



### *Gatestone Weekly Updates*

***May 24 – May 28***

## **Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021**

Monday, May 24	Day 0	Victoria Day
Tuesday, May 25	Day 3	
Wednesday, May 26	Day 4	
Thursday, May 27	Day 5	
Friday, May 28	Day 1	

### ***Remote Learning School 2021-2022***

HWDSB is offering remote learning for elementary students (Kindergarten to Grade 8) in 2021-22 as an option for families concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic as directed by the Ministry of Education.

We appreciate that making this decision may be difficult for families given the current health situation in Ontario.

**Parents, guardians and caregivers can select elementary remote learning for 2021-22 on the Parent Portal. This form is open from 9 a.m. Thursday, May 13 to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 1. By default, students will be considered in-person learners unless this choice is selected.**

We are asking families to commit to remote learning for the entire 2021-22 school year, but there will be an opportunity to transition to in-person learning early in early October. Depending on Ministry of Education directions, there might be another opportunity later in the school year.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/elementary-remote-learning-2021-22/>

## **Student Vaccination Catch Up Clinics**

Catch up Clinics for Grade 7 & 8 student vaccinations (Hepatitis B and HPV) are still on pause. Please continue to visit this site for updates.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/clinics-services/catch-vaccine-clinics-students>

## **Grade 8 Graduation 2021**

This year we will be having a virtual graduation ceremony. In order for your Grade 8 child (remote Grade 8 students as well) to be part of the virtual ceremony, the school requires a media consent form completed. These forms were completed in the fall, however, if you did not give consent but would now like your child in the graduation video, please connect with your child's homeroom teacher or our main office to update the form. The virtual graduation video will be shared in a secured link and only posted on HWDSB TV with a private setting. A private setting is for only those families that have the link. The video only remains posted for one week then is taken down. We ask families do not share the video on any social media platforms.

***Graduation Date: Virtual Ceremony will be Shared on June 21<sup>st</sup> for our Grade 8 Families (This includes Gatestone Grade 8 students in Remote Day School as well).***

Should schools re-open before the end of the school year, the virtual ceremony will still be shared on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the school will communicate classroom celebration information.

Graduation awards and composites have been ordered. We hope to have the items before the end of the year, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there may be delays in receiving orders. The school will share pick up processes for these items as well should schools remain closed. We will need to adhere to guidance from Public Health regarding permission for the picking up of items. Stay tuned for further direction.