



Balaclava Bulletin

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Welcome back to the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

I would like to begin by welcoming all of our new students and their families to the Balaclava community. I am certain that those new to Balaclava will immediately recognize that this is a friendly school with a very dedicated staff. Please introduce yourself and get to know our staff.

I would also like to welcome our new staff members Ms. Bishop and Ms. McArthur.

Over the next few weeks, families will be sent information from the school and the classroom teachers. We ask that you go over all material that is sent home, ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to school.

Additionally, all grade 1-8 students will also receive a student agenda. This is an important tool for organization and home/school communication and should travel home every afternoon and back to school every morning. This year, Balaclava School has covered the cost of the agendas for all students.



This year, we will be making better use of the school website and calendar by posting information regularly, rather than a monthly newsletter. Please ensure that you have "subscribed" to our website so that you receive email notification to your inbox when a new item is posted. If you subscribed last year, no additional action is needed. If you need some help subscribing, please call the office and Debbie or I will walk you through the process (instructions are also attached).

This year our Meet the Teacher Welcome BBQ will be September 11 (5:00-6:30). Harvey's will be BBQing at the pavilion again this year (no pre-orders needed).

Once again, welcome back and I'm looking forward to seeing families at our Meet the Teacher Welcome BBQ!

M Wilson
Principal

Save the Date . . .

- September 11** (5:00-6:30pm) - Meet the Teacher BBQ
- September 20** (6:30pm) - H&S Event: Screenagers Viewing
- September 21** - P. A. Day (no school for students)
- September 26** (6:30pm) - Home & School Meeting
- September 27** - Terry Fox Run Day
- October 2** (6:00pm) - School Council Meeting

2018-19 Balaclava Staff

Mrs. M. Moase	JSA
Ms. S. Miranda	JSA
Ms. L. Wynne	JSB
Mrs. B. Martin	JSB
Mrs. J. Marshall	1A
Ms. A. Todoruck	1/2A
Mrs. C. Button	2A
Mrs. S. Cassidy	2/3A
Ms. K. Gilbank	3/4A
Ms. P. Pirie	4A
Mrs. D. Rocznik	5A
Ms. J. Bishop	5/6A
(Ms. J. Keyte on leave)	
Mr. M. Ansty	6A Advisor
Mrs. C. Barrett	6/7A Advisor
Mr. G. Hewitt	7/8A Advisor
Mrs. S. DeLong	7/8B Advisor
Ms. A. McArthur	Core French, 1A
(Mme. L. Wright on leave)	
M. R. Barrett	Core French
Mr. T. Nicks	Phys. Ed. & Music
Mrs. C. Pyper	Library
Mrs. L. Ardron	Learning Resource
Mrs. K. Sisler	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Wright	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Powell	Caretaking
Mrs. D. Nelligan	Office Administrator
Ms. M. Wilson	Principal
Ms. S. Dunlop	Superintendent
Ms. P. Deathe	Trustee

Bell Times

9:00	Entry Bell
9:00 - 10:00	Period 1
10:00 - 10:40	Period 2
10:40 - 11:20	Nutrition Break #1
11:20 - 12:10	Period 3
12:10 - 1:00	Period 4
1:00 - 1:40	Nutrition Break #2
1:40 - 2:40	Period 5
2:40 - 3:20	Period 6
3:20	Dismissal Bell

Home & School News

Home & School has moved ONLINE for the collection of money and information for ALL food days, year book orders, membership dues, information consent forms, and volunteer sign up forms. By moving forms and collections online, this drastically reduces the hours spent to collect, sort, collate, then disseminate the information to the respective coordinators. This time saver will allow H&S to focus on more important stuff, providing "The Best for Each Student."

Rather than receiving the large envelope of forms sent home for parents to complete during the second week of school, you will NOW receive one folder with an information/instruction sheet, and one signature form. You will be provided the online link to complete the necessary forms for each student. By moving online, payment options will include Visa, MC, and Electronic Transfer (EFT). H&S have selected **Cheddar UP** as our online tool. To preview the online tool, follow this link to www.cheddarup.com.

Thank you for your cooperation as Home & School moves online. If you have any concerns or comments, please email balaclavahands@gmail.com.



~ the H&S Executive

Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Balaclava Home and School Association
WHEN: 20/09/18 6:30PM
WHERE: Balaclava Public School (280 Conc. 10 E)
TICKETS: Free

screenagersmovie.com



Volunteering at Balaclava

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Balaclava.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. As per HWDSB policy, a volunteer package must be completed annually and a Vulnerable Sector Screening every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online.

