



# BALACLAVA

## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



### ... WELCOMES YOU!

We are ready to break out of the COVID hiatus! We must reestablish our membership! We are ready to reinstate our hot lunch program, milk program and develop an optimistic plan to be able to hit the ground running once Public Health Protocols will allow it. Join us on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> when we will refresh our H&S Plan for 2021/2022 school year. Feedback always matters. We ask you to join us and share your ideas.

The goal of the Home & School Association is to support the school and its programs with volunteers, financial support and advocacy.

The **Balaclava Home & School Association** is a group of parents and guardians within our school community, who are interested in supporting the goals of the Association.

Due to the great support of the Balaclava community, past initiatives have provided our school with resources and experiences it could not otherwise afford. This includes subsidies for supplies, field trips and performers as well as guest speakers, the purchase of technology, fitness equipment, musical instruments, spirit days and so much more!!

### **There is no better advocate for your child than you!**

For that reason you are already perfect to join our team of amazing volunteers! We are always happy to have new members to help us meet our objectives. It is never too early or too late to join! Even if you have been at Balaclava for years or just beginning your school journey we encourage you to get involved and we look forward to fresh ideas and energy from the new faces who join our team!

### **HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?**

We realize that we still might not be able to accommodate everyone's schedules; however you can still have a voice in the Home and School initiatives and determine the best use for our fundraising dollars. For example, our voting system is done online, so that all members can have a chance to vote on our initiatives, whether they can attend a meeting or not.

While all parents and/or guardians are welcome to offer suggestions or comment on on-going issues or requests for funding, only those who have paid the Membership Fee (\$20.00) will be able to vote.

- 1) **Lend your time:** When the time comes and we are allowed to be able to physically be involved in the school activities, we would love to have you as volunteers
- 2) **Lend your voice:** Join us for our virtual monthly meetings, the first meeting of which will be on Nov 10th at 6:30 PM.

### **WHAT IS THE COST FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

- For just \$20 – up to 2 adults per household can become members.
- This fee goes to the Federation (OFHSA) account, not the Balaclava Home & School.

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A MEMBERSHIP?**

Your membership provides you with:

- Voting privileges at the Balaclava H&S meetings. This gives YOU a voice as to how H&S spends the money raised each year.
- \$5 million liability insurance for members while they are performing activities sponsored by the Home & School. This is required for any individual who would like to volunteer with H&S activities throughout the year.
- Discounted event tickets for H&S Events

Below you will find a separate form to complete and return to [balaclavahands@gmail.com](mailto:balaclavahands@gmail.com) in order to register your membership.

### **AREAS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT:**

Each year the Balaclava H&S raises thousands of dollars to support enhanced learning, technology, programs and initiatives in our school. We continually search for new ways we can be most effective and are proud of the enhancements we have provided over the years. Some of the areas we have proudly supported are:

Food, Spirit & Earth Days	Field Trips & Extra Curricular busses	Award Engraving	Yearbook
Gym & Playground Eqpt	Author Days & Special Guests	Performing Arts & Holiday Production	Science & History Fairs
Art Supplies & Music Program	Math, Science & Reading Programs	Technology in the school	Robotics Club

**WANT MORE INFORMATION:**

**JOIN US on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:30pm.**

See below for a list of the 2021-2022 H&S Executive

President	Samantha Forrest	<a href="mailto:skreglewski@hotmail.com">skreglewski@hotmail.com</a>
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**OUR FORMS TO COMPLETE:**

**Yearbook Media Consent Form**

Our association, the Ontario Federation of Home and School Association (OFHSA) requires your permission for your child/ren to be included in the Balaclava Yearbook. The OFHSA Media Consent Form MUST be completed by each family to make that happen.

**OFHSA Membership for 2021/2022**

Join today, for either individual memberships or household memberships, payment of \$20 can be made via etransfer to [balaclavahands@gmail.com](mailto:balaclavahands@gmail.com)

**GOOGLE FORMS LINK:**

<https://forms.gle/tPrxf8ZMfMQvw8rs8>

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### OFHSA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021/2022

Parent/ Guardian Name:	E-mail:	Phone:
Parent/ Guardian Name:	E-mail:	Phone:
Home Address:		

- I / We consent to Home & School (H&S) e-mailing me/us regarding Balaclava Public School H&S activities

#### What is OFHSA?

- OFHSA stands for Ontario Federation of Home and School.
- An independent voice of parents actively supporting public education at the school, school board, and provincial level.
- A volunteer organization committed to ensuring that the education, health, safety & social well-being of children are a priority for all.
- By maintaining this membership we have a voice at the board and provincial levels and are financially separate from the school and board.

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#### Payment

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If you have any questions regarding the Home & School Association please feel free to contact a member of the executive.

We look forward to seeing you!

Home & School Executive Committee