



COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 2021

Principal: L. Barzetti



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RE-ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES

Each fall, HWDSB reviews elementary student enrolment in schools, and reorganizes staffing if actual enrolment differs from spring projections. It is normal for student enrolment to fluctuate a little.

This year, the fall reorganization is more widespread due to the in-person/remote option for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements. We will be moving several students to new classrooms based on enrolment numbers provided by the School Board.

Specifically, at our school, the reorganization will mean:

- Creating an additional Kindergarten classroom
- Closing a Grade 2/3 and 5/6 classroom
- Creating a 1/2, 3/4, and 4/5 grade classroom

We will not be declaring any full-time staff surplus; however, their teaching assignment may have changed.

We apologize for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

As always, our team of dedicated educators will work with you to ensure your child is well cared for and experiences educational success.

Re-Organization of classes will take begin on Monday October 4th.

Sending **Best Wishes**

We wish Mrs. Bernard the very best in her future assignments within the HWDSB as her Grade 1 Remote LTO position will end October 8th. We wish Mr. Empringham the very best as he has been offered a 1.0FTE position at Templemead. We also wish Ms. Kiss the very best as she has been offered a 1.0FTE position at Guy Brown.



BELL TIMES 2021 – 2022

School Grounds Open	8:30
Entry Bell	8:45
1 st Nutritional Break	10:33 – 11:13
2 nd Nutritional Break	12:49 – 1:29
Dismissal Bell	3:05
School Grounds Close	3:20

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our School Council Meeting is Monday October 25th at 6:00 p.m. via MS Teams. Everyone is welcome to join us!

School Council Executive:

Chair: Erika Church

Treasure: Laura Boone

Secretary: Julie Capstick

Staff: J. Duvnjak, H. Dempsey

SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building



has **No Parking** and **No Stopping** signs. Several students cross at the crosswalk, and we are having parents/guardians stopping their cars, making and creating an unsafe environment for our students. This is a safety concern for our students. ****Vehicular traffic in School bus loading zones is prohibited.**

Please take every possible opportunity to show appreciation and respect for the service that school bus drivers provide.



Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Today's Family Program will be running from 7:00am – 8:45am & 3:05pm – 6:00pm.

Families can register for both the before and after school program, and the early learning and child care program, by [click here](#).

One of our placement team members, will connect with families once they register to confirm spaces. Families can connect with team members at childcare@todaysfamily.ca

Should families not have access to technology, they can call us at to complete the registration process at 905 – 574 – 9344 ext. 112.

VOLLEYBALL TEAMS



Our Volleyball Teams have been practicing very hard for the season which begins the week of October 18th.

We know all our students will display great effort, dedication, and enthusiasm while representing Collegiate Elementary School in a positive manner. Thank YOU to Mme. Knezevic, Mrs. Archibald, Mme. Tratch, Mrs. Liske, Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Duvnjak, Mr. Bonsignore and Mrs. Carter for all their time and effort preparing our team so they are ready for success! Go Collegiate Grizzlies!

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Our Cross-Country Team will be practicing very hard for our meet on Friday October 15th!



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HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

On Friday October 29th, students can choose to wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school! No masks or weapons are allowed.



We must continue to follow Public Health Protocols – wearing a mask covering your nose and chin, no sharing of treats or food. Let's continue to keep our Collegiate community safe!

SCHOOL VENTILATION

Ventilation is an important protective measure for safe school environments. Over the course of the summer, HWDSB has worked to improve ventilation in various locations ahead of the 2021-22 school year. These upgrades include projects funded through Canada and Ontario's CVRIS-EDU program and about 1,039 High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) units being shipped to classrooms and schools.

The HEPA units have been provided in accordance with Ministry of Education direction. This includes all Kindergarten spaces, schools without mechanical ventilation (Tier 3), and where there are active ventilation projects underway and not yet completed.

