

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – January 20th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

Our first week back in person started with a bit of a twist on Monday with the arrival of a giant snowstorm. Students arrived back to school on Tuesday with a blanket of fresh snow and a perfect winter's day waiting for them. We know there have been lots of emotions around the return to school over the past weeks. We can report that in our time back together this week our school has been a happy place.

We continue to closely monitor absences and thank you for completing the [COVID Screening](#) with your children everyday prior to their arrival. If your child is going to be absent, please remember to call our attendance line (613-239-2348, press 1) to report the absence. We also encourage you to use this OPH flowchart to understand [symptoms and isolation requirements](#). As shared in central communication, regardless of the reason for a student's absence, students not attending school can continue to engage with their class and learning materials asynchronously through their Google Classrooms. If you are calling to report your child absent, please also indicate whether or not they will be accessing the Google Classroom.

Staff absences are also closely tracked and, as indicated through district messaging, 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. If this happens, 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.

Rapid antigen tests and additional masks for students will be backpacked home early next week. Anticipate receiving a message from us when they are sent home.

On Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30pm we are holding our virtual Kindergarten Information Night. If you have future Hopewell families in your neighbourhood, please let them know. Details about our information night will be communicated through our website and through district messaging.

Noted below you will find details regarding registration and transfers for the 2022-2023 school year, upcoming dates and events, a message from our School Council, and a reach out for gently used book donations for our school library. This week registration opened for new families and planning has begun already for next year.

As a reminder, tomorrow is a PA Day and there will be no school for students.

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

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. Stay safe and take good care.

Martina Sherwood & Christopher Wereley
Principal & Vice Principal
Hopewell Avenue Public School

Upcoming Dates

January 20th, 7:30pm - School Council Event: Q&A with Trustee Lyra Evans - Link: <http://meet.google.com/tpi-odbz-xrr>

January 21st - PA Day, Students do not attend school

January 25th, 6:30pm - Kindergarten Information Night - Virtual Link:
<https://meet.google.com/oqy-xpmb-ouc?pli=1>
 February 8th, 7pm - School Council Meeting - Virtual Link TBA
 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
 April 15th - Good Friday, school is closed
 April 18th - Easter Monday, school is closed
 June 3rd - PA Day, Students do not attend school
 June 30th - Last day of school for students

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 Middle French Immersion program registration period.

The information can also be found on the Board’s website: www.ocdsb.ca.

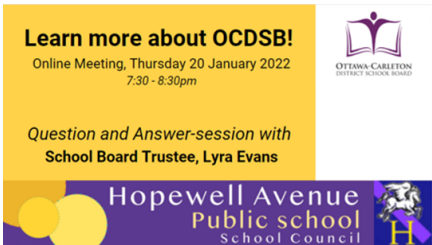
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| Kick-off to 2022-2023 Registration | Monday, January 17 to Monday, January 24, 2022 |
| Elementary Student Transfer Application Period | Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 11, 2022 |
| Secondary Student Transfer Application Period | Monday, January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

A Message From School Council

School Council would like to remind parents/guardians of the upcoming evening with School Board Trustee, Lyra Evans, this evening, Thursday, January 20th. We’re very excited to let you know that she has proposed a comprehensive agenda in which she will address the following issues: the draft Safe School Policy, the upcoming review of the Board’s Human Rights Policy, exploring students’ right to privacy, new Trustee boundaries, the future of English programs, long-term planning for over-capacity, and COVID-19 safety measures. Below is the link to this meeting. Please mark your calendars.

Q&A Session with School Board Trustee: January 20, 2022, 7:30-8:30

[\(meet.google.com/tpi-odbz-xrr\)](https://meet.google.com/tpi-odbz-xrr)



School Council can be reached at sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Alex & Petra

Co-Chairs



Looking To Give Your Children's Used Books New Life?

In an effort to keep our collection current and well stocked, the Hopewell library would welcome any gently used books. English books, French books, fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, and recent age-appropriate magazines would all be welcome.

So, please send in any gently used books with your child. Our staff will ensure that all books get into the hands of our Librarian, Christine Power. Please contact Mrs. Power directly if you have any questions. She can be reached at christine.power@ocdsb.ca. Thank you for supporting our library!