



THE HOWLER



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Good Afternoon South Meadow Students, Caregivers and Community Members,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as your new Principal! I am so excited to get to know our students, the staff and the community! I feel very grateful to have been placed here at South Meadow. What a beautiful school! So much potential to make it ours moving forward!

Prior to this role, I was half time Vice Principal at Templemead and half time at Helen Detwiler Schools. Over the past year I was also a Vice Principal of Remote Day School. Prior to that, I was the Head of Science at Saltfleet High School.

I have two boys who currently attend Saltfleet – which was part of the reason I decided to move on. Who wants their mom at their high school??!! They now have their space!

I am also very familiar with this community, having attended Orchard Park Secondary School. Currently, my husband is also the Head of Phys-Ed there. So many connections!

We are also very lucky to have Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich with us for at least the month of November as a half time VP. Mrs. C.P. recently retired as the Principal of Janet Lee School and brings a wealth of knowledge and support to our school.

On November 11th, South Meadow will join the rest of the HWDSB to recognize Remembrance Day. Our school ceremony will happen virtually being broadcast throughout the school via MS Teams followed by poppy placing on a wreath (class by class to maintain cohorts). I would like to thank Mr. Fenton for organizing this important event.

Teachers are currently collecting assessment data and using their professional judgement to complete Progress Reports for their students. This first formal communication of learning will be walked home by students on November 19th. If you have questions about your child's classroom program or level of achievement, please connect directly with their teacher. If you have questions about classroom events and your child's instructional program please reach out directly to their educator by calling the school or emailing the teacher.

School Council will be held on Thursday November 4th at 7pm on MS Teams. Joining School Council is a great way to have your voice heard and "get in the know" about what's happening at South Meadow.



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If you would like to join School Council please let me know or email our School Council Chair Lindsay Gauvreau at southmeadowSC@hwdsb.on.ca

November 26th is a PA Day for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, and there is no school for students. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning on this day.

November 30th is Picture Day. This will be done class by class. There will be no “class picture” but students will be placed onto a class composite instead. For students in the building, proofs will arrive at the school to take home and you will order online. Our remote Grade 1 class is welcome to participate and can come to the school in the morning prior to the start of school to have their picture taken. Remote students will have their proofs sent electronically to them. If your remote student would like an appointment time for this, please contact the school.

Looking out the window today, the sun is shining which is deceptive because the temperature is VERY cold. This serves as a good reminder for families to have their students dress (and pack) clothing appropriate for cold and wet weather. Winter jackets, snow boots, mittens and toques should be part of the “get ready for school routine” now that we are entering the winter months.

COVID Protocols remain in effect at all HWDSB schools. These safety measures help everyone in our community (including those at home) remain safe. Here is a summary of the safety measures at South Meadow;

- Daily Screening – Students and staff need to complete a daily screening stating they are free of COVID-19 related symptoms,
- Masks – Students and staff need to wear a mask when inside the building and when physical distancing can not be maintained. Neck gaiters are not allowed by the HWDSB as a replacement for a mask.
- When at school, students learn and remain in their cohort/class for the instructional day. At nutrition breaks, students have designated areas to move and play in.
- Staff and students are asked to physically distance (2metres) themselves as best they can when interacting in classrooms and hallways.
- Each classroom is provisioned with hand sanitizer. Students are asked to sanitize their hands when entering their learning spaces.



We are excited to announce that Senior Basketball will be commencing soon at South Meadow. More details to follow. Thanks to Mrs. Pickard for coaching, finding additional coaches and organizing!

Lastly, this will be the only paper copy of *The Howler* you will receive this year. Please subscribe to the South Meadow school website to view further communication from us at:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/southmeadow/>

Thank you, South Meadow community! I look forward to meeting you and working together!

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Principal



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