



PAULINE JOHNSON NEWS



2017 - 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Where did summer go! I can't believe that the first week of school is already behind us.

Welcome to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. As always, it was a busy start with many of our staff members in last week preparing their classrooms and lessons for a good start to the new school year ... which began on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 8:15 am.

Our Nutrition Program will again be available every morning starting the 2nd week of school. All are welcome to participate. We would like to remind everyone that we are always looking for parent volunteers to help with the program and for monetary donations to assist us with the purchase of fruit, etc.

A Warm Welcome to all our new staff members:

Mrs Lisa Rivero - Administrative Assistant (Attendance AM)
Mr Anthony Breceovich - Grade 45 - Rm 209 (Mrs Hoglund is on maternity leave)
Ms Diana Wilson - Grade 6 - Rm 206
Ms Brooke Woods - Character Networks Teacher
Ms Sherice Sharpe - DECE Rm 114
Ms Paige Glabb - Gr 4 + 5 French (AM)
Ms Cheryl Berridge EA (PM)
Mrs Janelle Sullivan (Returned) - Gr 34 - Rm 138

A special thanks goes out to our Caretaking Staff, Ms E How, Ms L Bortelho and Mr S Meto who worked hard this summer to clean our school and get our classrooms ready for you. Thank you everything looks great.

Our caretakers also do an excellent job all year long of keeping the Pauline Johnson's learning environment in tip top shape. Please be sure to thank them and to do your part to help them to keep our school to look good.

OUTDOOR MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT ... Thursday, September 14th ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm

- ⇒ 5:00 pm - Smudging of our Learning Garden by Jolene John
- ⇒ Teachers will be available until approx 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Pre-ordered pizza and drinks will be available from 5 pm - 6:00 pm.
- ⇒ Order forms going home on Monday, Sep 11th ... and need to be returned by Wed, Sep 13th
- ⇒ Only a limited number of pizza slices will be available for sale at the Open House, so please get your orders in right away to ensure that you don't miss out.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017 - 2018

- ⇒ **School Council Elections will take place at 6 pm in the Learning Commons** following Meet the Teacher
- ⇒ Please let us know if you would like to participate in our school council election.
- ⇒ School Council meets on the first Thursday of the month.
- ⇒ The next meeting following the elections is Thursday, Oct 12th in the PJ Learning Commons.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:

TWITTER: Follow our up to the minute tweets at ... [@PJ_HWDSB](https://twitter.com/PJ_HWDSB)

To receive this **newsletter and other important information via email** please email ... chazell@hwdsb.on.ca ... be sure to include your name and your student's first and last name in the email.

Please also **subscribe to our Website** to get emails letting you know that important information has been add to the calendar that might be of interest to you and your family.

The information for subscribing can be found on the right-hand side of our home page.

www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

Please be sure to **visit our school website regularly** for up-to-date information about what is happening at Pauline Johnson School.

For the balance of the year, we will only be posting our Newsletters on-line. This allows us to get the information to you in a more timely manner and it also allows us to be environmentally friendly and to maintain our Gold Level "Eco School" certification.

Many thanks for your continued support of Pauline Johnson School, Colin Hazell - Principal

