Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – April 14th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

We hope everyone had a good week. On the ground at Hopewell it feels like we have locked in spring with the biggest indicator yet - our play structures have re-opened! Students were so thrilled to have access to our structures once again.

Next week we will be re-opening our library for book exchanges and time with our library technician, Christine Power. A huge thank you to Ms. Power for all her work to deliver a library on wheels and being virtual storyteller for our students. She has worked hard to bring the library to students during our pandemic restrictions and we are grateful for all that she does. Her energy, enthusiasm and creativity have supported the love of literacy and the joy of finding "that special book" during some very challenging times. As much as the students will be excited to get back into the library space, we don't think anyone will be as excited as Ms. Power! :)

As shared last week, we continue to track staff absences closely and we will make every effort to keep classes and our school open. If we cannot operate safely due to staffing shortages, a class or our school may have to pivot to remote learning until we can arrange for appropriate coverage. We will make every effort to advise families the night before. We encourage families to have contingency plans in place and to monitor your email for updates. Yesterday, for the first time, we had to make the decision to close three classes today. We appreciate that receiving a message about a class closure is not easy to receive.

Yesterday district messaging was shared with families communicating a return to mandatory mask use where all individuals are required to wear a mask inside OCDSB schools and buildings, effective immediately. This includes students, staff, and visitors (including parents picking up or dropping off children for EDP). Please refer to the message sent from our Director of Education, Camille Williams-Taylor, for details around this requirement.

Included below you will find information about Hopewell's emerging scientists, Summer School for grades 6 to 8, the International Day of Pink, a message from our School Council, and a chance to enjoy some art from around our school - please enjoy the virtual gallery we have shared!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. We wish you and your families a wonderful long weekend. For those who acknowledge Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter! For families celebrating Passover, Happy Pesach! Stay safe and take good care.

Martina Sherwood & Christopher Wereley

Upcoming Dates

April 15th - Good Friday, school is closed

April 18th - Easter Monday, school is closed

April 26th - Photo Retake Day (Individual photos and leaving photos)

May 10th, 7pm - School Council Meeting, Virtual Link: TBA

June 3rd - PA Day, Students do not attend school

June 30th - Last day of school for students

A Message From Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

We continue to seek volunteers to support a return to pizza days! School yard clean up plans are also in progress - mark Saturday, May 7th on your calendars, bring friends, bring your gardening supplies - wheelbarrows for moving mulch, rakes, brooms, shovels...! Please reach out to the School Council for volunteering, questions and ideas: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Pizza Day volunteers needed!

Do your kids miss the hot lunches in school and look forward to the return of Pizza Day?

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help make our lunch programs run smoothly, and join our team! We are planning the return of PIZZA DAY

Contact School Council if you are interested: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca



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Hopewell Ave School Yard Clean-up

Saturday 7 May 2022, 10:00 am onwards Join us to clean our School yard!

Bring your rake, broom, shovel, wheelbarrow, small saw, garden gloves...

Bonus you get to catch up with the school community

Contact School Council
if you are interested:
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Rapid Antigen Tests are available to students who have used both of their original tests and require replacements. Should you require additional tests for your child, please email us at: hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca with the subject line: Rapid Antigen Test Request. Include the name and homeroom of your child in your message.

Ottawa Regional Science Fair News!



Congratulations to Sofia H. and Mackenzie N. from class EMF7/8A for their great success at the Ottawa Regional Science Fair!

This event was virtual this year and it took place between March 28th to April 9th. Sofia and Mackenzie's project, entitled "The Removal of Industrial Dye from Polluted Ecosystems: An Organic Solution", won many prizes at the awards ceremony!

Their project won awards from the following organizations: the Ottawa Field Naturalist Club, the Ottawa Horticultural Society, the Water Environment Association of Ontario, and the Laurentian Chapter of the SETAC.

Sofia and Mackenzie's project also placed third overall for their age group!

Hopewell is very proud of the hard work and dedication that Sofia and Mackenzie demonstrated in participating in this event. Bravo!

International Day Of Pink



On Wednesday, April 13th we acknowledged the International Day of Pink. On this day the following announcement was shared with all of our students:

Today is the International Day of Pink. The OCDSB wears pink to stand with our #2SLGBTQ+ selves, students, friends, co-workers and community and stand against homophobia, biphobia and, transphobia. Our schools are places where everyone should feel safe.

