

The Panabaker Chronicle

September 2024 Edition



Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and you are eager to get the year at Frank Panabaker underway.

This year, we will continue to foster your child's strengths through their curiosity and creativity. We have an amazing staff that will help make this all happen. Through our morning announcements, students will learn more about how they can get involved in the many fun things that Panabaker offers.

Parents and guardians – check out our monthly newsletters and our school website for important information and upcoming school events.

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year – let's make it a great year!

Mr. D. Fede

Ms. S. Carter



Please subscribe to our school website to stay up to date with important dates, events and reminders!



MEDICAL ALERT

Just a reminder that Frank Panabaker School is a **NUT FREE School**.

Do not send any nut products to school with your child.



Mobile Devices

Students must not use their personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, laptops and tablets) during the instructional day.

- **Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8** must have their devices stored out of view and powered off (or on silent mode) **throughout the full instructional day (school day)**, including nutrition breaks unless permitted by the educator as outlined below:
 - For educational purposes, if explicitly permitted by the educator.
 - For health and medical purposes, as outlined in a medical plan of care.
 - To support special education needs, as documented in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Students are responsible for their personal mobile devices and how they use them. If an educator sees a personal mobile device not stored out of view and powered off, the student must **hand it in for the instructional day (elementary)**. It will be placed by the student in a storage area in a location designated by the educator.



Vaping

Research is evident of the harmful and addictive effects of vaping. The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 applies at all times and in all circumstances for all students (including summer school and evening continuing education students), staff, contractors and the public. It **prohibits**:

Smoking of tobacco and cannabis as well as vaping any substance in public schools and on public school property (grounds) or in private schools or on private school property, that is specifically annexed/used by the private school (e.g., a playground).

Smoking and vaping within 20 metres from the perimeter of school property.

Students cannot possess or use tobacco, nicotine, cannabis or vapour at school. If these products are found in the possession of students, families will be notified and students must surrender the item(s) to staff.



Office Staff:

Mrs. Lewis Office Administrator
 Mrs. Todoric Office Administrator
 Mrs. Wright Office Assistant
 Ms. Carter Vice Principal
 Mr. Fede Principal

2024-25 Classes:

Mrs. Hawkings/Mrs. Grundy	JK/SK	Mme. Diminie	Grade 3F
Mrs. Bannerman/Mrs. Seeley	JK/SK	Mme. Radji	Grade 4F
Mrs. Dodgson/Mrs. Mainprize	JK/SK	Ms. Rohr	Grade 1/2
Ms. Roud	JK/SK	Ms. Froats	Grade 1/2
Mme. Niamat	Grade 1F	Miss. Vella	Grade 1/2
Mme. Garcia	Grade 1F	Mrs. Horvath	Grade 2/3
Mme. French	Grade 2F	Mrs. Turnbull	Grade 3
Mme. Kansayisa	Grade 2F	Mrs. Speziale-Clark / Mrs. Filice	Grade 3/4
Mme. Commission	Grade 3/4F	Mrs. Hoy	Grade 4
Mme. Bishop	Grade 3/4F		

Mme. Thebaud	Grade 5F	Mrs. Moore	Grade 6
Mme. Zess	Grades 5/6F	Mr. Churchman	Grade 6/7
Mlle. Ruetter	Grade 6F	Ms. Daley	Grade 7
Mlle. Cascioli	Grade 67F	Mr. Dowson	Grade 7
M. Brett	Grade 7/8F	Mrs. Thurston	Grade 7/8
M. Gill	Grade 8F	Mrs. McGillivray	Grade 8
Mr. Worosz	Grade 5	Mr. Kortmann	Grade 8
Mrs. Jack	Grade 5/6	Mr. Fox	AUI

Support Staff:

Mrs. White	LRT
Ms. Jansen	LRT
Mr. Little	Music
Mrs. Fairley	Phys. Ed
Mrs. Kostandoff	Phys. Ed
Mrs. Filice	Phys. Ed
Mrs. Darlington	Arts/Library
Mrs. Ortwein	Art
Mr. Fernandez	French
Mme Lisson	French
Mme Talbot	French

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Sneath
 Mrs. Krajinovic
 Mr. Copple
 Mr. Novo
 Ms. Sewell
 Ms. Wells

Caretaking Staff:

Mr. Linder, Mr. Rajball, Ms. Bielak

Please note that all assignments are tentative until re-organization!

HERE'S THE NEWS

Spirit Wear

Frank Panabaker's Spirit Wear clothing is available for purchase online at West End Sports.

Orders are due by September 20th, 2024. Delivery to school expected in mid-October.

To view clothing options & place your order, please click on [PUMAWEAR](#)



Parent Parking

Just a friendly reminder that when dropping off or picking up your child (entry and dismissal times) to please not block the bus loading zone or parking spaces. The parking lot is extremely busy at these times and we want to ensure the safety of all of our students.



DISMISSAL POLICY for Students

ALL bus students will gather in the gym (north) and hallway (south) at 2:35 pm for dismissal.

- Bus students will line up in their respective bus line. They will then be dismissed and escorted by the teacher on duty to their bus.

Please make the office and YMCA program aware of changes in afterschool dismissal plans.



September 20 - PA Day
September 27 - Terry Fox Day
October 3 - School Council Meeting
October 9 - Picture Day

Meet the Teacher TBD

Secure School Information

During this term, Frank Panabaker school is required to conduct at least **3 Fire Drills**, **1 Lockdown Drill** and **1 Evacuation Drill** so that students are prepared in the event of a real emergency.

