



**COMMUNITY LETTER: Community
News, Updates and Reminders
November 14, 2025.**



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,
Below are the updates for November 14, 2025.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,
Kwame Djan & Lynda Southon

Progress Report Cards and Initial Observations

Progress Report Cards (Grades 1-8) and Initial Observations (Kindergarten) will be coming home on November 18th. Be sure to read them over and make an appointment to meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress. Use the following link to book your appointment. [bookings link](#).

Helen Detwiler School Spirit Wear Online Store !

We're excited to announce that the **Helen Detwiler School Spirit Wear Online Store is open!** Families will be able to shop for a variety of fun and stylish spirit wear to show their school pride.

Store Closes: Sunday, November 23, 2025

Support Our School:

All proceeds from spirit wear sales will go directly towards funding important school initiatives that benefit our students and school community.

Thank You to Parent Council:

A special thank you to our amazing **Parent Council** for their support in bringing this initiative to life! Stay tuned for the store link on Monday—and thank you for your continued support!

Link to online store: <https://helendetwiler.buyproforma.com/#/>



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Detwiler School Spirit Wristbands

Our next round of school spirit wristbands will be sold from November 14-December 12. All purchases will be distributed to students the week of December 15.

Pizza lunches

Our next pizza day is Wednesday, November 19th. **All orders must be submitted by Sunday, November 16th through School Cash Online only.**

Popcorn Days

Our next Popcorn Day is **Thursday, November 20th**. Popcorn is available for \$2.00 and **must be ordered by Tuesday, November 18th through School Cash Online only.**

Parent council meeting

Date: November 25, 2025

Time: 6:30-7:30 (library)

Access to school: Front entrance

Format: Hybrid (see below for MS Teams link)

- [Join the meeting now](#)
- **Meeting ID: 224 108 463 878 2**
- **Passcode: Fe39nr9D**

Parking By-Laws

This is a reminder that there is no stopping from 6am-7pm on the school side of Brigade Dr., from Bonaparte Way to Bastille St. These by-laws are in place to keep pedestrians and drivers safe. By-law officers will be on-site throughout the year to ensure compliance. **Additionally, the staff parking lot is for staff only – this is not a space for student drop off or pick up.** We appreciate your support in this as we prioritize the safety of our students on a daily basis.

Volunteering in 2025-2026 school year

All applicants looking to volunteer are now required to present a Vulnerable Sector Screening **specific to HWDSB** before they will be able to begin their volunteer activities. An offence Declaration is required for the subsequent years until a new Vulnerable Sector is required (after 3 years). The Vulnerable Sector Screening is the property of the



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volunteer. A letter to be presented to the respective police department can be obtained through the office.

Family Math Challenge: “Number Fun at Home!”

Grades: Kindergarten to Grade 8

Focus: Number Sense and Numeration

Why? Working with numbers at home helps students build confidence and see math in everyday life!

Activity: “Family Number Hunt”

1. Find Numbers Around You

- a. Look for numbers in your home (on appliances, food packages, clocks, receipts).
- b. Write down at least **10 different numbers** you find.

2. Choose Your Challenge by Grade Level:

- a. **Kindergarten:** Sort numbers into “big” and “small.” Which is the biggest? Which is the smallest?
- b. **Grades 1–3:** Add two numbers together. Can you make 10, 20, or 50?
- c. **Grades 4–6:** Multiply two numbers. Which pair gives the largest product?
- d. **Grades 7–8:** Find two numbers and calculate their **greatest common factor (GCF)** or **lowest common multiple (LCM)**.

3. Family Bonus Round:

- a. Combine everyone’s numbers and **create a math story problem** (e.g., “If we have 12 apples and eat 3 each day, how many days will they last?”).