

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – January 19th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We have reached the end of a short week. Tomorrow is a PA Day and there will be no school for students. Our school team will be busy working on Term One Reports Cards/Communication of Learning as well as other professional activities.

As always, we have had an exciting week of learning. Below we have captured some highlights in our #HAPShots.

For those celebrating the Lunar New Year, we wish you peace, prosperity and love throughout this coming Year of the Rabbit.

Have a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

January 20th - PA Day, no school for students

February 2nd, 6:30pm - Kindergarten Information Night - School Library

February 17th - PA Day, no school for students

February 20th - Family Day, school is closed

March 13th to March 17th - March Break, school is closed

SCHOOL NEWS

Guest Speaker

On January 31st our grade six to eight classes are privileged to virtually welcome guest speaker Dr. Eva Olsson. Dr. Olsson is a Holocaust survivor who has dedicated her life to communicating a message of joy, hope and racial acceptance to young people of today's generation. The focus of her talk is about the effects of bullying and the importance of not being a bystander to injustice.

To learn more about this remarkable woman's life, please visit: www.evaolsson.ca

Registration and Transfer Information for 2023-2024

The following timelines will apply for the 2023-2024 school year. This includes kick-off to the 2023-2024 registration period, the student transfer period for the elementary and secondary panels, and the French Immersion program registration period.

The information, including the online Student Transfer Application forms can also be found on the Board’s website: www.ocdsb.ca.

Kick-off to 2023-2024 Registration	Monday, January 16 to Monday, January 23, 2023
Elementary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Secondary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Middle French Immersion Registration Period	Monday, February 6 to Friday, February 10, 2023

Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



Here is an overview of what’s currently happening at Hopewell:

Primary Activities

- Primary Art Club with Ms. Upton, Tuesdays at first recess
- Kids Club for Primary students on Wednesdays at first recess
- Reading Club with Ms Vorobej, Thursdays, at first recess

Junior Sports

- Boys’ Bordenball - Tryouts Monday and Wednesday, 11:10am (Grade 6); Tuesday and Thursday, 11:10am (Grades 4/5)
- Girls’ Bordenball - Thursdays, 11:10am
- Girls' Soccer - Intramurals Fridays @ 1:40pm - Gym
- Junior Dance - first nutrition break for grades 5-6 in the South Gym.

Intermediate Activities:

- Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays and Thursdays
- Study Hall - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Open Art Studio - Tuesdays
- Maker Space - Fridays
- Prism Club - Thursdays
- Grade Seven Band - Tuesdays, 8:20am
- Grade Eight Band - Thursdays, 8:20am
- Jazz Band - Mondays, 8:20am and Wednesdays, 11:10am

See our [Intermediate Page](#) for the updated calendar of events and news about Intermediate life at Hopewell.

High School Information For Grade Eight Families

Attention Families of Grade 8 Students
Grade 8 students are beginning to prepare for the transition to Grade 9! Visit the [OCDSB Welcome to High School](#) page for more details about information sessions available for area high schools.

Ms. Neerhof is also updating a [Hopewell-specific reference sheet](#) - check back here regularly as course selection dates and other info will be added as they are received. If you have any questions, email jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca

A Message From Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

Hello Hopewell community -

Thanks to everyone who has ordered Pizza and Subway! First Subway day is Monday 30 January and there is one more day next Friday 27 Jan for the term! Pizza Fridays! Confused about the dates and details?!? Please consult our calendar on the [hot-lunches program](#).



We'd like to invite any Hopewell parent interested in meeting other parents - to join us Friday 10 February at Hopewell school in Room #225. A sign will greet you at the main Hopewell door. Come and join for a coffee/tea and chat.

Friday
10
February

Hopewell Parents

Parent Council Room
noon to 1:30 pm

coffee time
2nd Friday of every month!

**Expand your village &
meet other Hopewell Parents.**

Coffee & tea provided.
Please bring your own mug.

Can't make this one? No problem!
We will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of every month!

Brought to you by your Hopewell Ave PS Parent Council.
Please contact sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca for more details.

At our last Tuesday School Council meeting we discussed a variety of topics including the OCDSB strategic plan and traffic safety around Hopewell. We are also pleased to bring you a series of events in the upcoming months. Look out for more information on the Grade5 cross-country ski-trip, the Spring yard clean and Bike-sale and the Kids clothing swap. Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March - mark your calendar if you'd like to join.

As always, please find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) and contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Thanks and happy weekend!

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

District News

January 23: OCDSB Speaker Series, Supporting your Child's Mental Health and Well-Being

A reminder that parents and guardians are welcome to join us on Monday, January 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for *Supporting your Child's Mental Health and Well-Being*, a virtual OCDSB Speaker Series event. Save [this link](#) to join the session.

Save the Date: February 13, Introduction to Gender Identity and Expression

Are you a parent or caregiver to a trans, gender diverse, or questioning child or youth? Do you have questions about gender diversity? Are you interested in learning more about creating inclusive environments for children and youth in your life? Join us on **Monday, February 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** for a webinar on Gender Identity and Gender Expression. We will explore questions about gender identity and expression and how parents and guardians can support young people to be themselves, regardless of age or gender. Registration details will be shared in the coming weeks.

January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

International Holocaust Remembrance Day honours and remembers the over six million Jews murdered and countless other victims of the Holocaust. At the OCDSB, it is our obligation to educate, prevent, challenge and address antisemitism in all its forms. Educating students about the Holocaust, equipping staff members with helpful resources and lessons, and sharing additional information with families is an important part of this responsibility. Resources are being shared with staff members to help guide learning, and more will be posted to our website, including:

- [Videos](#) and additional resources from the [Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship \(CHES\)](#)
- [“Behind the Lies of Holocaust Denial”](#), a TEDTalk by Deborah Lipstadt

Learning from our past is critical to shaping a more inclusive future, free of antisemitism and hate.

#HAPShots

A little glimpse of what we've been up to this week!