There are three tiers of ventilation as identified by the Ministry of Education. They are Tier 1 (supply, return, exhaust), Tier 2 (supply, exhaust) and Tier 3 (exhaust). Tier 3 schools are typically heated with radiators and have exhaust units for moving air. These schools will be receiving HEPA units to help improve ventilation.

Collegiate Elementary is a TIER 3 school as defined by the Ministry of Education.

Families are encouraged to visit the Board's Ventilation webpage and read its Frequently Asked Questions section for more details. You can also find additional school-specific ventilation information through the Ministry of Education's Standardized Ventilation Reports, which have been posted online

ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE

If your child is absent or late, please use either...



Safe Arrival Program – by website, app or phone

- Learn more about Safe Arrival at www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival

Call the School Directly

- Call the school at 905-662-2990. State your child's name, grade, teacher, reason and length of absence.

These services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. When your child is going to be absent, it is essential for your child's safety to notify the school. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask you call the school or use the Save Arrival Program to explain the reason for the absence.





School Re-Organization



Kindergarten A	K. Hayes M. Montgomery
Kindergarten B	M. Dooley R. (McIntosh) Floriani
Kindergarten C	H. Dempsey A Campbell
Kindergarten D	C. Toscani
Grade 1A	N. Carter
Grade 1/2	B. Gear
Grade 1 Remote	V. Faulkner TBD
Grade 2A	C. Prawak
Grade 2/3A	M. Liske A. Rickard-Smith
Grade 3/4A	N. Siminic
Grade 3/4B	C. Vesprini
Grade 4/5	H. Archibald
Grade 5A	K. Cave
Grade 6A	M. Reynolds
Grade 6/7A	B. Worosz
Grade 7A	P. Kirkelos
Grade 7/8A	C. Bonsignore
Grade 8A	B. Callari K. Vahrmeyer
French/ Drama	C. Knezevic
French/Drama/Pr. Lit/Prep	J. Tratch

Primary Prep/Library	P. Myers
Music	TBD V. Faulkner
Learning Resource	J. Duvnjak
Reading Specialist	H. McNulty
English Language (ELL)	G. Holohan
Educational Assistant	H. Barr
Educational Assistant	A. Slack
Educational Assistant	N. Chenier
Educational Assistant	H. Clements
Educational Assistant	N. Sguario
Educational Assistant	K. Mark
Educational Assistant	R. Wood
Educational Assistant	D. Dickinson
Custodian	B. Doyle
Custodian	G. Garrison
Custodian	N. Remani-Ward
Custodian	L. Morgan
Enhanced Cleaning	M. Dionne
Office Administrator	Ms. Twyla
Office Assistant	Miss. Sabina
Principal	L. Barzetti

SECURE SCHOOLS

At Collegiate Elementary School, we will be practicing our "**Lockdown - Secure Schools Procedure**" **Tuesday October 19th**

A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices, much like what we do with Fire Drills. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during a time of crisis. In the event of a "real" lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation. All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school buildings are required to know the procedures. The students will have the Lockdown Procedures explained to them ahead of time and the school will practice this procedure twice per year.

The following terms and language will be used to ensure everyone is using the proper terminology.

"HOLD AND SECURE" – Used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school (e.g. bank robbery near a school)

- The school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved
- Staff member posted at each entrance
- All movement in and out of the school is restricted
- Exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible
- School most likely to be notified by Hamilton Police Services

"SHELTER IN PLACE" – Used for an environmental, or weather-related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (May be recommended by HES-Fire). Examples may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions or extreme weather conditions

- People enter and remain in a building with the doors and windows closed
- Fans including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent air from outside entering the building
- Normal operations may continue within the building

"LOCKDOWN" – Used when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school

- Threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- Follow current lockdown procedures
- All movement in and out of the school and within the school is restricted
- Doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- The "Safe Location" for our school is St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School

The above terminology is used to ensure consistency across the province. Common language across the province allows for easy integration when staff, students and other emergency service personnel are transferred from one jurisdiction to another. Along with this information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation.