

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – December 3rd, 2021



Dear Hopewell Families,

As we move into the month of December we have lots of things happening at school. Projects, virtual field trips, guest presenters, and a community initiative are just a few examples. Hanukkah was also a focus in many classrooms. One class participated in a student-led art activity celebrating the Festival of Lights.



The health and safety of our school community continues to be our highest priority. As the COVID-19 realities continue to evolve we extend a reminder to ensure that daily screening is completed for your children everyday before school using the [Screening Tool](#) . Please do not send your child to school if they do not meet the screening criteria. For adults picking up and dropping off students, please ensure that you continue to be masked and distanced at all times.

Ottawa Public Health are partners with us and have shared details about an upcoming vaccination clinic where our Hopewell community has been invited. Details are attached.

Below you will find upcoming dates, registration and transfer information for the 2022/2023 school year, a message from our School Council with more important safety messages.

Your continued partnership is appreciated. Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Bonne fin de semaine.

Martina Sherwood and Christopher Wereley  
Principal and Vice Principal

### Upcoming Dates

December 8th - Hopewell Food Drive in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre  
December 14th, 7pm - Hopewell Avenue School Council Meeting (virtual - link to come)  
December 20th - December 31st (inclusive) - Winter Break, school is closed  
January 3rd, 2022 - First day of school in 2022!  
January 21st - PA Day, Students do not attend school  
February 18th - PA Day, Students do not attend school  
February 16th - Term One Communications of Learning/Report Cards accessible electronically  
February 21st - Family Day, school is closed  
March 14th - March 18th (inclusive) - March Break, school is closed

**Registration and Transfer Information for 2022-2023**

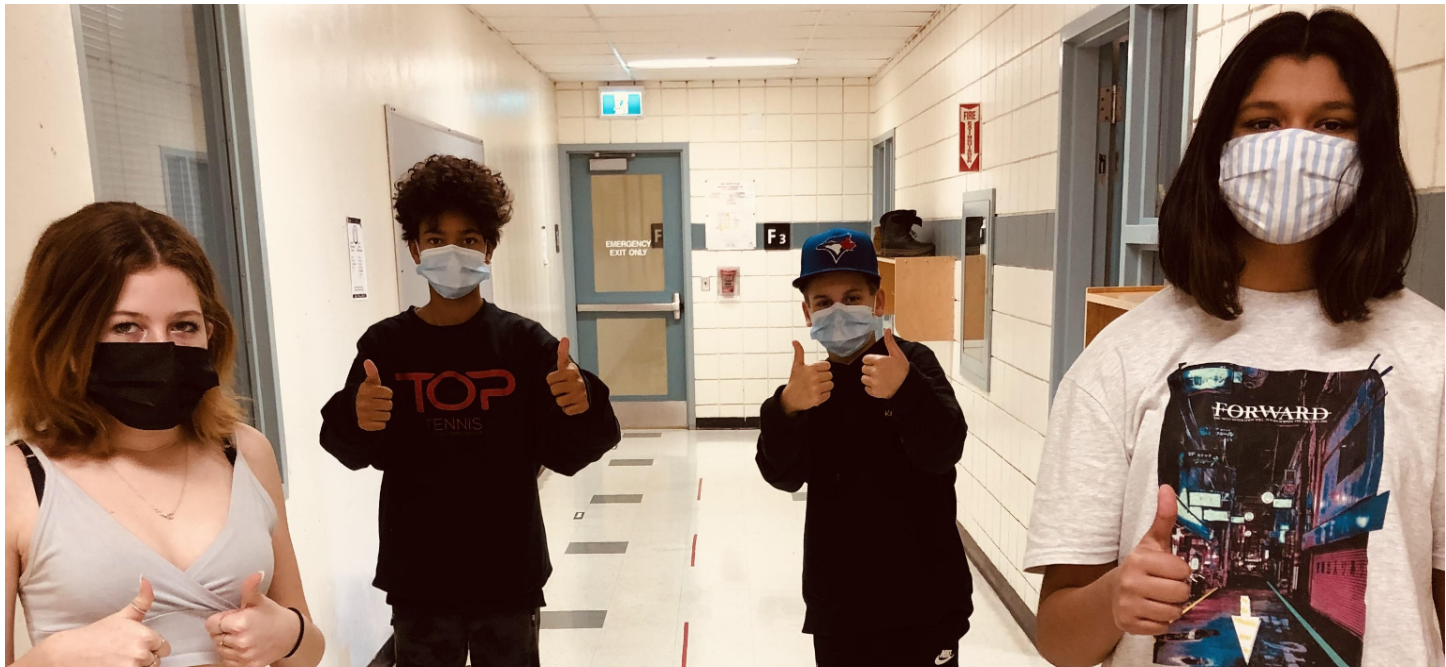
The following timelines will apply for the 2022-2023 school year. This includes kick-off to the 2022-2023 registration period, the student transfer period for the elementary and secondary panels, and the French Immersion program registration period.

