommodate special dietary requests or situation where schools need their food early or at a specific time.*
8. A horn will sound this year to indicate when to change stations.
9. During lunch, schools are welcome to use the MSA Plaza outside DBARC (Where the opening ceremonies take place) Following lunch - schools are asked to return to the gym for the Closing Ceremonies
10. Please try and stay with your rotations whenever possible. This will avoid too many people at any given station.
11. Your registration package available the morning of the event includes lanyards and passports. Athletes are encouraged to wear these as they move through the stations. Athletes will receive stickers for their passport as they travel from station to station .
12. Please send a staff representative to pick up your swag bags (at the registration desk inside at the end of the H Wing Link) for your students. They are available throughout the day but you may want to leave them to the end. To avoid confusion and misplaced bags – our volunteer will assist you with locating bags. **PLEASE DO NOT HELP YOURSELF TO BAGS** – much time has gone into organizing the bags based on the numbers schools have provided.
13. The first aid station is located inside the gym

14. Mohawk Volunteers are wearing Special Olympics t-shirts. They know the campus and can direct you if you are trying to locate washrooms, etc.
15. "Non-photo" stickers are available at the registration desk for students who are not to be photographed. Schools are responsible for determining who requires a sticker.
16. A photo station is included in the DBARC as activity 11. Schools are encouraged to bring cameras and take advantage of this opportunity to take groups shots etc.
17. We are providing a variety of activities while considering a range of abilities among the students. Please help our Mohawk volunteers to modify the activities as needed to meet your student's needs and strengths
18. Wear your school colours!
19. We are indoors this year, but please remind your students to dress for the weather conditions as Opening Ceremonies will be outside. Classes are also encouraged to eat lunch outside weather permitting. Hats and sunscreen are critical
20. Consider coming a bit early to avoid the congestion of buses and vehicles that traditionally happens around 9:30. We would like to start as close to 9:30 as possible so that everyone has time to enjoy all the stations.
21. Our friends from the Police will have a booth in the refreshment area. They will be selling torch run t-shirts for \$20.00. This is a great opportunity for staff to get a souvenir while supporting Special Olympics Ontario. Sizes available will be S, M, L, XL, XXL.
22. Remember to thank the volunteers- they make this day happen for the kids.
- 23. HAVE FUN !!!!!!!**

Parking Details

- Governors Blvd will be open for bus drop off, unloaded to the left of the DBARC by booster juice. It will remain closed for the Torch Run. Bus parking is in the back of P8
- General parking will be in P7. Pay by plate metre parking in effect. Please pay at parking stations located around campus.
- Accessible parking is available in P4 for parents or staff a guard will be there to open the gate just inform them you are there with Special Olympics.
- VIP parking is also in P4 for the opening ceremonies.
- Please make parents and other visitors aware of the parking situation and the location of the event (i.e. Opening Ceremonies MSA Plaza and Activities in DBARC gym)
- ONLINE parking details -- You can purchase a parking pass online, prior to arriving to the event- click the link below and follow the instructions:

<https://parking.mohawkcollege.ca/permit.php?cmd=new>