Rm	Staff Member	Position	Rm	Staff Member	Position
Office 145	Colin Hazell chazell@HWDSB.on.ca	Principal	Office 145	Jessica Lindsay jrlindsa@HWDSB.on.ca	Vice-Principal
Office 145	Mishell Llewellyn mllewell@HWDSB.on.ca	Office Administrator	Office 145	Lisa Riverso lriverso@HWDSB.on.ca	Attendance (.5) / Admin Assistant
1A	Amie Banfield abanfiel@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 1 Teacher Class 1A – Rm 142	JSA	Mrs Lynda Bucciero lbuccier@HWDSB.on.ca	Kindergarten Teacher Class JSA – Rm 113
1B	Denise Ordowich-Rivera dordowic@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 1 Teacher Class 1B – Rm 141	JSA	Brooke Vandenheuvel bgatehou@HWDSB.on.ca	DECE Class JSA – Rm 113
12A	Deb Garrett dgarrett@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 1/2 Teacher Class 12A – Rm 144	JSB	Mrs Leslie Ferguson lferguso@HWDSB.on.ca	Kindergarten Teacher Class JSB – Rm 114
2A	Hali Tsui htsui@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 2 Teacher Class 2A – Rm 133	JSB	Ms Sherice Sharpe sasharpe@HWDSB.on.ca	DECE Class JSB – Rm 114
3A	Deb Deans ddeans@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 3 Teacher Class 3A – Rm 143	JSC	Mrs Yvonne Watson ywatson@HWDSB.on.ca	Kindergarten Teacher Class JSC - Rm 115
34A	Janelle Sullivan jsulliva@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 3/4 Teacher Class 34A – Rm 138	JSC	Mrs Sophia Maleki-Raei smalekir@HWDSB.on.ca	DECE Class JSC - Rm 115
4A	Irene Dewar idewar@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 4 Teacher Class 4A – Rm 134	45A 209	Anthony Breceovich abrecevi@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 4/5 Teacher Class 45A – Rm 209
Library 103	Lara Sousa lsousa@HWDSB.on.ca	French / Library Learning Commons	5A 206	Andrew Downey adowney@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 5 Teacher Class 5A – Rm 206
French Cart	Paige Glabb pglabb@HWDSB.on.ca	French (AM) Grade 4 + 5	6A 212	Diana Wilson dawilson@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 6 Teacher Class 6A – Rm 212
Teacher	Tawnya Johnston tjohnsto@HWDSB.on.ca	FDK Support Teacher Day 4 (AM)	67A 213	Simon Frank sfrank@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 6/7 Teacher Class 67A – Rm 213
LRT 126	Marj Howden mhowden@HWDSB.on.ca	Learning Resource LRT – Rm 126	7A 211	Nicolette Difrancesco ndifranc@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 7 Teacher Class 7A – Rm 211
Music 140	Rob Blunsdon rblunsdo@HWDSB.on.ca	Music Music – Rm 140	78A 205	Craig Walters cwalters@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 7/8 Teacher Class 78A – Rm 205
EA	Sarah Atkinson slatkins@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	8A 214	Steve Begley (+ Gym) sbegley@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 8 Teacher Class 8A – Rm 214
EA	Cheryl Berridge cberridg@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	8A 214	Connie Wilson (+ Gym) clwilson@HWDSB.on.ca	Gr 8 Teacher Class 8A – Rm 214
EA	Janine Carey jlcarey@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	LRT 116	Christina Dockrill cdockril@HWDSB.on.ca	Learning Resource LRT – Rm 116
EA	Shelagh Clarke sclarke@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	116	Anna Busse abusse@HWDSB.on.ca	Mentoring EA Rm 116
EA	Angela Crook astaples@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	CN 116	Brooke Woods bawoods@HWDSB.on.ca	Character Networks Class CN – Rm 116
EA	Barb Penny bgreenwo@HWDSB.on.ca	Education Assistant	CN 116	Theresa Campbell tcampbel@HWDSB.on.ca	CN EA Class CN – Rm 116
AM PM	Elle How Lorna Botelho	Caretaking - Rm 107 Beto Zenteno	CN 109N	Justin Lagacy jlagacy@HWDSB.on.ca	CN EA Class CN – Rm 116

COMPLETE AND RETURN FORMS:

Please remember to complete and return all of the forms sent home with your student(s), as quickly as possible.

The information requested on these forms help us to keep your student(s) safe and to ensure that we are able to assist them in the event of an emergency.

If you have misplaced any of these forms, please send a note to your student's teacher requesting that the missing forms be sent home for completion.

Thanking you in advance for your help with this PJ Office Staff



Pauline Johnson's Bell Times



8:15 am - Entry ... Announcements 8:23 am
 8:15 am - 8:55 am 1st Period
 8:55 am - 9:35 am 2nd Period
 9:35 am - 10:15 am 3rd Period
10:15 am - 10:55 First Nutrition Break
 (20 minutes outside playing and 20 minutes inside eating)
 10:55 am - 11:25 am 4th Period

11:25 am - 11:55 pm 5th Period
 11:55 am - 12:35 pm 6th Period
12:35 pm - 1:15 pm Second Nutrition Break
 (20 minutes outside playing and 20 minutes inside eating)
 1:15 pm - 1:55 pm 7th Period
 1:55 pm - 2:35 pm 8th Period
2:35 pm - Dismissal

KEEP VALUABLES AT HOME

- We ask that our students **DO NOT bring** toys, video games, cards, jewelry or any other **valuable items to school**.
- It is better to be keep them safe at home than to be sorry should something happen to them at school.
- The school takes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items that should be left at home.

PHOTOS BY ... **EDGE IMAGING** ... Customer Service #: **1-888-416-3343** ... <https://order.edgeimaging.ca/sign-on>



Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark Wed, Oct 11th on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories.

For more info on photo day, please visit www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions. You can make your purchase over the phone ... using Visa, MasterCard, Visa Debit or American Express. To make an online order ... you will need to use the Portrait Code and Pass Code found on the form that was sent home with your child.

