

The Hagersville Hornet-December, 2016

A Grand Erie District School

Happy Holidays

The Hagersville staff would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and all the best in the New Year.

Friday, December 23 is the last school day for this calendar year. Monday, January 9, 2017 is the first school day for the New Year. There will also be a PD on Monday, Jan. 23, 2017

From the library:

It's that time of year when the weather gets cold and the thoughts of Holiday presents can become a stress. We have the solution for you at this year's annual Hagersville Book Fair. Find great ideas for all of your kids of any age. The fair will be held from Dec 19th - 21st and will stay open during the evening of the Christmas concert for extra convenience. We will also stay open after school on the 19th and 21st until 4:00. All items purchased help support our school library by allowing us to purchase newly released material. For any questions feel free to email me at michael.comeau@granderie.ca



Strong Start is looking to expand and recruit new volunteers to help support our students at Hagersville Elementary. If you are interested in joining and partaking in a wonderful program, we would need a commitment of a minimum of an hour a week (if more - even better). You will need to have a valid police check. Please let Mr. Archer know of your interest by emailing at joseph.archer@granderie.ca



November 28- Dec. 8: Annual Food Drive and Pair Tree Drive. Please donate non-perishable food items (check 'best before' date) and small toiletries for the Hagersville Food Bank. We are also collecting NEW mittens, socks, scarves, hats, and items to keep warm. These will be joining our food bank donations to brighten someone's day. Items will be taken over on December 9.

Hagersville Elementary School is in Zone 2. Listen to CKPC or 900 CHML for busing and school closures. If all buses are cancelled, then our school is CLOSED.

You can also check the School Board's Transportation Website at

www.stsbhn.ca

for cancellations and delays.

You can also go into the bus delays icon and subscribe to have any cancellations sent to your e-mail. See back page 4 of the newsletter for more details.



Calling for all gently used ipods / iPhones / smartphones that are collecting dust at home. Please consider donating to the school for student usage. Mr. Archer is working on setting up a Virtual Reality (VR) kit to be used throughout the school to provide students with rich inquiry-driven experiences to supplement the learning occurring within the classroom.

These devices would also potentially support students reading and writing using 'Office Lens' a free application that has a scanner and immersive reader built into the program. Think; independent reading, work completion and writing assignments and stories! This technology would allow all types of abilities and disabilities to become stronger at



If you are (or know of) a family in need that could benefit from a little extra support during the holiday season, please let us know.

Our staff members come together annually to discretely buy gifts and supplies for families in our school community who are less fortunate or who have come into difficult times. Please call Mrs. Hughes or your class room teacher.

Kindergarten Registration **2016-2017**

Hagersville will be taking registrations for the coming school year starting in January 2017. Please call the school during the week of January 9-13 to set up an appointment. Hagersville Elementary has full day, every day kindergarten and like last year, the students will start on the first day of school. Please bring the following information with you on your registration day:

Birth Certificate

Proof of address

If your child is currently attending Kindergarten in our school, you do not need to re-register.

Kindergarten ages

JK— must be 4 by Dec. 31, 2017

SK—Must be 5 by Dec. 31, 2017



Skating at Hagersville

Our skating program, which is completely free to our students, will resume once again this December through to March. Please be sure to sign permission forms and return them as soon as possible. While we do have CSA approved helmets available for our students to wear, it could also be a great "under the tree" idea for the holidays! