



## COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 2025

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**BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.**

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### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>!**

No school – enjoy time with family and friends!

### NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY



A reminder to parents, no dogs are allowed on school property during school hours. Many of our students are afraid when they see dogs on the playground.

NO Dog signs will be posted as a reminder as well. We appreciate your support keeping our students feeling safe.

### PORTABLES

We kindly ask parents wait for their child on the playground blacktop area and not on the pathway or grass by the portables. Students are distracted when they see their parents at the end of the day and learning is interrupted. Thank you for your support with this request.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



**Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join us!

#### Council Executive:

**Chair:** K. Cheng, **Co-Chair:** K. Clohecy

**Secretary:** J. Atkinson, **Treasure:** A. MacLeod,

**Staff:** C. Knezevic H. Dempsey

### KINDERGARTEN PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

Our Kinders will be going to Dymont Farms! Enjoy the pumpkin patch!



Do you love to dance?



Do you hate to dance but want to support the school for a good cause?

**Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Come join our school community on for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Collegiate School Dance-A-Thon presented by the parents of Collegiate School Council!

All money raised will go directly back into the school to help fund school initiatives and events.

Approach your friends and family to sponsor the students to dance for 30 minutes. The student raising the most money will win a grand prize. In the spirit of the new Fall season, please feel free to wear a Halloween costume or fall-inspired outfit. **PLEASE NOTE:** IF you are wearing a costume, there is to be no cultural appropriation, no offensive and insensitive costumes, no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.

Pledge forms will be sent home with the students, but are also available on-line through the website. To participate, students must raise a minimum of \$2.00.

**Kinder – Gr. 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Gr. 6-8 students need parental approval to attend.**

Water and Juice Boxes available for our dancers! We can't wait to see everyone out and see some of the great dance moves! Thank you for your participation and support!

## 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.

## SWIM TEAM



Our Swim Team is getting ready for their season! **Thank you** to **Mme. Knezevic, Mrs. Archibald, Miss. Mostboeck, and Mrs.**

**Dempsey** for all their time and effort preparing our teams!

## VOLLEYBALL TEAMS



Our 4 Volleyball Teams have been practicing very hard for the season. We know all our students will display great effort, dedication, and enthusiasm while representing *Collegiate* in a positive manner. **Thank YOU** to our coaches, **Mr. Melo, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Simunic, Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Liske, Mrs. Toscani & Ms. Brown** for all their time and effort preparing our teams so they are ready for success!

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Our Cross-Country Team will be practicing very hard for our meet on **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**! We know all our students will display great effort, dedication, and enthusiasm while representing *Collegiate Elementary School* in a positive manner. **Thank YOU to, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Carter and Mr. Melo** for all their time and effort preparing our team!



Go Collegiate Grizzlies!

## GRIZZLY VOICES COMMITTEE

Our Student Leaders will be organizing many initiatives such as Spirit Days, Dances, etc. Stay tuned 😊

## ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE

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



### Safe Arrival Program

- Website, App, or Phone
- Learn more about Safe Arrival at [www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival](http://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.

## 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 your support. Let's reduce the spread of germs and always use a tissue when needed.



Dear Families,

***HAPPY HALLOWEEN!***  
***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>***

***Students can wear costumes to school!!***

(e.g., no cultural appropriation, no offensive and insensitive costumes, no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.)

- Students choosing to wear a costume should come to the school already wearing the costume
- Students can change out of their costume, or choose to wear it the entire day
- Various classroom activities will be shared by classroom teachers... If classes would like treats included for students during activities, these must be purchased nut/peanut free treats (no home baked goods)
- Families are invited to watch our ***Halloween Parade*** which will begin around 9:20 am in the gym. Parents/Guardians are asked to remain around the perimeter of the gym
- Pumpkin carvings from each classroom will be on display for parents to view before/after the parade

## SECURE SCHOOLS

At Collegiate Elementary School, we will be practicing our  
**"Lockdown - Secure Schools Procedure" Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

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 all parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe, supported, well prepared, and ready for an emergency situation at all times.



