



# Janet Lee News

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## Principals Message

This newsletter includes information for December and January. There will not be a January newsletter.

It's hard to believe it's December! Our staff has been working very hard to ensure that students feel safe and welcomed here at school. I am proud of our school, its students, staff and families. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our young people. Please review the list of upcoming events at the end of this newsletter so that you know what is happening this month.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful, and wonderful holiday season. Take the time to rejuvenate and refresh yourselves. I wish you and all of your loved ones a new year filled with happiness and good health! Classes begin again on January 6th!

*Mrs. Costa-Popovich*  
*Principál*

## School Council

Our School Council organizes a number of events throughout the year. Currently we are in the middle of our Laura Secord Chocolate Fundraiser. Thank you for supporting this!

## Thank You to Our Volunteers!

To the many volunteers who have given their time to our school we thank you! Your efforts in supporting the classrooms, driving to field trips or extra-curricular events, helping with fundraising or in a variety of ways around the school are greatly appreciated! It is through the efforts of many that help make us a great place for students!



## School Day/ Bell Time Schedule

Supervised Bus/Playground	7:55— 8:10
Period 1	8:10— 9:10
Period 2	9:10— 9:50
Nutrition Break	9:50—10:30
Period 3	10:30—11:20
Period 4	11:20—12:10
Nutrition Break	12:10—12:50
Period 5	12:50—1:50
Period 6	1:50— 2:30
Supervised Bus/Playground	2:30—2:45

## MAD Group

Our Mad Group continues to do some great things around the school. They are currently running a Food and Toy drive. Please be sure to send in non-perishable food items that can be shared with others. Also, please consider donating a new toy for the Toy Drive. These toys will definitely brighten the lives of children at McMaster University Hospital.



## Lost and Found

Is your child missing some items of clothing? We have accumulated a large number of items in our "Lost and Found" bin over the course of the term. December 20, they will be given to charity. If you are at the school over the next couple of weeks, please make sure to take a look. Also, a reminder to please label all items that come to school so that lost items can be returned to your child easily.

## Snow Clearing and Salting of School Property

Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:

- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps
- Ramps to schools
- An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

## Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children benefit from fresh air and exercise.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed. We have recently had some requests to keep students indoors during recess because they are not well enough to go outside. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide adequate supervision indoors during nutrition breaks. If your child is too ill to go outside during recess, they are likely too ill to be at school.

The City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

## Cancelation of School and Board Administrative Operations

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at that time. School Boards across Ontario have varying policies about the cancellation of schools. At HWDSB, the cancellation of transportation is linked to the cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations. The cancellation of transportation immediately triggers the closure of our schools. For more information on the Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operation, please check the Board website. The HWDSB has a voice-activated message system that allows the Board to send out messages to all students in the School Board. On days when the decision is made to close schools due to unsafe weather, the System will send out a telephone message to every household in the school. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school.

**Hamilton Wentworth District School Board School Closure Hotline (905) 521-2535. Other sources include: CHCH TV, CHML Radio, K-Lite FM Radio. Please do not phone the school to ask if schools are open as when schools are closed there is no staff at school to answer telephones**

## Hungry Kids

We continue to have children come to the office for more food for lunch. Please be aware that we only have granola bars at the office. We encourage you to discuss with your child(ren) how much food they may need throughout the day and pack lunches accordingly.

## Boys Bathroom Issues

We are sad and disappointed to report that this fall we have had ongoing issues of vandalism, misuse and mischief in our Jr./ Intermediate boys bathroom. Some of the damage has been extensive and has forced us to shut down for repairs. We have had two meetings with our male students to share our concerns as well as review appropriate expectations for bathroom use. If you have male students that are in this age group, we ask that you reinforce the seriousness of these actions and encourage them to use the bathroom in the expected way. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Upcoming Events at Saltfleet

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** - Students will visit Saltfleet to enjoy the music of Disney. The bands will be playing songs from The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, Moana, Frozen, Avengers, Spiderman, Jungle Book, Pirates of the Caribbean, etc.

**January** – Saltfleet Student Services will be visiting all grade 8 classes during the first two weeks after winter break to inform students about their high school course selections.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – Grade 8 Information night for all families of grade 8 students. This session will inform families about course selections and graduation requirements. The event begins at 630pm in the cafeteria.

## Dates to Remember

- Dec. 2 Sub Day
- Dec. 11 10:30 Gr. 7 & 8 to Saltfleet
- Dec. 12 8:30 – 10:30 Primary Holiday Craft
- Dec. 13 Last Day for Toy Drive
- Dec. 16 Sub Day
- Dec. 18 8:30 School Holiday Assembly  
10:30 Parent Assembly
- Dec. 19 10:30- 1:00 Band to Juravinski  
12:10 Gr. 2 Holiday Feast
- Dec. 20 8:30 Celebration Assembly





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