This is a day celebrated in Canada and around the world as a reminder to everyone of the power of allyship and speaking out against bullying when you see it happening. Every year we mark this day to honour the bravery of two high school students who stepped in when a fellow student who was being bullied for being gay and wearing a pink shirt. These students heard

what happened and mobilized their entire school to wear pink in support of the student who was bullied. This is the power of allyship. Our small actions can have a large impact.

At the OCDSB, we value the dignity and worth of each person and recognize each person's right to be treated equally and feel belonging. The OCDSB is mindful of the bullying and violence that 2SLGBTQ+ community members continue to experience and works to create learning and working environments where everyone can feel safe expressing who they are and sharing who they love. Today, and all days, we ask you to take a stand against bullying and take an active role in keeping our spaces welcoming and safe.

If you experience or see someone being bullied, speak out. Tell a trusted adult at school We will take action to stop it. Bullying has no place in our schools. We all have a role to play in making our schools safe for our 2SLGBTQ+ selves, friends, family and community.

Summer School Offered By OCDSB Continuing Education

There are a number of summer school opportunities available to OCDSB students in grades 6 to 12. You may find this information on the flyer attached **here**. The information is also attached below.



Summer School 2022

Summer School is a great option for students who wish to complete an additional credit or who may need to upgrade a mark during the summer. Programs are offered for students currently in grades 6-8, grades 9-12, as well as for adult learners working towards their high school diploma.



Plans for Summer School 2022 are being made for a return to in-person summer learning, as well as for continued virtual options. In-person programming will run contingent on public health directives but may change prior to program start.

Grade 6-8 Summer Programs

Two non credit programs are available for OCDSB students in Grades 6-8 designed to assist students as they prepare for the transition to higher grade levels.

- Review and Reinforcement Program for Grades 6-8
- Getting Ready for Grade 9

Some reach ahead credit courses are also available to Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in the 2022-2023 school year.

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Grade 9-12 Summer Programs

A variety of credit programs are available for students in Grades 9-12 including:

- Reach Ahead Credit Program
- eLearning Program
- Credit Recovery and Academic Upgrading Program
- Co-operative Education Program

Students may only enroll in one Summer School credit course (i.e., one Reach-ahead course, one eLearning course, etc).

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Equity Based Summer Programs

Indigenous Summer Learning Program: A reach ahead credit opportunity for Indigenous OCDSB Students in Grades 8-12.

Sankofa Summer Academy for Black Youth: A reach ahead credit opportunity for African, Black, and Caribbean OCDSB Students.

2SLGBTQ+ Voices: Building Bridges Program: a virtual reach ahead credit opportunity for 2SLGBTQ+ OCDSB students

MORE INFORMATION »

Students enrolled in virtual courses will participate in both synchronous and asynchronous learning throughout the school day. Students enrolled in virtual courses will need access to a device and reliable internet. Students who require a device must make arrangements with their home school.

Registration and More Information

Visit <u>www.SummerSchoolinOttawa.com</u> for more information including details on how to register.

Call <u>613-239-2620</u> or email <u>contedcredit@ocdsb.ca</u> with any questions.







Grade 6-8 Summer Programs

Program duration: July 7 - July 29, 2022 Registration Deadline: May 2 - June 17, 2022



Students are required to attend the full summer school program. Vacations and holidays must not be taken for the duration of the program.

Review and Reinforcement Grades 6-8

Locations: Broadview, Sawmill Creek, Jack Donohue, a limited number of Virtual classes

Eligibility: Open to any student currently enrolled in grade 6, 7 and 8 in the OCDSB 2021-2022 school year and who meets at least one of the criteria listed below:

- currently achieving below the provincial standard in Language Arts and/or Math
- currently receiving support as an English Language Learner at Step 1-2 ESL
- currently receiving support as an English Language Learner at Step 1-4 ELD

Students will have opportunities to:

- connect with an OCDSB teacher to receive instruction that focuses on literacy and numeracy gaps.
- explore a different foundational numeracy topic each week through teacher led activities.
- receive individual guidance and build foundational literacy skills through teacher lead activities
- · participate in hands on/experiential learning

Getting Ready for Grade 9

Locations: Broadview, Sawmill Creek, Jack Donohue, a limited number of Virtual classes

Eligibility: Open to any student currently enrolled in grade 8 in the OCDSB in the 2021-2022 school year and who meets the criteria listed below:

- currently achieving at the provincial standard in Language Arts and/or Math
- lacks confidence in academic performance or has learning gaps
- has been identified by their teacher as a student who would benefit from additional practice and preparation before grade 9

Students will have opportunities to:

- connect with an OCDSB teacher to receive instruction that focuses on Language Arts and Math
- deepen their understanding of key numeracy concepts each week through teacher led activities.
- get feedback on and further develop their literacy skills, in particular writing skills, each week through teacher led activities.

