



HESS ST HAPPENINGS

January 2017

Principal's Message

December has been a busy month with lots of special activities and guests at Hess St. School. We had a turkey lunch provided by the Hamilton Spectator and prepared by the St Charles Continuing Education Program. Followed by a hot pancake breakfast prepared and served by the Rotary Club. We also had Chair White, Director Figueiredo, and MPP Horwath share in the festivities. As we approached the holidays, we had a Kindness Assembly, where we shared videos and songs about kindness and acceptance. On our final day of school, we had a holiday assembly which included lots of laughter and good cheer, with performances from various classes and choirs. The highlight for me was when all the students sang carols together as a school community...it was truly special and heart-warming. I wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

From: Mrs. Jones

Contact Us

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school and let us know.

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Pizza Days



Pizza day is a great day at Hess and one that the students really enjoy! A reminder that students order pizza through their teacher first thing in the morning and **no late orders will be allowed after 1st nutrition break.** Please be advised, that **we are UNABLE to provide change** in the office. Please ensure your child has the right amount of change to make their



Clubs & Teams

- Homework club is running every morning from 8:10 — 8:50 a.m. for students in Grades 6-8. Please have your child see Mrs. Solano if interested in attending.

Did you know that when you go on the Hess Street School Website and Board's Public websites, at the top of the website pages it has "select language" option...you can then choose the language of your choice to view school and board information.

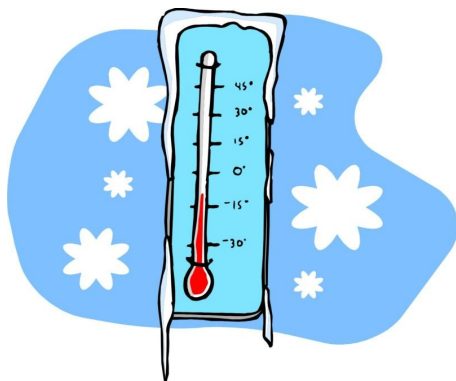


WINTER BREAK

There will be no school from December 26th to January 6th (inclusive). We hope that you all enjoy these two weeks with your family and wish you all the best in whatever your celebrations are for the season and wish you all a very Happy New Year. **We look forward to seeing our students back at the school on January 9th, 2017.**

WINTER WEATHER—SCHOOL CLOSING

We are now at that time of year where we may start to experience bad weather conditions. Severe winter storms may mean that schools are closed. The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, not the school, makes the decision. If schools will be closed, public announcements will be made on the radio starting at 6:30 a.m. You can hear the announcement on any of these stations: **KLITE 102.9 FM—95.3 FM—OLDIES 1150—CHML 900 AM—CHAM 820 AM—or on TV CHCH.** Listen for an announcement that Hamilton Public city schools are closed. It is wise to listen to one of the radio stations on any winter day that has severe weather.



Important Dates

- Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 25th—Christmas Day
- Dec. 26—Winter Break Begins
- Dec. 31st—New Year's Eve
- January 1st—New Year's Day (Welcome 2017)
- January 6th—Winter Break Ends
- **January 9th—Back To School**
- January 10th— Additional School Council Meeting to discuss PAR process & upcoming public meeting.
- January 11th—Public Accommodation Review Meeting (6pm, Sir John A. McDonald SS)
- January 18th—3pm, Follow-up to Jan. 11th meeting for parents regarding Public Accommodation Review @ Hess St School.
- January 20th—Family Literacy Day
- January 23rd—Dental Screening
- January 24th—Grades 1-5 Theatre Ancaster 9am—1pm
- January 25th—Dental Screening
- January 27th—PA Day (no school)

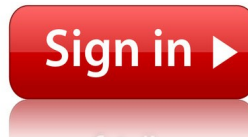
Leaving School Property ?

All Students will need a permission form signed by their parent/ guardian in order for them to leave school property.

(*Please fill out and return the form at the bottom of this page to your Home room teacher)

Leaving for Prayer: All Students leaving for prayer will need to sign out and back in when leaving for prayer.

(A sign out book is at the office)



PERMISSION FORM TO LEAVE SCHOOL PROPERTY

I / We give Permission for the below Student to Leave Hess St. School Property for the 2nd Nutrition Break (for the entire duration 1:10pm—1:50pm) and / or prayer (Check below)

Names of Student: (first and Last) _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Reason For Leaving: - for Lunch - for Prayer

Printed Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

(Please print clearly)

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West Hamilton Accommodation Review Public Meeting #1

Have Your Say!

You play an important part in creating great schools for the future. We have an opportunity to revitalize our programs, renew our facilities and maximize our partnerships. To do this, ***we need your help*** in creating great schools for future generations of Hamilton students.

We know you have questions or want to provide input on what you would like our future schools to look like.

You're invited to share your thoughts at an upcoming public meeting:

West Hamilton City (Public Meeting 1)	Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6 p.m.	Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School 130 York Boulevard, Hamilton
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Schools include Bennetto, Cathy Wever, Central, Dr. Davey, Earl Kitchener, Hess, Queen Victoria, Ryerson, and Strathcona

Bus tickets are available upon request. Interpreters and childminding are also available by registering more than 48 hours before the meeting. Please contact HWDSB switchboard at 905-527-5092 ext. 2285 or info@hwdsb.on.ca

We want to make sure your voice is heard!
