



Helen Detwiler School



Hamilton Wentworth District School Board - Respect, Creativity, Excellence, Citizenship

From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk

We have had a great month at Helen Detwiler, welcoming Mr. Azzopardi as our new principal. He has been busy meeting students, parents and staff members and getting to know the great Helen Detwiler school community.



Progress Reports were sent home on Tuesday October 29th, and we hope that you have had a chance to review your child's progress. Our staff look forward to meeting with parents/guardians for interviews next week. Please be sure to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher so that we can work together to support your child.

Extra-curricular activities are well under way at Helen Detwiler with the volleyball season in full gear. Our Junior Swim Meet is taking place next week at Jimmy Thompson Pool. The Helen Detwiler Cross Country team did a great job at their Meet at Christie Conservation area at the beginning of October. We are thankful to all of our coaches who make these great opportunities available to students.

Thank you to all of the families for coming out to support their children during our Halloween Parade, it was great to see so many of our community members support the day. Also, thank you for supporting our No Mask rule at Helen Detwiler. This really allowed us to keep all students and community safe.

In November, Helen Detwiler will be honouring the many brave people who stood up for their beliefs and sacrificed their lives in service to our country. Our upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11th at 11:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. Family members are welcome to join us for our ceremony.

We recognize that the month of November leading into the holiday season will be a busy time for our families. We hope that you have an enjoyable month ahead and look forward to your ongoing support for our students.

Sincerely,
Mr. Azzopardi and Ms. Francis

Remembrance Day Ceremony



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 1st

Character Education Assemblies
(Room 17 presenting at 11:50am)

Sunday, November 3rd

Turn your clocks back one hour.

Wednesday, November 6th

Gr8 Start @ Henderson Secondary

Thursday, November 7th

Junior Swim Meet - Jimmy Thompson Pool

Friday, November 8th

Professional Activity Day - No School
Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 11

Remembrance Day Ceremony
@ 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium

Tuesday, November 12th

Gr. 7 Immunization

Friday, November 15th

Photo Retake Day - a.m.

Wednesday, November 20

Bulldogs Game - First Ontario Place
Gr.4-6

Tuesday, November 26th

School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 29th

Professional Activity Day - No School

LOOKING AHEAD...

Monday, December 2nd

Helen Detwiler's Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Mon. Nov. 11th at 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium. Parents/Guardians and other Community

guests are invited to attend.

Character Education Assembly 11:10 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

Character Builds - *THE WORD ON THE STREET!*



In order to build upon our students Character development, at Helen Detwiler we are focusing on educating our school community on the Character Traits that will support our students success in life and build upon a positive school culture.

Last month our Character focus was Self Control/Regulation This month's Character Focus is Courage where we are sharing its' meaning of having the strength to take on challenges to do the right thing even when it may be unpopular.

Monthly Focus

September - **Respect & Belonging**

February - **Empathy**

October - **Self Regulation**

March - **Honesty**

November - **Courage**

April - **Acceptance**

December - **Caring**

May - **Integrity**

January - **Responsibility**

June - **Citizenship**

The HD Gym is starting a Shoe Bin!

Wondering what to do with the running shoes your child has outgrown?

Why not donate them to our Shoe Bin?

Running shoes in the shoe bin are available to any student who has forgotten, allowing them to participate in Phys-Ed class.



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If interested, please place your gently used shoes into a plastic bag with the note "SHOE BIN" inside. Donations can be made at any time during the school year. Thank you for your support!

Ms. Kawamoto

Lost and Found

Parking Protocol

Let's all work together to ensure the safety of our students. Parking signs are in place around the school in order to provide students a safe arrival and departure from school.

No Stopping - Please be advised that the school side of Brigade Drive is a NO STOPPING zone. Stopping in these areas can result in a ticket issued through ByLaw enforcement.

Kiss and Ride - This lane is used to drop students off. Students should exit on the sidewalk side of the car. There is NO PARKING in the Kiss and Ride lanes.

Parking Lots - To ensure the safety of our students, the **staff parking lot is out of bounds** to our students & parents. Parents may park in the parking lot at the end of the Kiss and Ride lane.

We thank you for supporting the safety of our students!

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week **November 19th-23rd**

To honour the spirit and intention of Bullying Awareness & Prevention, we encourage that you take the time to talk to your child about bullying and its definition:

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress & or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation.

*Bullying occurs in a context where there is a **real or perceived power imbalance**.*

Further Information online is available through:

- ❖ www.PrevNet.ca
- ❖ <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Bullying-Prevention-Handbook-2017-final.pdf> (HWDSB Bullying Prevention Handbook)

Grade 7 & 8 Information Night



Nora Frances Henderson
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Grade 7 & 8 Information Night:

November 26, 2019 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will have our Lost and Found on display just outside the main office during Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday November 7 and Friday November 8. Please have a look!

Learn about the great things that Henderson has to offer, while meeting your future teachers and touring the school.

Grade 8 Option Sheet Night:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grade 9 Options Sheets are due:

Mid-February, 2020