Grade 9 Reach Ahead / eLearning Credit Courses (full day classes)

Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in the 2022-2023 school year have the opportunity to take select Reach Ahead Credit Courses, eLearning Courses as well as Equity Based Programs (Indigenous Summer Learning Program, Sankofa Summer Academy for Black Youth and 2SLGBTQ+ Voices: Building Bridges Program - available on a limited basis based on eligibility criteria).

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Grade 9-12 Summer Programs



Students are required to attend the full summer school program. Vacations and holidays must not be taken for the duration of the program.

Reach Ahead Credit Program

Program Duration: July 6 - July 28, 2022 **Registration:** April 4 - June 28, 2022

A variety of Grade 9-12 credit courses are available for students who wish to acquire an extra credit towards their diploma, or who successfully completed a course but want to upgrade their mark. In-person courses are available, as well as virtual courses that are offered through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous online instruction.

Visit the <u>Reach Ahead Credit Program webpage</u> for more information.

eLearning Credit Program

Program Duration: July 5 - August 3, 2022 **Registration:** April 4 - June 28, 2022

The eLearning Program includes a variety of Grade 9-12 credit courses offered through an asynchronous virtual learning model.

Asynchronous learning does not occur in real time, but is facilitated by a teacher who controls the timing of the course to encourage collaboration and enable effective feedback.

Visit the <u>eLearning Program webpage</u> for more information.

Credit Recovery and Academic Upgrading

Program Duration: July 6 - July 28, 2022 **Registration:** April 4 - June 28, 2022

The Credit Recovery and Academic Upgrading program is designed for OCDSB students who have completed a course within the school year or semester, but need some additional assistance to meet curriculum expectations to a passing level. This program is available for OCDSB students recommended to the program by their day school.

Visit the <u>Credit Recovery and Academic</u>
<u>Upgrading webpage</u> for more information.

Co-operative Education Program

Program Duration:

1 Credit: July 5 - July 27, 2022 2 Credit: July 5 - August 19, 2022 Registration: April 4 - May 20, 2022

The Co-operative Education Summe Program offers students in Grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to gain work experience in the workplace through in-person or virtual placements, as well as a purely virtual co-op experience through the DCO3O course in a virtual platform.

Visit the <u>Co-operative Education Program</u> <u>webpage</u> for more information.

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Grade 8-12 Equity Based Summer Programs

Program duration: July 6 - August 5, 2022 **Registration:** April 4 - June 28, 2022



Students are required to attend the full summer school program. Vacations and holidays must not be taken for the duration of the program.

Indigenous Summer Learning Program (In-Person)

In partnership with the OCDSB Indigenous Education team, the Continuing Education Department is offering a learning opportunity for Indigenous OCDSB students currently in Grade 8-12. Students can earn an academic credit while learning from Indigenous teachers, Elders and Traditional Knowledge Holders. This 5-week afternoon learning program includes virtual and Land-based experiential learning. Visit the Indigenous Summer Learning Program webpage for more information.

Sankofa Summer Academy for Black Youth (In-Person)

The OCDSB Continuing Education department, in partnership with the Sankofa Centre of Excellence will be offering a virtual reach ahead credit opportunity for African, Black and Caribbean OCDSB students in Grades 8-12. Eligible students will have the opportunity to supplement and enrich their High School Education by acquiring one credit. Visit the Sankofa Summer Academy for Black Youth webpage for more information.

2SLGBTQ+ Voices: Building Bridges Program (In-Person)

This summer, the OCDSB Continuing Education department will be offering a virtual reach ahead credit opportunity for 2SLGBTQ+ OCDSB students in Grades 8-12. Eligible students will have the opportunity to supplement and enrich their High School Education by acquiring one credit. Visit the <u>2SLGBTQ+ Voices:</u> <u>Building Bridges Program webpage</u> for more information.

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A Virtual Art Gallery...









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