PIZZA DAYS ... USUALLY FRIDAY



We typically have our Pizza Days on Friday ... starting on the 2nd Friday of the school year. At that time, we will be selling Pizza for \$1.00 a slice.

Pizza is served during the 2nd nutrition break.

Please be sure to place your order in advance (by at least the day before) to ensure that your student(s) don't miss out.



MILK SALES will begin during the 2nd or 3rd week of Sep ... and will be available at the start of 2nd nutrition break
Milk Tickets ... 10 for \$7.50 each
Without Ticket ... \$1.00 each



COLDS AND ALLERGIES

If your child has a cold or allergies, please ensure they have sufficient Kleenex with them so they are not spreading germs to the whole class. Thank You!

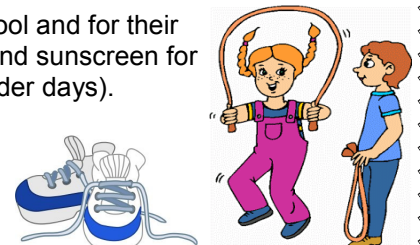
Don't forget to **share your email address** with us to ensure that you get all of the important Pauline Johnson information as it happens. eMail Colin Hazell, including your child's full name.

Also be sure to **visit our school website regularly** to view our New Calendar page, the current Newsletter and numerous other important tidbits of information about what is happening in and around Pauline Johnson School. www.hwdsb.on.ca/paulinejohnson/

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Students should make every effort to dress appropriately for school and for their gym class based on the weather conditions ... (hats, sunglasses and sunscreen for sunny weather, jackets and sweaters for colder days).

Please send an extra set of clothes to school for your student to keep in their locker ... in case they need a change of clothing due to an accident, etc



School commenced on Tuesday, Sep 5th, 2017 @ 8:15 am
and ends on Thursday, June 28th, 2018 @ 2:35 pm

School Holidays	Professional Activity Days
Thanksgiving - Monday, October 9 th Winter Break Saturday Dec 23 rd - Sunday Jan 7 th Family Day - Monday, February 19 th March Break Saturday, Mar 10 th - Sunday, Mar 18 th Good Friday - Friday, March 30 th Easter Monday - Monday, April 2 nd Victoria Day - Monday, May 21 st	Friday, Sep 22 nd Friday, November 3 rd Friday, December 1 st Friday, January 26 th Friday, March 2 nd Friday, June 8 th Friday June 29 th

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES AND LATES

We encourage regular attendance for all students to ensure that classroom work is kept up to date and fresh in everyone's mind.

Should a student need to stay home, **it is the responsibility of the Parent(s) to call the school at 905-388-1761** to report all student absences and lates on a daily basis.

Voicemail is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

When leaving a message, please be sure to give the student's full name, the reason for the absence and their grade / teacher / class

All notes for **early dismissal** must be brought to the office first thing in the morning.

Adults picking up their child must report to the office.

Once morning announcements have started, students must check into the office to **obtain a late slip.**

HOLY DAYS

In order to ensure that attendance is accurately recorded, you need to **contact the school on the morning of the holy day** to report that you are keeping your child home on religious holidays.

ILLNESS

It is advised that children who are sick or are recovering from an illness remain at home until they are well enough to participate in recess and classroom activities.

In this way, the children will not spread germs to other students and will be able to participate fully in the school program.

ALLERGIES

We are constantly updating our records so that all of us at Pauline Johnson are aware of students who have medical problems.

We have several children at PJ with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanut products.

Please help us by letting your child's teacher know about any allergies or medical conditions your child may have and by **requesting and completing the required forms yearly.**

Teachers of these children will be asking their classes to eliminate / avoid any/all snacks containing peanut products.

We appreciate your help with this so that we can help keep all of our children at PJ safe.



Thanks for remembering

this is a



Peanut/Nut Free School

SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Roller Blades, Skateboards and Scooters and Heeleys:

As a safety precaution for everyone, roller blades, skateboards, scooters and heeleys **are not allowed** to be used on school property and **should NOT be brought to school.** Should any of these items be brought to school, they will need to be stored at the office for the day ... and a call requesting that they not be brought to school again will be made.

Bicycles:

With parent permission, a few students have ridden bicycles to school. However; we no longer have a bike rack to secure these items we want to encourage students NOT to bring their bicycles to school both for personal safety reasons and for the possibility that it could be damaged or stolen. The office does not have any room for the storage of bicycles.

Please note that THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED BICYCLES.

1. Bicycles must be walked while on school property for the safety of pedestrians of all ages.
2. The locking of bicycles is the responsibility of the student.
3. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet whenever they ride their bike, as required by the law.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Students are not to walk / run through the staff parking lots at any time. This is a serious safety concern and we ask that parents reinforce the point that the parking lot is for staff use only with their child / children.

