

Dundas Central School News

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Principal's 1/2 Message

From the Principal's Desk "Good things happening at Central."

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Information:

- This is a friendly reminder that Dundas Central is a nut free school. Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have many people who have very serious allergies. Similarly, we ask that students not use their Axe body spray or other fragrances in the hallways as this can cause breathing difficulties for people who have allergies and sensitivities.
- 2. As we enter into the winter months, we will continue to play outdoors at different times throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, mitts or gloves, hats and winter outerwear are necessary for students to be able to enjoy their time outdoors. It is also a good idea to send extra socks and mittens in an event that they are needed. Parents, if you could please support the school by reminding students that upon dismissal for recess they are expected to go outside immediately, even when it is cold! As always, Principals can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks. The City of Hamilton and the HWDSB recommends staying indoors once the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without the wind chill.
- 3. Reminder that there is NO PARKING at St. Augustine's Church. It is private property and cars will be tagged and or towed.
 - 4. <u>As per the HWDSB website</u>: The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 am and 5:00 am. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 am and 6:00 am. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at that time.

Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school.





We are looking for Parent Volunteers! If you would like to help with the Nutrition Program each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am for 1 hour, please contact the school.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration will open for new Kindergarten students on Monday February 6, 2017. JK registration is for children born on or before December 31, 2013 and SK registration is for children born on or before December 31, 2012.

Register any time after February 6, 2017 between 8:30am - 3:00pm. Please bring the child's Health Card, Birth Certificate and proof of address.

Please spread the word to members of the community that may have children that are ready for school.

French Immersion Information Session

An information session will be held at Dundana on January 31, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm for parents interested in registering their children in French Immersion. Further information can be found on the HWDSB main website, www.hwdsb.on.ca

Grade 7&8 Option Sheet Nights

An Option Sheet Information Night is being held at Dundas Valley Secondary School on January 19, 2017 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. These sessions can help Grade 8 students and their parents select courses for the 2017-18 school year.

