



**Hopewell Avenue Public School Community Connection  
November 22, 2024**

Hello Hopewell Families,

We hope you have had a wonderful week!

On Wednesday of this past week, access to Progress Reports (grades 1-8) and Initial Observations of Learning (Kindergarten) were sent out via our SchoolMessenger system. If you did not receive your child's Progress Report or Initial Observations of Learning message, please reach out to our school office. Progress Reports are designed to share information about a child's general progress in working towards their achievement of the curriculum expectations. Progress Reports do not include marks or letter grades, but rather progress will be reported by indicating if the student is "progressing very well", "progressing well", or "progressing with difficulty". This report is intended to provide parents with an early indication of their child's progress and will communicate areas of growth. Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will take place next Thursday evening and Friday morning. Details about interviews are in our School News section of this message.

This week OSTA and Hopewell held Emergency Bus Evacuation drills. All of our homeroom classes from Kinder to grade eight learned how to safely exit a yellow school bus in case of emergency. This is the first time in six years that we have been able to do so and our students did a fabulous job of listening, learning and evacuating safely. We are so proud of our Hopewell students.

A community message from Snowhawks can also be found below. The opportunity for grades 5-8 students to participate in this community program is available once again.

As always, HAPShots capturing some of the highlights of this week can be found at the bottom of this message.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Andrea White & Sandy Miller  
Proud Hopewell Administrative Team

### **Important Dates**

Nov. 28/29-Parent/Guardian/Educator Interviews  
Nov. 19- PA Day (no school for students)  
Dec. 5- Music Night

### **School News**

#### **Parent/Educator Interviews**

Parent/Guardian/Educator Interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, November 28th and the morning of Friday, November 29th. In many cases families and educators have already had the chance to meet and an interview has not been requested. If your child's educator has requested an interview you will have received an email today. If you did not receive a request for an interview and would like to schedule a meeting, you may book a time through our online booking system which can be accessed by following this link:

[Parent Teachers Interviews](#)

Interviews are 10 minutes in duration to allow educators to meet with as many families as possible. Please note, to allow educators to prepare for interviews, access to online booking will close at **4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27th**.

#### **Music Night**

Please join us for Music Night on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30pm in the Central Gym. This performance will showcase the primary and junior choirs, as well as the Intermediate bands. There is no cost for admission, but donations are greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

#### **Choir**

The Choirs are also performing the evening of **Thursday, December 5th**. If you would like an easy way to keep up to date, you can help your child join our Google Classroom with their OCDSB account and the following links:

[Grade 1-2 choir](#)  
[Grade 3-6 choir](#)

Here is the schedule:

6:00 – Doors open. Choristers meet in the North Gym. Families and friends may take their seats in the Central Gym.

6:30 – Our concert starts! The Grade 1-2 and Grade 3-6 Choirs will both sing, and the Intermediate bands will play. All ensembles will perform a massed finale.

There is no cost for admission, but donations are greatly appreciated.

We do not have a uniform or particular colours; children are encouraged to wear something that looks great.

See you soon!

Nicola Williams

## **Information Items**

### **Snowhawks**

Get ready for winter fun... For 2025, Snowhawks Ottawa returns to Hopewell Ave to offer students in grades 5 through 8 a four-day, after-school ski & snowboard program. The first outing will be Thursday, January 9, 2025, and the program will continue Jan 16, Jan 23 & Jan 30. Two trips each to Vorlage and Mt Cascades will provide plenty of variety. Participants may register for lift tickets and motor coach travel only, with buddied free-ski time and general supervision; or they may add lessons and/or equipment rental as desired. Parents may also indicate their interest in volunteering during the online registration process. Motor coaches will leave the school at early dismissal (3:20 PM) and return to school at 9:00 PM.

Deadline for registration is Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, although space may fill before the deadline! Click [here](#) for the program info-sheet which includes a link to the Snowhawks Registration Portal. For answers to any questions about the program, please contact Snowhawks Ottawa directly at [ottawa@snowhawks.com](mailto:ottawa@snowhawks.com)

## **Sports and Extracurriculars**

### **Primary**

Grade 1-2 Choir (Nicola Williams)

### **Junior**

Choir (Nicola Williams)

Bordenball (Brenda Quinn, Renée Labrosse)

## **Intermediate**

Intermediate Volleyball (Andrew Wood)

Prism Club (Jen Compagnon, Gisèle Pritchard, Natalie Johnston)

Jazz Band (Marya Woyiwada)

Senior Band (Marya Woyiwada)

Musical (Marya Woyiwada)

Origami and Paper Crafts Club (Thomas Ranger)

## **School Council News**



Hello Hopewell Community,

Our School Council runs on the dedication of volunteer time and we thank all of you who get involved from Pizza days, Ski Sales to being a member on the School Council. Any time parents and guardians can volunteer it is gratefully appreciated. We are on the lookout for two roles, we are in need of a new Secretary for School Council meetings and a Lead for the EOY BBQ. If either of these positions would be of interest to you please do reach out by email: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Claire Kerry and Venus Nikseresht  
Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

Find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) or contact us by email: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

For volunteer signup please sign up via the [google form](#)

## **OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter**



Here is the most recent [OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter](#).

You are welcome at any time to reach out to Jade Desjardins our Indigenous Student Support Coordinator at: 613-915-3643 / [jade.desjardins@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jade.desjardins@ocdsb.ca) or to us at Hopewell for any questions or to access supports for your child or your family.

Reasons why a student/family may want to connect with Jade for cultural support are [attached here](#).

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**HAPShots**