Parents please remember to NOT drop off or pick up students directly in front of the school. This is a no parking / no stopping zone that is enforced regularly by the By-Law Officers with the City of Hamilton-Wentworth.

Congestion in this area isn't only against the law, it is also very dangerous both to students and drivers. Your assistance in this important safety issue will help to eliminate the chance of a serious accident.

We also ask parents not to block the entrance to the staff parking lots or to use it to drop-off or pick-up students ... in the morning, after school, at lunchtime or for Kindergarten pick-up and drop-off. Thank you.

Calling all Volunteers !!

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The YMCA After school program is for children ages 4 - 12 years old.

For information about the program or calls regarding children in the program should be directed to the YMCA at **905 317-4916**.

The After School Program Supervisor is Mrs Corrie Ledgerwood.

If you are unable to reach Corrie in the office, you can leave her a message on her cell phone **289 776-8712**.

Our library is always looking for parent volunteers to assist in the library (mornings or afternoons).

Please contact Mrs L Sousa if you are interested in and available to help out in any way.

Reminder that all PJ volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Police Check completed before volunteering.

A Intent to Volunteer letter to take to the Police Station with you can be obtained from the school office.

Thank you.

TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

A reminder to parents and guardians that it is illegal to smoke **anywhere** on school property.

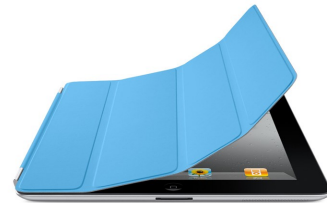
'No Smoking' signs are posted at all entrances to the school.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

HWDSB is currently developing a policy for the use of personal electronic devices in school.

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, video-recording devices, iPods, MP3 Players, text messaging devices.

Any use of electronic devices in a manner that negatively impacts the moral tone of the school could result in consequences under Part XIII (Behaviour, Discipline and Safety) of the Education Act.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT GROUP

The School Council usually meet on the first Thursday of each month. This year, our first meeting (Election) will be held at **on Thursday, September 14th**, at our Meet the Teacher Night.

Pauline Johnson School is fortunate to have a Parent Council group, which supports our programs and in turn, our students. Council members analyze and provide input into the organization and implementation of school programs. They also monitor issues developed by the Ministry and local Board as to the impact that these issues will have on our school.

Several studies have confirmed that parental interest and involvement in a child's school increases the chances of that child achieving success in his / her academic career.

One way of being involved is through regular contact with your child's teacher. Another way is by joining the Pauline Johnson School Council.

*****This group is recruiting new members this month for the upcoming school year. *****

Nomination forms are available in the office .

You may nominate yourself or another candidate for a membership position on the Council.

Please contact our current school if you would like more information.

Families - Please check our website for the various fundraising opportunities that PJ Council are promoting for this year.

Thanking you in advance for supporting our Pauline Johnson students!!

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS

Automated calls are going home around **9:15 am** each morning to the homes of the students who are absent.

This system helps to free up our phone lines and allows our office staff to be more product.

Please remember that it is extremely important that you call the school whenever your child is absent or if they are going to be late due to a medical appointment, etc.

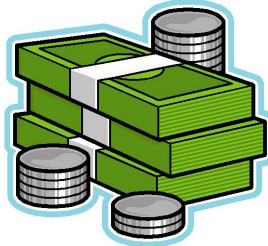


ATTENDANCE

Thank you for calling in to let us know when your children are home sick.

This helps keep our school attendance up to date and lets us know that your child is at home, safe with you.

Regular, punctual attendance will set your student up for the perfect learning condition.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE?

YES BANK

OnlineBanking



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ... Payment Option

With the support of School Cash Online, HWDSB is making paying for school related expenses easier.

Making online payments through our school website is a win-win situation for everyone as it makes paying for trips, pizza milk, etc safer and more efficient by reducing the amount of cash and cheques carried by our students.

While parents will still have the option to send cash to the school to pay for school related expenses, we want to strongly encourage you to get onboard with this new service. More services will be available online as the number of families enrolled increases.

HOW TO REGISTER

If you no longer have the customized PIN code you received last year or if you are NEW to HWDSB ... please contact the school to receive your PIN code and a new instruction flyer .

Once you've receive your PIN code, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Step 1: Go to the link on our school website or by visiting <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" link and following the step by step instructions

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email ...

please select the '**click here**' option ...

sign in ... and add each of your children to your household account ...

Using the **personal PIN code labels for each student** provided by your school on hand.