The information can also be found on the Board’s website: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

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| Kick-off to 2022-2023 Registration             | Monday, January 17 to Monday, January 24, 2022  |
| Elementary Student Transfer Application Period | Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 11, 2022 |
| Secondary Student Transfer Application Period  | Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 11, 2022 |
| Middle French Immersion Registration Period    | Monday, February 7 to Friday, February 11, 2022 |

**We Are Grateful For Our Student Announcers!**

Daily announcements are part of our everyday routine at school. Over the next few weeks we will feature some of the wonderful young people who make this possible. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce four students to you: Peach D., Luke-Alexander F., Zoya K. and Jude K.. These are four grade eight students who dedicate some of their time to help out in the office doing the daily announcements. They do so with humour, pride and professionalism. Some fun facts about each of these great individuals are: Peach helps out in her family bakery - the best on the block...any block!; Luke-Alexander is a champion tennis player whose favourite beverage is Rocksteady Blue Mountain Coffee; Zoya is fluent in both English and Bangla and; Jude was born in Toronto and grew up in California before moving to Ottawa.



**Supporting Our Community: Food Drive For Centretown Emergency Food Centre**  
**Wednesday, December 8th**





Students at Hopewell Avenue Public School will have the opportunity to take part in the Holiday Food Drive for The Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Looking back at past years, the school has made significant contributions to The Food Centre's reserves at this time of year, and our support is valued beyond measure.

Information sent by The Food Centre coordinator highlights why our involvement is so important at this time of year. "The Food Centre, located at 507 Bank Street, serves residents of the Centretown area from Wellington Street to Billings Bridge, and from Lyon to Main Street. Since low-income people often spend more than half their income on rent, many in our community are in need of food. Our numbers have been rising steadily since the summer. In September, we served 821 clients, providing a 3-to-4 day supply of nourishing food according to their family size.

The Centre is run by volunteers, with only one staff-member. We purchase about one third of our food, and another third comes from the Ottawa Food Bank. We rely on food donations from local schools, churches, businesses and individuals for the rest. By holding a drive for food staples such as Kraft Dinner, pasta and pasta sauce, and canned vegetables, soup, fruit and tuna, you will help keep our food costs from increasing, and will allow many people in our neighbourhood to lead a more dignified life." Thank you for your support!

Here is a larger list of possible items that are an everyday staple to Food Centre recipients:

**Canned stew, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Granola bars, Canned baked beans, Dry cereals, Canned fruit, Baby formula, Canned vegetables, Canned tuna, Juice, Mayonnaise, Canned soups, Soap, Shampoo, Diapers, Powdered milk, Toilet paper, Tooth brushes, Tea/Coffee, Macaroni & cheese, Toothpaste, Sugar, Flour, Jam**

Students will be able to make their donation on the morning of December 8th as they line-up to enter the school.

### **A Message From School Council**

Dear Hopewell parents and guardians,

We imagine that everyone is very much looking forward to a well-deserved holiday! We encourage you to stay connected with OPH communications. Vaccination clinics are being held across the city with the goal to boost [community immunity](#). Attached you will find details of an upcoming clinic on December 6th at Carleton Heights Public School.

Please mark your calendars! The next school council meeting will take place from 7-8pm on Tuesday, December 14th. All are welcome. To keep the meeting on schedule, we kindly ask that you please send any questions or comments to us by 5pm on Thursday, December 9th at [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca). We will do our best to ensure these questions are addressed during the meeting. We will share the link to the meeting in next week's message.

Finally, a reminder about stopping on Hopewell Avenue during pick-up and drop-off. This is a no-stopping zone for the students' safety. Parked cars reduce visibility and increase the risk that children crossing Hopewell could be hit. We see the same cars every day dropping off and

picking up in the no stopping zone on Hopewell Avenue. We know the school run is a hassle, but we kindly ask parents to respect the no parking signs. They apply to everyone.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy weekend,

Alex & Petra  
Co-chairs

Finally, A Kindness and Anti-Bullying Gallery From EF23A...

