



# Waterdown Secondary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Friends of Waterdown DHS,

The holidays are a busy and hectic time for many of us but never too busy for us to reach out to you. As we approach the holidays we are reminded of times past and people near and dear to us. Holiday traditions help keep us grounded and connected to each other. Much energy, time and effort goes into making holiday plans and arrangements that will lead to lasting and fond memories. We are also reminded of the many fortunes and privileges we enjoy. Our students have made many efforts to launch the holiday season with cheer and create a positive inclusive spirit for all students and members of the community. Students from many groups have taken time out of their busy schedules to bring attention to local needs by supporting local groups in need. Particular attention to social issues facing some members of the community including the issue of youth homelessness, has been an area of focus. This season the annual Wesley "Raise the Roof" Campaign was launched at Waterdown with resounding success and student response. We thank you for considering the "Raise the Roof" Campaign for your annual gift for those less fortunate or in need. Please contact the school should you wish to donate or purchase a hat, toque or pair of socks to go toward supporting this worthy cause.

As we make our way to the winter holidays, a few announcements and updates are in order. Waterdown wishes to extend thanks and best wishes to Mr. Brent Monkley who will be assuming the role of Acting Vice Principal of Greensville Elementary school from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During this time Waterdown will welcome Mr. John Forbeck, former Superintendent of Education, HWDSB and retired Director of Education, GEDSB in the role of Temporary Vice Principal. Mr. Forbeck will assume responsibility for students whose surnames begin with A-L and will be at the school, starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. From April 30<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the position will be covered by Ms. Virginia McCulloch, retired HWDSB secondary school Principal. We look forward to our support from these administrators who bring a wealth of experience and competence to the work.

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At this time we are also requesting that parents and guardians who have not had a chance to verify their personal, contact and emergency information please do so ASAP. In the event of emergencies, accurate and up to date information matters.

We are also asking families who have not completed the Media Consent Form to do so by January 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier as this information is required to ensure we have accurately recorded your preference regarding media and your child. Completed media consent forms are required to ensure consent has been granted for such instances as inclusion in the yearbook. Explicit consent is required for images to be included in the year book.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the school at your earliest convenience.

From our family to yours, we wish you all the best of the season and much health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Sincerely,



Wanda Bielak,  
Principal