

The Panabaker Chronicle

Dear Families,

As we head into the final week of this school year, let us take this time to reflect as a community on all we have accomplished and the many people we have to thank.

Thank you to:

- Our Trustee Amanda Fehrman and Superintendent Lindsay Snell for their support throughout the school year.
- The parents and caregivers of Frank Panabaker for their ongoing support and assistance.
- Our School Council, Home and School Association and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community.
- Our Office Administrators, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Todoric, and Mrs. Wright for all their help and constant support.
- Our fabulous custodians for keeping our school and the yard safe and clean for all of our students.
- All of our wonderful teachers, EA's, DECE's and support staff for making a difference in the lives of their students.
- All our Frank Panabaker students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish their goals!

We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to our next school year!

Mr. Fede & Ms. Carter



To our Grade 8 Students!

Your many accomplishments and contributions to our school will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be and influence one another in the most positive way.

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 9 and transition to High School where many new memories will begin!



FAREWELL

This June brings farewells to our school community as several staff and students leave us. As another year draws to a close we must say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to other school communities.

We would like to thank these staff members for the many contributions they have made to our school this school year:

- Mrs. Williamson
- Ms. Kiely
- Ms. Rohr
- Mr. Sukru
- Ms. Daley
- Mrs. Stevens



Administration Update: After two and half wonderful years of dedicated service, Ms. Carter will be embarking on an exciting new journey at Prince of Wales Elementary School starting September 2025. On behalf of the entire Frank Panabaker community, we want to express how deeply we will miss her vibrant energy, nurturing spirit, and unwavering compassion for our staff, students, and families. Her remarkable contributions have left a lasting legacy of dedication, positivity, and a safe, welcoming space for all.

While we are saddened to see her go, we are also truly excited for the new opportunities that await her as she continues to make a meaningful impact in education.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Baggio as our new Vice-Principal. We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to the Panabaker family, bringing her own passion and enthusiasm to our school community. We look forward to the positive in ing year and beyond.



A big congratulations to Mrs. Talbot on her retirement! In her many years at Frank Panabaker school, many students had the pleasure of being taught by her, and she has truly left a lasting impression on all of us.

Mrs. Talbot always went above and beyond, nurturing students and encouraging them to embrace challenges with kindness and respect.

We thank Mrs. Talbot for her dedication and passion throughout her time at Frank Panabaker. On behalf of all staff and students, we wish her a joyful and fulfilling retirement filled with wonderful memories and new adventures ahead.



As part of our new Grade 8 commencement initiative, this year's Grade 8 students have proudly decorated a ceiling tile that will be displayed in our school's front entrance. Moving forward, each commencing class will have the opportunity to create and decorate a new tile, leaving a lasting mark on our school community. Our hope is to fill the main entrance with these tiles, creating a vibrant and meaningful tribute to every Grade 8 class that has passed through our halls.

This year's theme was inspired by the underwater world, featuring koi fish, lily pads, and ripples of water. Each student signed their name within the ripples, symbolizing their unique presence and contribution.

The imagery of water ripples perfectly represents the journey of our Grade 8 students as they prepare to move on to high school. Just as a single drop creates ripples that spread outward, the impact of each student has extended beyond the classroom, influencing friendships, learning, and the spirit of our school. The koi fish, known for their strength and perseverance, symbolize the resilience and growth our students have demonstrated throughout their elementary years. The lily pads provide a foundation and support, much like our school community has done, helping students prepare to take confident steps forward.

As these students transition to high school, the ripples they've made here will continue to expand, reminding us all that their time at elementary school, though ending, leaves a lasting and beautiful impression.

Class Placements 2025/26

With the new school year approaching, many parents wonder about who their child's teacher will be. This process for organizing classes is now complete. When creating classes, teachers meet with each other and school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues that are discussed are:

- Balance of ability, interests, and talents
- Learning styles of students
- Teaching styles of teachers
- Resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- Students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above.

Families will be able to view their child's classroom teachers via the Parent Portal no earlier than August 25th.

Please note that all class placements are tentative until the end of September in case of a school re-organization.



Report cards will be distributed on June 25th.



EQAO

Primary (Gr. 3) and Junior (Gr. 6) EQAO assessments took place in the month of May and June. We are very proud of all the hard work our students put in to prepare for this assessment! Results will be available in the fall of 2025.

Out of Catchment Requests

As you are aware, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has created attendance boundaries for each of its schools. In some cases, families want their child to attend a school that is not within their catchment boundary.

Unfortunately, Frank Panabaker is staffed based solely on the projected enrollment of students in our catchment area. **This means that there will not be space available for out-of-catchment students.** We regret the impact this will have for families.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board uses this protocol to make the most effective use of space and staff in all schools. All parents are urged to register their children at the school for their designated catchment area.

You can learn more on the HWDSB website's page detailing Out-of-Catchment school attendance at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>



Volunteers at Frank Panabaker

With the new school year approaching, we are preparing for the return of our volunteers. Volunteers play an important role in contributing to student's educational experiences and opportunities here at Frank Panabaker and we are excited to resume our partnership in alignment with current guidelines, policies, and procedures. Student safety is our priority.

Please note that to volunteer with HWDSB the following documentation is required.

Volunteer Information Sheet [Appendix A](#)

Agreement Form [Appendix B](#)

Vulnerable Sector Screening (must be dated/issued within the last 6 months)

Thank you for making a difference and ensuring the safety of all our students!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our school office will be closed for the summer. It will reopen on Monday, August 25th. We apologize that we will be unable to respond to any messages until we return to school. We are committed to sharing information with you and look forward to our return in September.

At this time, parents, guardians and caregivers can view their child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten parents/guardians/caregivers will receive information about when their child will attend their first day of Kindergarten.

Learn more about the Parent Portal: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent/>

If you are looking to register your child, please email register@hwdsb.on.ca or visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/register

If you have any questions over the summer, please call the HWDSB Education Centre at 905-527-5092 or email info@hwdsb.on.ca

Be sure to subscribe to our website so that you receive all the latest news.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/frankpanabaker/>

Also follow us on Twitter @Panabaker_HWDSB

We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year!





June 26th, 2025