

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – December 1st, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy December!

This week we had the privilege of welcoming some special guests into our building. Through an OCDSB partnership with the Nanjing Education Bureau, four educators from Nanjing, China have joined our school for training and observation. They also have the opportunity to provide some cultural presentations to some of our classes. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with fellow educators from across the globe and learn from each other.

Our Junior Bordenball Teams did a fabulous job of representing our school on Wednesday. Both teams won their tournaments on Wednesday! Thank you to coaches Esther Nicolas and Brenda Quinn for supporting these teams!

Registration dates have been released for the 2024-2025 school year and are posted below. Please note, our Kindergarten Information Night is scheduled to take place on the evening Tuesday, January 23rd.

Next Thursday evening we are featuring a Music Night starting at 6:30pm. Hopewell choirs and bands will be performing. Students and their teachers participating in this event have worked for months to prepare and we look forward to welcoming families on Thursday evening.

As always, #HAPShots are included in this message, capturing many of the highlights of our week.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller  
Principal & Vice-Principal

X: @HopewellAvePS

Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



## UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, December 7th, 6:30pm - Music Night!

December 25th, 2023 - January 5th, 2024 - Winter Break, school is closed

Monday, January 8th, 2024 - Return to school - 2024!

Tuesday, January 16th - School Council, 7pm in library

Thursday, January 25th - Movie Night hosted by School Council

Friday, January 26th - PA Day, No School For Students

Friday, February 16th - PA Day, No School For Students

Monday, February 19th - Family Day, School Is Closed

Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th - March Break

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Registration and Transfer Information for 2024-2025

The following timelines will apply for the 2024-2025 school year for; kick-off to the 2024-2025 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](http://www.ocdsb.ca). A Kindergarten Information Evening will be held at Hopewell on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 6:30pm in our school library.

Kick-off to 2024-2025 Registration	Monday, January 15 to Friday, January 19, 2024
Elementary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 9, 2024
Secondary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 9, 2024
Middle French Immersion Registration Period	Monday, February 5 to Friday, February 9, 2024

### Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

#### Primary and Junior Activities

Grades 1 and 2 Choir - Mondays in room 100 during the 11:35 recess. Contact: [nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca)

Grades 3 to 6 Choir - Thursdays in room 100 during the 11:35 recess. Contact: [nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca)

Primary Art Club - Fridays in room 100 during second break 1:40-2:20. Contact: [jacey.upton@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jacey.upton@ocdsb.ca)

Textiles Club - Thursdays with Ms Thiessen Contact: [jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca)

Primary Chess Club - Wednesdays at 1:40pm in room 424 Contact: [jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca)

Grade Three Math Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 424. Contact: [elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca](mailto:elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca)

Junior Yo-Yo and Minecraft Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 100. Contact: [alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca](mailto:alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca)

Junior Boys and Girls Bordenball is starting - stay tuned for details.

### Intermediate News

## Transition to Grade 9

Grade 8 families should continue to check the [Parent Reference Sheet](#) for Open House information, and watch their emails for specific updates. Noteworthy new additions include the **Glebe CI Open House** and **Hillcrest Open House** scheduled for December 6th and 12th respectively. All Grade 8 Families should also try to attend the [All About High School Virtual Information Session](#) hosted virtually on Nov. 29th. If you have any questions, please reach out to: [jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca).

## OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter and Student Circles



The latest edition of the OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter can be accessed [here](#).

The next in-person Student Circle will be hosted at Hopewell by Minwaashin Lodge on December 14th. If you would like your child to participate or would like more information about the Student Circle, please reach out to Kris or us at Hopewell.

[Kris Meawasige Contact](#)

Sign up for the bi-weekly Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter [here](#).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOPEWELL AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Hello wonderful Hopewell community -  
Looking forward to seeing parents next Friday 8 December during our monthly Coffee-chat! Come join with a question - or just stop by to enjoy a chat and a scone.



Fridays  
**October 13**  
**November 10**  
**December 8**

*Hopewell Parents  
& guardians*

Hopewell Ave. PS  
School Council Room  
Rm 225  
noon to 1:30 pm

*coffee time*  
2nd Friday of every month!

**Expand your village & meet other  
Hopewell Parents/Guardians!**

*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 School Council.  
Please contact [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca) for more details.

Thanks to those who reached out about supporting Movie Nights! More hands and minds are welcome. We are also looking for active Cross-country skiers who are interested in helping organize an outing! Please reach out:  
[sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

**Want to  
Volunteer?**



Our next Council meeting will be 16th January. Find more information on School Council on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#)  
Thank you!

Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry,  
Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

**#HAPShots**



