



Community Weekly Update Nov. 14-18

Monday, November 14	Day 3	<p><i>Transgender Awareness Week</i></p> <p><i>Last Chance to Purchase a Fall Flavoured Cookie this week</i></p> <p><i>\$2.00 – selling first nutrition break Nov. 14-18</i></p>
Tuesday, November 15	Day 4	<p><b>Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal at Gatestone)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch Box</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 16	Day 5	
Thursday, November 17	Day 1	<p><b>Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza Day</li> </ul>
Friday, November 18	Day 2	<p><b>Umbrella Care before/after school closed today for Staff Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 8 Graduation Sweaters due (orders completed through cash online)</li> <li>Progress Reports Go Home with Students</li> <li>First Break Robotics Club (Intermediate)</li> <li>First Break &amp; After School Grades 6-8 NYAWEH</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Dates:**

**School Council Meeting – November 24<sup>th</sup> 6PM**

**PA Day – November 25<sup>th</sup> No School**

**Bazaar – December 1<sup>st</sup> 11AM-7PM**

**Photo Re-take Day – December 12**

## Community Updates

### Parent Volunteers Needed

Our junior and intermediate grades are in the process of planning school activities outside of Gatestone school for the month of December.

In order to ensure we can participate in activities outside of the school, we need to obtain an appropriate number of supervisors. Our supervisor ratio increases immensely in our primary years as well. Help of parent volunteers to support in supervision is required and very much appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering for any excursions this year, please complete a parent volunteer vulnerable sector screening at your local police department or online.

<https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/how-to/get-background-check>

Once you receive your cleared screener, please connect with our main office so we can add you to our parent volunteer list and complete the required parent volunteer package.

Thank you for your support!

### Transgender Days of Significance

November has historically been a month where HWDSB recognizes International Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), which takes place annually on November 20th. TDOR is a day to remember and mourn transgender people both locally and globally that have been lost to acts of violence and transphobia. However, this year, the HWDSB Equity team is endeavouring to provide more resources for our educators about the different days of significance that also take place in November to celebrate transgender students and their families or seek to increase visibility and provide awareness and education about transgender, nonbinary, and gender diverse individuals.

**Trans Parent Day - November 6th, 2022** First established in 2009, this day takes place on the first Sunday of November. It was created for children to celebrate their transgender parent(s). Currently this day has evolved into a celebration of transgender families with either transgender parent(s) and/or transgender children. #LOVEISLOVE.

**Week - November 13th - November 19th, 2022 Transgender Awareness Week** is a celebration leading up to Transgender Day of Remembrance. This week is an opportunity to highlight transgender, nonbinary, and gender diverse individuals and communities and advocate for authenticity and visibility. It is a chance to let all students see themselves in our classrooms and schools. #TRANVISIBILITY #WontBeErased.

## **International Day of Remembrance – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Gatestone educators will continue to support this learning for students using various resources shared through HWDSB school programs department.

### **Mable's Labels**

Gatestone will be fundraising for student initiatives this year with Mable's Labels. For every purchase of Mable's Labels items, Gatestone will receive a 20% Kick Back. The funding will support student funds at Gatestone for the excursion transportation, student supplies and technology.

***MABEL'S LABELS WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>***

### **Previous Updates**

#### **Winter Bazaar**

Our Gatestone Winter Bazaar is back. Our School Council is working on plans to run our Gatestone Bazaar once again. Gatestone families that want to participate in selling products for their small business or donating materials/supplies for our annual Bazaar, please connect with Renee Ringer. [r.ringer84@gmail.com](mailto:r.ringer84@gmail.com)

**Date & Time:** Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 11AM-7PM

**Location:** Gatestone Gymnasium

**Table Rental or Table Space to Sell:** \$25.00

## School Council

Our 2nd School Council last meeting occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our council members for supporting Gatestone initiatives this year.



### **School Council Team:**

Jennifer Sarkis (Chair), Krystal Legge (Secretary), Pamela Morcillo (Fundraising Support), Billy Dhillon (Social Media Manager), Robyn Patchev (member at large), Barb Braun (member at large), Dragona Franjesevic (member at large), Emma Brooks (member at large), Renee Ringer (member at large), Heather McKenzie (member at large), Sanja Kekic (member at large)

Meetings occur in-person and virtually throughout the year to accommodate families' schedules. Please see our website, School Council Page, for further details about Council. All parents/guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend upcoming meetings. You do not have to be on council to be a part of our parent/guardian school action support.

Our council is currently working plans to bring back our annual Bazaar for our students and community. Interested families in participating in the Bazaar should email Renee Ringer. [r.ringer84@gmail.com](mailto:r.ringer84@gmail.com). All fundraising will support student initiatives for our Science & Technology.

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Families can follow council on Twitter for the latest Council and School updates: [@GatestoneCouncil](https://twitter.com/GatestoneCouncil)

### **GATESTONE CORE VALUES**

**RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE EMBEDDED WITHIN OUR VALUES**

**RESPECT** – REGARD AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE FEELINGS, BELIEFS, AND TRADITIONS OF OTHERS. BEING KIND TO OTHERS.

**ENGAGEMENT** – TRULY CARE ABOUT OUR LEARNING. FOCUSED IN THE LEARNING.

**SAFE & SUPPORTED** – SEEK TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER. CHOOSE TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

**POSITIVITY** – OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. POSITIVE INTENTIONS.

**COMMUNITY** – GATESTONE FAMILIES AND STAFF WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF GATESTONE SCHOOL. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY VOICE VALUED.

**TEAMWORK** – WORKING TOGETHER IN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

# Equity



*LEST WE FORGET*

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022

