

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – January 7th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

Happy New Year! Wishing a Merry Christmas to those who are celebrating Orthodox Christmas today.

Our first week of school in 2022 has unfolded in a way many of us would not have anticipated a month ago and we hope everyone is doing well. Our school team has been hard at work supporting the shift to remote learning and we were able to launch smoothly on Wednesday. We started the school year prepared for the possibility that we would have to shift to remote learning and we were ready. We are fully online now and you will have received a schedule from your child's teacher indicating synchronous and asynchronous learning times as well as details for accessing virtual learning.

Chromebook deployment began Tuesday. If you require access to a Chromebook and have not yet reached out, we do have a limited number available and may still be able to lend one to you. For Chromebook requests, please contact Vice-Principal Christopher Wereley by email at: christopher.wereley@ocdsb.ca

We have had an opportunity to visit many virtual classrooms and continue to be impressed with your children! We are so excited to see them again and have had the joy of meeting pets (Speedy the Iguana in particular seems to love the camera!), seeing favourite toys and learning along with them in their classes. Our students are engaging in their classes, participating in discussions and are now experts at navigating their learning online. Thank you, parents! As OCDSB parents as well we know the challenges that come with learning at home - it is not easy! Our dedicated team at Hopewell continues to work together to support your children. When not online with your children there is lots of collaboration and resource sharing happening. We feel very privileged to work with such an awesome team.

The mental health and well-being of our school community continues to be a high priority. With this in mind, we remind you of the [Mental Health during COVID-19](#) page on our district website. On this page you will find information on managing stress and anxiety as well as contact information for local crisis lines and community resources. Key contacts include:

[Kids Help phone](#) (available 24/7): 1-800-668-6868 or text: CONNECT to 686868

[Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region](#): 613-238-3311

[211 Ontario](#) provides information on community and social services, dial 211

[YSB crisis line](#) (available 24/7): Phone - 613-260-2360

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 and a message from our School Council.

You will continue to receive district messages with any updates or key information that you require. 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 TBA
- 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.

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

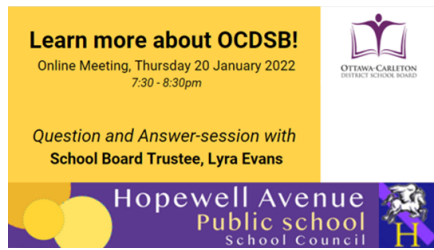
A Message From School Council

Happy New Year, Hopewell families!

We're back to remote learning (sigh), but it's safe to say that everyone's fingers are crossed for a prompt return to school. Very soon, most Hopewell kids will be double vaccinated, which will make our whole community a safer place and get us back on track towards that light at the end of the tunnel. We're so looking forward to being able to organize in-person events...and pizza Fridays!

In the meantime, please mark your calendars:

School Council meeting: February 8, 2022, 7-8:30 PM
(login details to come closer to the event)



Q&A Session with School Board Trustee: January 20, 2022, 7:30-8:30
(meet.google.com/tpi-odbz-xrr)

The question and answer session with Lyra Evans will be a great opportunity to hear about what's happening at the Board--the priorities under consideration. We're sure you have questions for our School Board Trustee, so please help us develop an agenda by sending us the questions and issues that you'd like addressed. We can be reached at sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy weekend,

Alex & Petra
Co-Chairs