



LAWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Special points of interest:

- Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser
- Remembrance Day
- Sherwood Secondary School Information Night
- Special Lunches

IMPORTANT DATES

| Date | Event | Date | Event |
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| Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 | Pizza Day | Nov. 8 | P.A. Day (Meeting with Parents regarding Progress Reports) |
| Nov. 6 | Lockdown Drill | Nov. 6 | Gr.9—Take you Student to Work Day |
| Nov. 5, 19 | The Lunch Lady | Nov. 7 | Picture Re-Takes/Classroom Photos |
| Nov. 6 | Gr. 5/6FI RBG Centre Trip | Nov. 6 | Gr. 8 Visit to Sherwood (am) |
| Nov. 7 | Evening Progress Report Parent/Teacher Meetings | Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 20 | Gr.4-6 Bulldogs Game | Nov. 26 | Band Trip to Glendale (pm) |
| Nov. 26 | School Council Meeting @ 6 in Room 238 | Nov. 27-28 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Nov. 27 | French Immersion Advisory Committee (@ HWDSB) 7pm | Nov. 28 | Water Wonder Presentation at School (Grades & classes TBD) |
| Nov. 29 | P.A. Day | Nov. 30 | Robotics - FLL Regional Qualifier Event in St. Catharines |
| Nov. 30 | French Immersion Application Deadline | Nov. 28-29 | Lawfield Scholastic Book Fair |
| Dec. 3, 17 | The Lunch Lady | Dec. ? | Holiday Assembly TBD |
| Dec. 9 & 11 | Gr.7 Dundas Valley Trip | Dec. 2 | French Immersion Registration Opens (Gr. 1 for Sept. 2020) |

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO LAWFIELD EMAIL

Due to Anti-Spam Legislation, schools cannot use email to communicate with parents unless you "opt in" through an on-line process. All parents are asked to go to the Lawfield website and click on "Subscribe" (or go directly to the link below). This will enable us to update you when new items are posted to our website. Helping us in this way will allow us to save hundreds of dollars in photocopying/paper charges that can then be redirected to purchases for classrooms (not to mention saving a few trees). You may "unsubscribe" at any time in the future. <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lawfield/subscribe>

School Council News.....

"Children should be encouraged to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables—there is a rainbow to choose from!—all which provide a rich source of antioxidants, fibre, vitamins and minerals. This will help to promote good health now and in the future, as well as to ensure a child's healthy growth and development."

We are pleased to announce that as an initiative to create a healthier Lawfield, we will be creating our first ever school recipe book!

We will be accepting submissions from Monday November 11th until Monday December 13th and are hoping to feature a few chosen recipes from each grade level.

Your healthy recipes can be dropped off in person to the office, or emailed to lawfieldsc@hwdsb.on.ca

To encourage our students to 'taste the rainbow', we will also be having a few special tasting workshops as part of our regular nutrition program. These will take place throughout the school year and will introduce a different fruit or vegetable option for students to experience and hopefully incorporate into their diets.

The first tasting option will be a Mixed Berry Parfait on Wednesday November 27th.

ALLERGY ALERT

We have contacted many families about bringing the appropriate forms , medications and Epi-Pens to the school for students with allergies and medical concerns. It is really important for families to contact the school or provide these things as soon as possible.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Our student nutrition program continues to be thriving as we offer healthy snacks every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. In October, our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser raised \$1600 for our nutrition program. We really appreciate the support. We have also received a generous donation of \$167.30 from the Grade 6-8 dance. Treats were being sold during the dance and all proceeds made were donated back to our school nutrition program. Some other generous donations we have received are: \$10,000 from PC Children's Charity; \$7,252.50 from Tastebuds from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; and \$1000 from Tastebuds, the Grocery Foundation. Thank you to our Grade 6 to 8 students, School Council and our very generous donors for making this possible.



THANK YOU!