# HPL Programs October

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Branch Hours</b> Mon-Thurs: 9am - 7pm Fridays: 9am - 6pm Saturdays: 9am - 5pm Closed Sundays	<b>Call to Register for Sit to Be Fit</b> 905-768-4488 	<b>1</b> <b>Family Storytime</b> 10-10:30am <b>Sit To Be Fit</b> ® 11:15am-12pm 	<b>2</b> <b>Teen Video Gaming</b> 11am-1pm <b>Knit for a Cause</b> 3-4pm <b>STEAM Learning Lab</b> 4-5pm	<b>3</b> <b>Music for Babies and Toddlers</b> 11:30am-12pm 	<b>4</b> <b>Comics and Secret Identities</b> 10-11am <b>French Conversation Circle</b> 2-3pm <b>Craft Cart</b> 2:30-3:30pm
<b>6</b> <b>Baby Storytime + Stay and Play</b> 10-11am <b>Imagination Stations</b> 3:30-4:30pm	<b>7</b> <b>LEGO Build and Play</b> 3:30-4:30pm 	<b>8</b> <b>Family Storytime</b> 10-10:30am <b>Sit To Be Fit</b> ® 11:15am-12pm <b>Drop-In Tech Help</b> 3-4pm 	<b>9</b> <b>Teen Video Gaming</b> 11am-1pm <b>Knit for a Cause</b> 3-4pm <b>Books Out Loud</b> 4-5pm 	<b>10</b> <b>Make Art - Repaint</b> 11:30am-1pm 	<b>11</b> <b>Make and Create - Make a Button</b> 10-11am <b>French Conversation Circle</b> 2-3pm <b>Family Movies - Hotel Transylvania (2013)</b> 2:30pm
<b>13</b> <b>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY</b> 	<b>14</b> <b>LEGO Build and Play</b> 3:30-4:30pm 	<b>15</b> <b>Family Storytime</b> 10-10:30am <b>Sit To Be Fit</b> ® 11:15am-12pm 	<b>16</b> <b>Teen Video Gaming</b> 11am-1pm <b>Knit for a Cause</b> 3-4pm <b>Puppet-Making Party</b> 4-5pm	<b>17</b> <b>Music for Babies and Toddlers</b> 11:30am-12pm 	<b>18</b> <b>Explore Art at HPL: Surreal and Dreamlike Horror Art</b> 10-11am <b>French Conversation Circle</b> 2-3pm <b>Craft Cart</b> 2:30-3:30pm
<b>20</b> <b>Baby Storytime + Stay and Play</b> 10-11am <b>Relaxation and Movement</b> 11:30am-12:30pm <b>Young at Heart</b> 1:30-2:30pm <b>Imagination Stations</b> 3:30-4:30pm	<b>21</b> <b>LEGO Build and Play</b> 3:30-4:30pm <b>Craft at HPL - Yarn</b> <b>Pumpkins</b> ® 5:30-6:30pm	<b>22</b> <b>Family Storytime</b> 10-10:30am <b>Sit To Be Fit</b> ® 11:15am-12pm <b>Drop-In Tech Help</b> 3-4pm 	<b>23</b> <b>Teen Video Gaming</b> 11am-1pm <b>Knit for a Cause</b> 3-4pm <b>Make and Create - Halloween Crafts</b> 4-5pm	<b>24</b> <b>Library Mini Golf</b> 12-1pm <b>Family Movie - Goosebumps 2 (2019)</b> 2pm 	<b>25</b> <b>Make and Create - Halloween Crafts</b> 10-11am <b>French Conversation Circle</b> 2-3pm <b>Family Movies - Hocus Pocus (1993)</b> 2:30pm
<b>27</b> <b>Baby Storytime + Stay and Play</b> 10-11am <b>Imagination Stations</b> 3:30-4:30PM 	<b>28</b> <b>LEGO Build and Play</b> 3:30-4:30pm 	<b>29</b> <b>Family Storytime</b> 10-10:30am <b>Sit To Be Fit</b> ® 11:15am-12pm 	<b>30</b> <b>Teen Video Gaming</b> 11am-1pm <b>Book Club - Erotic Stories for Punjabi Women by Balli Kaur Jaswal</b> 2-3pm <b>Knit for a Cause</b> 3-4pm <b>Haunted Escape Room</b> ® 4-5pm	<b>31</b> <b>Tarot for Teens</b> 11:30am-1pm 	<b>Blue = Adult</b> <b>Orange = Children</b> <b>Green = Teen</b> <b>Purple = Everyone</b> <b>Registration required = ®</b> 