



**Hopewell Avenue Public School Community Connection  
October 4, 2024**

Hello Hopewell Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now officially into our second month of school. This past week our Ultimate Frisbee team participated in their tournament and did a fantastic job representing Hopewell. Bravo!

Every September, as part of the annual OCDSB staffing timelines, enrolment numbers across the District are reviewed to assess whether or not class projections have been met. This year, student enrollment is lower than expected in several elementary schools across the District. While our school enrollment has not declined, we are slightly shy of the number of students projected by the board. As a result of lower enrolment numbers, there will be changes to the total number of classes and teaching positions across the District.

Unfortunately, Hopewell Avenue P.S. will face a reduction in our teacher staffing allocation, necessitating a reorganization of our classes (changing from 33 classes to 32). This will most significantly affect our EFI (Early French Immersion) classrooms in the junior divisions, specifically in grades 5 and 6. For the classes most significantly impacted, families have already been notified but there may be some slight changes to students' timetables as we finalize scheduling details.

We understand that a change in classes can be disruptive and upsetting to some students. We are committed to minimizing any changes and ensuring that this transition is as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate these changes.

Sincerely,

Andrea White & Sandy Miller  
Proud Hopewell Administrative Team

### **Important Dates**

Oct. 5 - World Teacher's Day  
Oct. 8- School Council Meeting  
Oct. 10- Photo Day  
Oct. 14- Thanksgiving (no school)

### **School News**

#### **Picture Day**

Picture Day is on Thursday, October 10 for all students. Please note that no order or payment is due on photo day.

#### **Food Drive**



We would like to invite families to participate in our first Food Drive scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, October 9th**. We are collecting to support the Centretown Emergency Food Centre as their supplies are seriously low and they are working to provide for a growing number of families and individuals in our community. Drop off locations will be available outside in each yard for Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate families to bring their donations.

The highest need items are listed below.

The Centretown Food Bank appreciates any contributions families can make at this time.



A PROJECT OF THE CENTRETOWN CHURCHES SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
Located at 370 Catherine Street

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS



- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED LEGUMES
- DRY PASTA
- PASTA SAUCE
- KRAFT DINNER
- PEANUT BUTTER
- GLUTEN-FREE ITEMS
- ALMOND MILK
- GRANOLA BARS
- INSTANT NOODLES
- PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS  
(SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES,  
TOOTHPASTE)



### **Spirit Days**

The first spirit day of the month is Friday, October 4: Wacky Tacky Day!  
Students are invited to participate by wearing "All the Patterns."  
Below is a list of what to look forward to for the upcoming spirit month.



## **Pizza, Subway and Milk**

The daily milk program begins next week as does Subway day (Monday) and Pizza day (Friday).

## **Information Items**

### **Sports and Extracurriculars**

#### **Primary**

\*new\* Grade 1-2 Choir (Nicola Williams)

-All are welcome, no need to register. Rehearsals are every Friday at morning recess in room 100.

#### **Junior**

Cross-Country Running (Meghan Storey)

Boys Soccer (Cale Northey)

Girls Soccer (Meg Fracke)



Choir (Nicola Williams)

### **Intermediate**

Cross-Country Running (Katie McParlane)

Girls Touch Football (Renée Labrosse)

Boys Touch Football (Matthew Allen and Shae Iemsisanith)

Ultimate Frisbee (Jamie Vance)

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)

### **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](#).

[OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter - Subscribe Here](#)

### **School Council News**



Hello Hopewell Community,

On Tuesday 8th we welcome you to attend our October School Council meeting. Our main focus of the meeting is to set the vision for the council activities over the school year and to approve the Budget. The meeting is held at 7pm in the School Library and virtually via Google meet, if you would like to attend please send an email to [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca)

We have four School Council members who represent each of the grade groups, if you would like to contact them on School Council issues please do.

Grade Reps		
Kinder (JK/SK)	Jessica Allen	<a href="mailto:allen1jess@gmail.com">allen1jess@gmail.com</a>
Primary (1-3)	Vanessa Bohn	<a href="mailto:vanessaelizabethbohn@gmail.com">vanessaelizabethbohn@gmail.com</a>
Junior (4-6)	Maria Hirostroza	<a href="mailto:hinothroza.maria@gmail.com">hinothroza.maria@gmail.com</a>
Intermediate (7-8)	Angie Burton	<a href="mailto:angieb3000@gmail.com">angieb3000@gmail.com</a>

After a successful End of Year BBQ we are looking to make the 2025 EOY BBQ even better, if you are interested in being our Lead Coordinator for this amazing community event please do reach out. Planning for this event will start early in 2025.

If you would like to add your name to our volunteer list please sign up via the [google form](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

**HAPShots**





