



Sir William Osler Elementary School

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December Fun...

We have a few information items to get you through to the new year!

Monday, December 16th - Holiday Sharing Assemblies, **Parents Welcome!**

On Monday the 16th, we will have two Holiday sharing assemblies where classes will share a festive song or skit, etc., in true holiday spirit! We will have two assemblies: K-3 and 4-6 so parents/grandparents, etc., can plan to be apart of the action.

Kindergarten to Grade 3: Performs Period 3 (11:30 am - 12:20 pm)

Classes participating:

JSA - Dunsiger/Crockett	1/2A & 2A Persaud/Harvey/Young/Destro
JSB - Roberts	2/3A Reitsma
JSC - McAlpine/Kostandoff/Tofano-Howson	3/4A Whillier
1A - Schwendiman/Young	Jr. Glee Performs

Grade 4 to 6: Performs Period 4 (12:20 - 1:10 pm)

Classes participating:

4A - Kerman	6C - Widdup
5A - Neely	6/7A - Chiniborch
5B - Montesi	6FI - Rogers
6A - Hilbert	6/7FI – Beale Jr. Glee Performs

Holiday Concert

On Wednesday, December 18th - 6 -7:30pm

Featuring: Intermediate, Concert and Jazz bands/Intermediate & Junior Glee/Ensembles and Soloists. Can't wait to see you there! We expect a full house. Tickets are \$5 (family of 5 - \$15). Concessions will be available for purchase at intermission in the Library (thanks School Council!).

Treats @ School

It has been my observation that a reintroduction of how treats are handled at Osler, as per the HWDSB Nutrition Policy. As set out in the policy, 10 *Special Event* days per calendar year are to be set aside

(School Council consulted) for the purpose of the consumption/sale of foods that would be exempt for nutrition guidelines. For example, Sarah is in Gr. 3 has a birthday on December 3rd. Parents are excited and ask the teacher if they can send in birthday cupcakes or a cake for Sarah's class. In keeping with policy, the response to the parents would be that the school-based recognition/celebration of December birthdays will occur on one day. This day would have been predetermined and set as one of the *10 Special Event* days. Usually in December, the designated special event days is set for the last day of school (Christmas parties, etc), in February - Valentines Days and so on... So Sarah, with the December 3rd birthday, would be approved for celebratory cupcakes or birthday cake for her class on the Special Event day - December 20th.

We will reintroduce Special Event days in 2020 and work up to full implementation by year's end. This will start with information pieces for School Council and our school community so parents/guardians will know, well in advance, what day of the month will be designated as a Special Event day, and what the HWDSB policy says about types of food so parents can plan accordingly.

Early Departures

As this is a very busy time of year and throughout the year, please help us minimize disruptions to classes by planning ahead for any early excusals. If you will be picking up your child from school early, please remember to sign them out using Safe Arrival, send a note along to the teacher and let your child know before they come to school. This will minimize disruption to the classroom and allow for a quicker pick up.

Parking Lot

Hats off to parents as pick-up and drop-off run quite effortlessly given the volume of cars and number of little people in the parking lot at the same time. We are reminded to refrain from parking in the upper lot in the bus loading zones to facilitate bus pick-up and drop-off before and after school. Usually not an issue, but we are reminded that the first row in the upper parking lot has been designated for daycare pickup and drop off.

Other Winter-related Reminders for the School Board

Playgrounds are not plowed or cleared. Head Caretakers inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures. Students should take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wear mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that people stay inside when it's at or below -15C, or -20C with wind chill.

Have a safe and restful holiday season!