



# COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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### COLLEGIATE FAMILIES...

The beginning of the new year has brought with it more challenges as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. It is difficult to stay positive, but we have to continue to pick through our daily lives, find the positive things, and take time to enjoy them. Wishing everyone good health... stay well!

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will begin for parents on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. If you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2022.

Kindergarten **on-line registration** will be available on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All forms will be available on our school and board websites under Kindergarten Registration at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten), or contact the school at (905) 662-2990.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



### COLD WEATHER OUTDOOR PLAY

When we return to the school building, time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside is an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold – boots, mittens or gloves,



and hats should be worn to school...and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Staff can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 Celsius without the wind chill.



### CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL / BOARD OPERATION

For information on the cancellation of school due to inclement weather or prolonged power or water outage go to: [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our March School Council meeting will be held on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on MS Teams.

### FAMILY DAY!



**Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
No School!

### P.A. DAY



**Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
No School!

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICTURES



Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day! Please bring a white collared shirt for your picture and bring your biggest smiles!



## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY



Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Picture Re-Take! Please your biggest smiles!

## REPORT CARDS

It is quickly approaching the time for report cards to be coming home. As our students have been learning online and in-person, we continue to do our best with instruction and assessment. Your child's teacher continues to use information gathered from observations, conversations, and student products to share specific examples of what your child has done to demonstrate their strengths.



## 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.

## SUPPORTING OUR KIDS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Coping with the uncertainty around COVID-19 is challenging for most adults, and kids may be having an even tougher time during the pandemic. Social isolation, being off school or learning remotely for an extended period of time, and uncertainty about what all this means for their friends and family are just a few of the concerns young children and teens may have at this time.



Our children may be afraid of a number of different things during this situation, so let them know you're looking out for them and things will inevitably return to normal. It's OK to provide a little reassurance during this time. Don't be afraid to tell your child you're anxious too – normalize their worries by helping them know it's OK and healthy to worry a little (it keeps us safe!) but that we never want to let worry take over and become unhelpful.

We can't expect children to understand or even be OK or happy with staying home and not seeing their friends during periods of lockdown or isolation. Explain to them you're not happy either but that you're working on this together. Take a break from the news and social media and take this time to play/hang out with your kids and help build an even better parent-child relationship during this time. With school closures or disruptions like remote learning, try to build in new routines and predictability to help kids adjust to the changes in their lives. Kids still need consistency, fun and attention even in the midst of all this anxiety and uncertainty.

Last but not least, don't hesitate to reach out for help. There are a number of agencies out there available to provide some support to help us all cope as best as we can with the pandemic.

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/talking-to-kids-about-covid-19/>