Grade 8 Graduation Information — Please mark your calendars



Graduation Photos will be taken by Lifetouch Photography, January 21, 2020
Rehearsal will be held in the afternoon, Thursday, June 20, 2020 at Lawfield School
The Graduation Ceremony will be held at 5:30pm on Wed., June 17, 2020 at Lawfield School.



Reception will take place at Marquis Gardens following the ceremony.
More details to follow at a later date.

YOUR PATH TO HIGH SCHOOL

Moving from elementary school to high school is a very exciting time in a young person's life. The path can also be a little stressful because you don't always know what to expect. HWDSB hosts events throughout the year to keep you and your family informed so that this transition is as smooth as possible. Attending all the events can help make your move to high school as easy as 1, 2, 3!





Remembrance Day at Lawfield School is on November 11th with an assembly. We are reminding the student's to behave with the utmost respect and compassion.

School Cash Online

For safety and efficiency, HWDSB would like to continue to reduce the amount of cash coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online! It takes less than five minutes to register. If you have registered at a previous school, the account information will be transferred to Lawfield. If you require help to register, please contact the office.



Special Lunches in November

This month our pizza days will be:

November 7, 14, 21, 28.

Pizza **must be paid in full for the entire month** when the forms are due by Nov. 1.

No late payments will be accepted. Also, please mark the number of slices of pizza that you are ordering for your child. Do not just put a check mark in the box.

Lunch Lady Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 5th & 19th.
Forms will be sent home this week.



All proceeds from Special Lunch Days will support student subsidies for educational excursions, clubs and teams.

ANONYMOUS REPORTING

We have all found ourselves in situations where we wanted to tell an authority about something that is happening, but we are nervous that if it was discovered who spoke with the authorities there might be repercussions. At Lawfield we recognize that sometimes students and/or parents need to be able to provide information to the Principal/Vice-Principal anonymously.

There are three options if you don't feel comfortable speaking directly with Mme C. Lacroix and Ms. Miscas (new Vice Principal).

- Leave a message on the school phone before 7:30 am/after 4:00 pm. You do not need to leave your name or number.
- Send an email from a non-identifying email address to the general school email account (lawfield@hwdsb.on.ca)

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Winter Weather

Bus cancellations and school closures

How does HWDSB decide on bus cancellations and school closures?

- When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m.
- Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.



When do we make decisions?

HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and board operations by 6 am, based on the best information at the time.

The HWDSB Rule:

Inclement weather
+ Bus cancellation
= No school

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.



What's the rule for extreme cold?

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this **does not** automatically mean that schools will close. In 2014, Trustees gave the Director (or designate) the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.



Where do I find cancellation information?

We will share this announcement in a variety of ways:

- The HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca
- HWDSB's Twitter account www.twitter.com/HWDSB
- HWSTS website www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca
- Local media outlets:
CBC Hamilton, CHCH TV, CHML, CKPC Brantford, Hamilton Community News, Hamilton Spectator.



Families always have a choice

A school cancellation is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.

Email Notifications for Bus Delays

The Parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website (www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) enables parents /guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their children. The portal also allows account holders to choose to receive email notifications if their child's bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes.

Please note that we are not able to contact the bus company if you cannot meet your child at the bus stop, therefore, please make alternative arrangements in advance if you are running late or stuck in traffic.

JUST A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE:

If your child is going to be absent, late, or early dismissal to please call 1-844-506-4350 or use the SafeArrival app.

If your child is being picked up early for an appointment or is not going home on the bus, please send a note to the teacher so the teacher is aware. Last minute calls and changes may not always be possible for the office to get the message to the student. If your child attends the after school program, you need to contact them directly to let them know they will not be attending.

Can you please also submit a note to the office, in writing, if you will be going away on vacation stating the dates and names of your children as we need it for ministry auditing purposes.

Scholastic Book Fair

For more information, visit <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php>

Lawfield School

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**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

NOVEMBER 27 AND 28
*** 9AM TO 3PM ***

IN THE LIBRARY

