



COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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 December 2022
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BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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We have had our first snow fall already! It's that time of year when we like to stay indoors where it is warm and spend more time with our families. Please remember to keep those important homework routines in place. Our students continue to have goals in place as they work hard to improve their academic skills and have this hard work show up on their report cards that will come home in February.

Please remember we welcome any positive remarks and/or concerns that you may have regarding your child's academic journey. Your child's teacher is only a phone call away.

We would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season to all of our students, teachers, parents, custodial staff, office staff, volunteers and community members. Collegiate Elementary School is a nurturing, happy, caring and productive learning community because of all of our efforts.

Last Day of School: Friday, December 23rd, 2022

First Day of School: Monday, January 9th, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join me in congratulating N. Conti and M. Jovanovic on becoming a permanent staff member at Collegiate Elementary as part of our Educational Assistant Team!



BIGBOX FUNDRAISING



Thanks to all our families who participated in our Big Box Fundraiser organized by our School Council! This fundraiser was a great success. We raised **\$2,430.00** for Collegiate Elementary School plus **\$175.00** that will be used for a pizza party and prizes!

of Boxes Sold = 205

Boxes are scheduled to arrive Dec 16th and families will be contacted when ready for pick up.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our next School Council Meeting is Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

SPIRIT DAYS!

TWIN DAY

Friday, **December 2nd**



FROSTY FREEZING DAY

Friday, **December 9th**

Wear snow and ice colours!

BLUE, PURPLE, WHITE DAY



FESTIVE DAY

Wear an **UGLY SWEATER**, or **RED & GREEN**

Friday, **December 16th**



PJ DAY

Friday, **December 23rd**

Let's wear our PJs all day!!!



FOOD DRIVE



From **December 5th – 16th** our students have organized a Food Drive. Non-perishable food items will be collected and donated to our local food bank. Thank you for your support!

PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINE

Public Health will offer all students in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 access to the Gr. 7 routine vaccines on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022. The Gr. 7 routine vaccines continue to be Hepatitis B, HPV, and Meningitis.

HEALTHY ACTION TEAM

For the past few weeks, our Public Health nurse has been working closely with several classes on helping them understand how stress affects the body, as well as ways to handle stress.

To wrap up their work, the students on H.A.T.



will be hosting '**Chill Week**' during the week before winter break. Each day, we will be offering opportunities to help students of different grades to 'chill out' during nutrition breaks. These activities will target different approaches to helping students to relax, such as through physical activity, the arts, and opportunities to chat. The Grades 7/8 and 8 classes will also be hosting the Chill Fair Wednesday, December 21st, where they will be presenting their learning to the school.

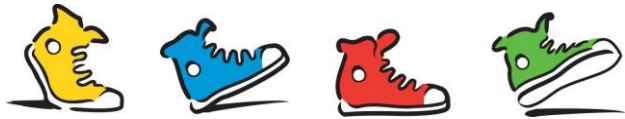
CLASSROOM KLEENEX BOXES



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!

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!



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Today's Family Program will be running from 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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. 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.



French Immersion at HWDSB

2023-24 French Immersion Application Process

HWDSB offers French Immersion programming beginning in Grade 1. It is designed to provide English-speaking children with opportunities to become skilled speaking in French as well as English. Upon completion of secondary school, students are expected to be proficient in French. The curriculum for subjects taught in French is the same as in the English program.

Elementary families can find a list of important dates below, including an opportunity to learn more at our French Immersion Information Night.

Important Dates for the 2023-24 French Immersion Application Process

- **French Immersion Information Night for Families**
Wednesday, November 23, 2022 from 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Application process opens for Senior Kindergarten students only**
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- **Deadline for applications**
Monday, January 16, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- **Program location offered to families**
Friday, February 24, 2023 by 4 p.m.
- **Deadline for program acceptance and registration**
Friday, March 10, 2023 by 4 p.m.

For more information, go to
[hwdsb.info/FI2023-24](https://www.hwdsb.info/FI2023-24)

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GRADE 7 & 8

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Your pathway begins at...

Orchard Park Secondary School

Learn about all our *exciting secondary school options*, while getting to know your future school and teachers, at our **Grade 7 & 8 Information Night**:


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022


200 DEWITT ROAD, STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO


6:30 - 8 P.M.

To learn more about Grade 7 & 8 Information Nights, go to hwdsb.info/InfoNights2022

Follow us on Twitter and our website for more information on exciting events! Call us for a tour!

 @OP_HWDSB

 905-662-3838

 hwdsb.on.ca/orchardpark





HWDSB
Parent Involvement
Committee

*The Hamilton-Wentworth Parent Involvement Committee invites
Schools Council and Home & School Association Chairs and Members to*

PIC CONNECTS


We're Bringing The PIC Connection to you!

Join any session to be heard and supported.

Hosted by:

- Mike Palma, Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee
- Amanda Lloyd, Vice-Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee
- Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement

Attend a session of your choice. This is a great opportunity for feedback and conversation.



All sessions will be 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Waterdown District High School
215 Parkside Drive, Waterdown

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Lawfield Elementary School
45 Berko Avenue, Hamilton

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
A.M. Cunningham Elementary School
100 Wexford Avenue South, Hamilton

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Cootes Paradise Elementary School
900 King Street West, Hamilton

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Viola Desmond Elementary School
50 Secord Drive, Hamilton

