

NOVEMBER



COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 2021

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BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



Friday November 29th

Please bring your biggest smiles!

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY – No School

Friday November 26th, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Bernard on becoming a permanent staff member at Collegiate Elementary teaching our Grade 1 Remote Students.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Bigas to Collegiate Elementary as a permanent staff member teaching Music.

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



November 7, 2021 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – clocks go back an hour

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

A very special Thank YOU to School Council for the purchase of Collegiate Elementary Jerseys for our Teams. The total cost was \$1301.76.



Our next School Council Meeting is Monday

November 29th at 6:00

p.m. via MS Teams. The link to meeting will be posted on our Website the day of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us!



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 is 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 [clicking 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.

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](tel: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.

INDOOR SHOES

As the weather begins to change, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that will be used throughout the school to keep the messy weather outside. We need to work together to keep our classroom carpets clean and in good condition so our children do not sit on wet, muddy carpets. We thank you for your support!



REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday November 11th the students will participate in an outdoor celebration in our class cohorts to maintain a safe, physical distance. Due to Public Health restrictions, parents/guardians, or visitors can not attend. We appreciate your support in following protocols to keep our students and staff safe.



CLASSROOM KLEENEX BOXES



As we continue with allergy season and move into cold and flu season, we would appreciate if all students could bring in a box of Kleenex to add to our classroom supply! Tissues are in great demand at school and we appreciate your support. Let's reduce the spread of germs and always use a tissue when needed. Thank you!

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student requires medication to be administered at school, forms must be obtained from the office and completed by the child's physician. All medication will be kept at the office. Epi-Pens must be carried in a pouch by the student at all times or a plan needs to be developed between home and school.

SECURE SCHOOLS

At Collegiate Elementary School, we will be practicing our "**Lockdown - Secure Schools Procedure**" **Thursday November 4th**,

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

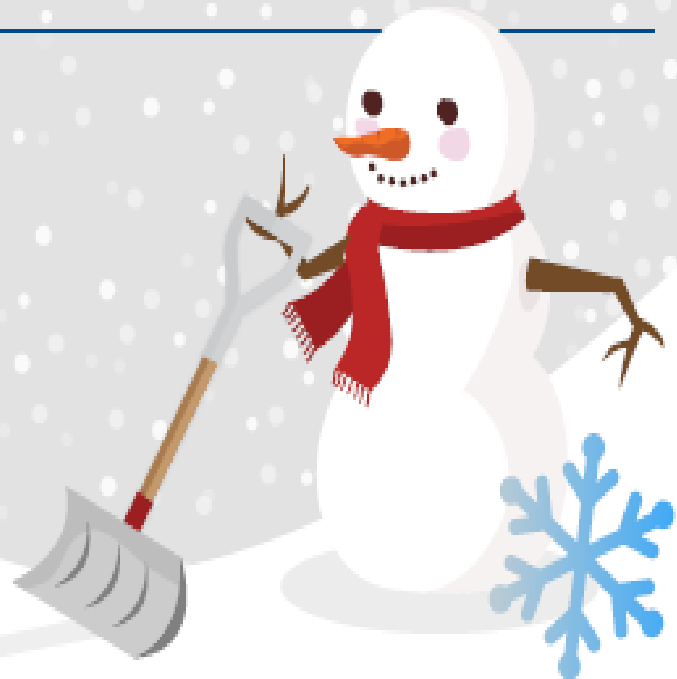
- Threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- Follow current lockdown procedures
- All movement in and out of the school and within the school is restricted
- Doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- The "Safe Location"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

HWDSB

Snow-clearing at HWDSB Schools

A responsibility shared by
Board staff, contractors
and the City of Hamilton



HWDSB Staff

Clear, salt and/or sand...

- walkways from the city sidewalk to the school
- school steps and portable steps
- walkways to the portables
- ramps to schools and portables
- area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs & ramps



HWDSB Contractors

After 5cm+ of snow, will...

- Plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary
- Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts
- If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot



City of Hamilton

Responsible for clearing...

- Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.
- **Note:** It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at **905-546-CITY (2489)**

What about playgrounds?

Playgrounds **are not** plowed or cleared. Head Caretakers inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures.

Students, take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.



Benefits of outdoor play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience **fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside**. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Preparing for the outdoors

It's important that children come to school **prepared for the cold**. This means boots, mittens/gloves, hats and even extra mittens and socks in case they are needed.

When is it too cold for outdoor play?

Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that we stay inside when it's at or **below -15C, or -20C with wind chill**.



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or -20C with
wind chill*

Learn more

Please direct questions or concerns about winter outdoor play to your school Principal.

Parents should check www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca
for any potential transportation delays.