If you have any problems with the registration process ... the **PARENT HELP DESK** is available 24/7 by calling **1-866-961-1803 (toll-free)** ... or by email at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

PIN CODES:

For parents/guardians who have already registered for School Cash Online, you do not need to re-enter your child's PIN codes after the initial setup, even if your child moves to another HWDSB school.

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS ABOUT ITEMS AVAAILABLE TO PURCHASE?

Upon your next login to School Cash Online, go to the **"My Account" tab** and check to see that you have consented under **"Manage Email Notifications"** to receive payment notices and reminders.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ... WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR?

At the end of the school year rest assured, any UNUSED FUNDS in your School Cash Online MyWallet account will continue to be available to make purchases at the start of the school year in September.

Is your child going off to an HWDSB High School next year ... Do Not worry as your account will follow them.

NEED HELP? Call the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2017 - 2018

- Mon, Sep 4th ... Labour Day
- Tue, Sep 5th ... **First Day of School**
- Thu, Sep 14th ... **Meet the Teacher** / Learning Garden Smudging ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm
- Thu, Sep 14th ... **First School Council Meeting / Election** ... 6:00 pm in PJ Learning Commons
- Sun, Sep 17th ... **ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN / WALK**
- Tue, Sep 19th ... Nikola Tesla Presentation for Grades 6, 7, and 8 students ... 8:45 am
- Fri, Sep 22nd ... PA Day
- Thu, Sep 28th ... **PJ TERRY FOX RUN / WALK** - ... Please plan to support the fight against cancer with as many donations as you can possibly collect for this worthwhile campaign.
- Mon, Oct 9th ... Thanksgiving Day
- Wed, Oct 11th ... **PICTURE DAY** ... please be on time and give your order form to photographer
- Thu, Oct 12th ... **School Council Meeting** ... in PJ Learning Commons
- Tue, Oct 31st ... Halloween ...
- Fri, Nov 3rd ... P.A. Day
- Sun, Nov 5th - Sat, Nov 11th ... Veteran's Week
- Sat, Nov 11th ... Remembrance Day
- Mon, Nov 13th - Fri, Nov 13th ... Anti-Bullying Awareness week
- Tue, Nov 14th ... **PHOTO RETAKES** ... please be on time and give your order form to photographer
- Mon, Nov 20th - Wed, Nov 29th ... Gr 7 & 8 Parent Information nights at various schools
- Wed, Nov 29th ... **Gr 7 Immunizations** ... and Gr 8 Catch-up immunizations
- Fri, Dec 1st ... P.A. Day
- Thu, Dec 7th ... **School Council Meeting** ... in PJ Learning Commons
- Fri, Dec 22nd ... Last Day before WINTER Break
- Sat, Dec 23rd - Sun, Jan 7th ... **WINTER Break**
- Mon, Jan 8th ... Return after Winter Break
- Mon, Jan 15th - Tues, Jan 23rd ... Secondary Option Sheet process
- Fri, Jan 26th ... PA Day
- Mon, Feb 5th ... **KINDERGARTEN** Registrations begin
- Thu, Feb 8th ... **Gr 8 GRAD PHOTOS** ...
- Mon, Feb 19th ... Family Day ... No school
- Wed, Feb 28th ... **Secondary School** Course selections due ...
- Thu, Mar 1st ... **School Council Meeting** ... in PJ Learning Commons
- Fri, Mar 2nd ... PA Day
- Sat, Mar 10th - Sun, Mar 18th ... **SPRING Break** (Inclusive)
- Fri, Mar 30th ... Good Friday
- Sun, Apr 1st ... Easter Sunday ... and April Fools Day
- Mon, Apr 2nd ... Easter Monday ... No school
- Tue, Apr 11th ... International Day of Pink
- Sun, Apr 22nd ... Earth Day
- Wed, Apr 25th ... Gr 8 Orienteering ... Christie Conservation Area
- Mon, May 7th - Fri, May 11th ... Education Week
- Sun, May 13th ... Mother's Day
- Thu, May 17th ... **Open House** ... 5 pm - 6:30 pm
- Mon, May 21st ... Victoria Day
- Tues, May 22nd - Mon, Jun 4th ... EQAO Grades 3 & 6
- Wed, May 31st ... **Gr 7 Immunizations** ... and Gr 8 Catch-up immunizations
- Fri, Jun 8th ... PA Day
- Sun, Jun 17th ... Father's Day
- Thu, Jun 21st ... National Aboriginal Day
- Sat, Jun 23rd ... National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
- Thu, Jun 28th ... **Last Day of School**
- Fri, Jun 29th ... PA Day