

Strathcona

January Newsletter

School Updates:

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope that families enjoyed a restful winter break.

We are back to school and focusing on Term 1 Report Cards that will be coming out in February. Educators will be reporting on the Ontario Curriculum including students' Learning Skills.

Regular attendance contributes to student success. Students who miss school or are late and/or picked up early on a regular basis are often missing critical lessons, messages and learning time. This can impact student achievement as well as creating gaps for future grades.

Please reach out if you need any assistance with regular attendance for your students.

Early Reading Screener

As we prepare to send home Term 1 Report Cards, we want to remind our SK, Grade 1 and Grade 2 families that the result of your child's Early Reading Screener will be listed on the upcoming report card. This result is the one that was communicated to you in November, at the time of Progress Reports; it is not a representation of where your child is, currently, but a reflection of where they began their journey at the start of this year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, should you have any questions.



SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Supervision Starts: 8:35 a.m.

- 1st Period: 8:50 a.m.
- Nutrition Break 1: 10:50 – 11:30 a.m.
- Nutrition Break 2: 1:10 – 1:50 a.m.
- Dismissal: 3:10 p.m.

Supervision Ends: 3:35 p.m.

Upcoming

Jan 13th

Picture Retake Day

Jan 14th

Dental Screening
JK, SK & Grade 2

Jan 16th

Swag Day (school colors)

Jan 22nd

Pizza Day: Rescheduled

Jan 23rd

PD Day – No school

Jan 27th

Family Literacy Day

Jan 28th

School Council

Feb 13th

Term 1 Report Cards Home



Winter Weather

Winter weather is upon us!

Severe Weather

School closures will be announced by 6:00 a.m. via the board website and local news outlets.



Cold Alerts

Students will be outside for recess, before and after school during cold weather. We follow The City of Hamilton Cold Weather Guidelines by keeping students inside if the temperatures dip below -15 or -20 with the wind chill.



Please ensure students are dressed for the weather with warm clothing, snow pants, hats and mittens.

Please contact the school office or your students' teacher if you are in need of winter attire. The school has a collection of items available.

Ice

Icey patches may remain on the blacktop. Although we salt often, slippery areas may exist. Please remind students to stay away from areas that may be sectioned off with pylons for safety.

Make mealtime family learning time.



Follow recipes, make shopping lists, and share stories at the dinner table.

Preparing for mealtime is a fun (and tasty) way for families to learn together!

Find fun family activities at: FamilyLiteracyDay.ca



Celebrate Family Literacy Day!

January 27th

Pizza



Pizza Day has been rescheduled due to the snow day: New date Thursday January 23rd. All students who ordered for Jan. 15th will receive their order.

Cash Payments

We do our best to provide pizza for students who bring cash, however to guarantee a slice, please consider ordering in advance.

Please use the link below to order online

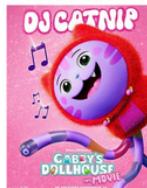
<https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

SHASA Movie Night

Free Admission

Wear your PJs!

MOVIE WAS
SELECTED BY
STUDENT VOTE!



SHASA PRESENTS



FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH, 2026
DOORS AT 615 PM, MOVIE AT 630PM
STRATHCONA SCHOOL GYM

CAREGIVER MUST ATTEND
WITH CHILD(REN)

\$1 CONCESSIONS
\$1 MYSTERY BAGS

Cotton Factory Call for ART



Exhibit Your Artwork!
Family Day Weekend
February 14-16

Theme: The Magic of Winter
Deadline to submit artwork: January 30th
Location: The Cotton Factory

STRATHCONA

10 Lamoreaux Street,
Hamilton, Ontario L8R1V1
905-527-2470
strathcona@hwdsb.on.ca

Elementary Schools— Important Dates

Make sure your child's vaccine records are up to date. If records are missing, your child may not be allowed to attend school during the suspension period.

[Read Public Health Letter »](#)



✓ Letters Sent
November 14, 2025
Watch for important mail
from Public Health



**Send Records By
January 30, 2026**
Make sure all documents
are submitted



**Suspension Notices
Week of February 6
2026**

If applicable, notices will
be sent this week



**Suspension Period
March 12–April 20, 2026**

Contact Hamilton Public Health directly:

- o Mail: P.O. Box 897, Hamilton ON, L8N 3P6
- o Phone: 905.540.5250
- o Email: vaccinerecords@hamilton.ca (no vaccine record reporting by email)

PROTECT KIDS ONLINE

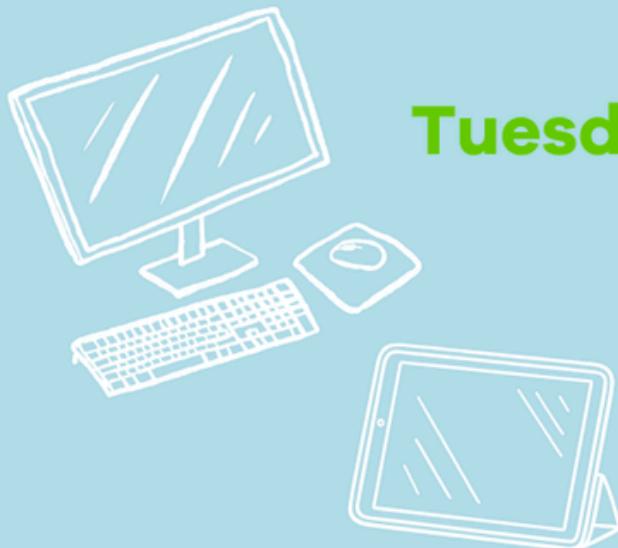
Parent & Caregiver Information Session

Hosted by Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P)

As children and youth spend more time online, families play an important role in supporting safe and healthy digital experiences.

Join us for a virtual parent webinar focused on Parenting in the Online World, where C3P will share:

- Current online safety trends affecting children and youth
- Insights from Cybertip.ca, Canada's national tipline
- Guidance on how to start meaningful, age-appropriate conversations about online safety
- Practical tools and trusted resources for families



Tuesday January 20th 2026

8:30PM

Ellis Games Room

45 Ellis Ave



Hamilton-
Halton

Please RSVP to Front desk at
frontdesk@bgchh.com or
905 549 2814 ext. 221 by
Tuesday, January 20th at noon.