Please do not be alarmed if your child tells you that the alarm went off at school. This is all part of our Emergency Plan of Action.



Visitors Please Report to the Office

All visitors must first check in at the office. If you need to see or pick up your child, our office staff will page the classroom and have the student meet you at the office. If you are dropping something off, please label the item and leave it with our office staff to avoid disruptions in the classrooms.

Bus Information

The HWDSB Transportation service is responsible for the carriers that bring our students to and from school. At times, school busses may run late and the delay time could take up to 30 minutes. We strongly encourage all families to check the status of their child's bus on a daily basis. This could be done using the following link: <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>

Here you will find a posting of all the delays.

You can also phone transportation directly at (905) 523-2318 or 1-800-691-6402 with any questions you may have, as our school office closes at 3:15PM.



Annual Terry Fox Day

Frank Panabaker staff and students will be holding the annual Terry Fox Day on Friday, September 27th.

Thank you to Mrs. Fairley and Mrs. Kostandoff for organizing the day!

More information will be coming!





Notifications to School of Medical Conditions

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is committed to ensuring a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment which supports student well-being. This environment empowers students with health/medical needs to reach their full potential for self-management of their condition(s), according to their Plan of Care which is intended to support prevalent and non-prevalent medical conditions.

Returning Students (currently in SK to grade 8):

A Plan of Care is a plan for students who have a prevalent medical condition such as **anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and epilepsy**. A Plan of Care is developed with the principal and provides details about your child's condition and how to manage it, what to do in the case of an emergency, a prioritized list of emergency contacts, information about medication, possibly even information about your child's health care providers, and who the Plan of Care should be shared with. During the week of September 16th, Plans of Care will be sent home with students for parents to review. We ask that Plans of Care be reviewed and sent back to the school along with the Plan of Care Renewal form.

NEW students (currently JK to grade 8):

If you are a NEW family to Frank Panabaker School we ask that you please connect with the school immediately to identify whether your child has a prevalent medical condition such as **Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and Epilepsy**. Families are to notify the school as soon as possible. School staff will then connect with individual families to provide specific forms to support the medical condition.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring student safety!

STYLE YOUR CREATIVITY!

HWDSB STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES

Headwear	Tops	Bottoms
Can Wear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandanas • Durags • Hats • Head scarves • Religious/creed-based headwear 	Can Show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arms • Bellies • Chest • Shoulders • Straps 	Can Show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hips • Legs • Straps • Thighs • Waistband
Examples Include: Burqas, ballcaps, fezzes, hijabs, hoodies, keffiyehs, kippahs/yarmulkes, niqabs, tuques, turbans, etc.	Examples Include: Crop tops, midriff-bearing shirts, strap tops, t-shirts, tube tops, vests, etc.	Examples Include: Dresses, fitted pants, jeans (including ripped), leggings, pants, shorts, skirts, sweatpants, etc.

Cannot Show:

Fully covered face (Religious/creed-based headwear excluded), underwear as outerwear, butts, groin, nipples.

Cannot Promote:

- Drugs/alcohol
- Illegal activity
- Profanity
- Hate/Discrimination
- Pornography
- Violence

Note: Additional health and safety exceptions may apply.

To learn more about Student Dress Guidelines visit:
hwdsb.info/student-dress

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 BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Code of Conduct

Members of the school community will:

- Treat each other with kindness and respect
- Support learning and keep distractions out of class
- Help others when they are in need

Members of the school community will not:

- Bully, cyberbully, or encourage others to do so
- Harm others, including harm with the motivation of hate or discrimination
- Use a personal mobile device during class unless permitted by an educator
- Use, share or sell vape, cannabis, nicotine and/or tobacco products on school property

Speak with a staff member if you or someone else needs help.

Visit hwdsb.info/school-rules to learn about the HWDSB Code of Conduct and Provincial Code of Conduct.



hwdsb.info/school-rules

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School Council

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability of the school with parents. Information about School Councils can be found here:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2024-2025 school year. Typically, the Frank Panabaker School Council meets in person to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal.

School Councils must hold annual elections to identify voting members and various positions such as School Council Chair. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the group's ideas and advisory suggestions for the Principal. Please note that you do not have to be an elected member of School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend.

To declare your interest to become an elected member on School Council, please complete the nomination form below. All nominations forms must be received by September 24, 2024.

Please note that you must attend the first meeting in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held on Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 @ 6:00pm and will be held in our Learning Commons.

Please consider joining us on School Council as an elected or general member. School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education and we look forward to working together.

To show your interest, please complete and return the following nomination form.

Sincerely,

D. Fede (Principal)

Frank Panabaker SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM – 2024-2025

SELF-NOMINATION

I would like to join School Council as an elected member. I understand that an elected position requires more involvement and responsibilities than a general member does. I understand that this role involves attending School Council meetings.

My Name: _____

My Phone: _____

My E-mail: _____

I am interested in serving in one of the following School Council roles (please circle):

CHAIR CO-CHAIR TREASURER SECRETARY MEMBER AT LARGE OTHER

I am the parent/guardian of _____ [student name] who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Frank Panabaker.

I am an employee of HWDSB (please circle): YES NO

Please complete and return this form electronically to dfede@hwdsb.on.ca or send a copy to the office by September 24, 2024.