<http://www.policerolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>



Buses

Attridge Bus Lines and **Sharp Bus Lines** will be providing transportation again this year.

If you need to reach the dispatcher, please call:

Attridge - 905 690-2632

Sharp - 905 679-0001

First Student - 905-522-3232



To reach the **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Transportation Department**, please call: 1-800-691-6402.

Bus Notes

Any **students not taking the bus home** (e.g., caregiver pick-up, riding their bike) **must have written permission** from a parent/guardian. Students are to show these notes to their Period 1 teacher who will send them to the office for tracking.



Bus changes for playdates are not permitted. We will continue to only make emergency changes so that students do not find themselves in unsafe situations. Please contact the office and speak with Mrs. Nelligan if assistance is needed. A **written note or email** must be provided in case of emergency.

Valuables at School

We ask your co-operation in not sending valuables to school. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board does not have the kind of insurance coverage that would permit it to compensate students if valuable articles are lost or stolen at school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. **Balacava School will not be responsible for lost or stolen valuables.**

Lost and Found

Although we have a "Lost and Found" box, many items are never claimed. We urge you to **label your children's clothing with their name (especially winter boots and running shoes)**. At the end of every month all unclaimed articles are sent to community groups who can make good use of them. Whenever you are in the school please have a look at the "Lost and Found" box.

Student Fees

School Fees this year will include Yearbook, School Lunch Days (pizza days, sub days, etc.), Tuck Shop (popcorn, cookies, etc.), Picture Day Pictures, Grad Pictures & Sweatshirts (Grade 8s), locks (gr6-8). These opportunities are voluntary for our families.

Additionally, families will be asked to pay for costs associated with class trips. Although ultimately the decision to participate lies with the parent/guardian, we believe that these excursions are valuable extensions of the learning that is happening in the classroom.

In the event of a situation where a family is experiencing a hardship related to a school expense (e.g., a class trip), please contact Ms. Wilson to confidentially work out a plan for participation.

Prescribed Oral Medication

Information forms must be completed to enable our school staff to dispense medicine to your child. Please ask at the office if you need one of these forms.



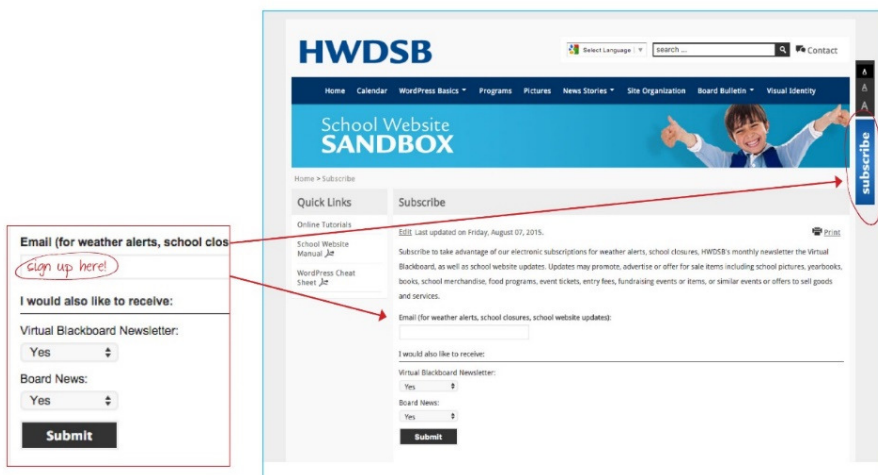
Subscribing to the Balaclava Website

Do you want **email notifications** direct to your inbox when new items are posted to the Balaclava Website?

Please *subscribe* to receive updates:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/balaclava/subscribe

Subscribers receive an email notification when we post updates to our website. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of any notification emails.



Most Balaclava updates on the website are about school and/or board initiatives and activities, including newsletters. Updates may promote, advertise or offer for sale items including school pictures, yearbooks, books, food programs, event tickets, fundraising events or items, or similar events or offers to sell goods and services. Updates will also include information from Balaclava Home & School and School Council.

To Subscribe:

- **www.hwdsb.on.ca/balaclava/subscribe**
- **Enter your email address**
- **Check your email for a link to follow to complete the sign-up process**

Please give us a call at the office if you need any assistance subscribing to our website.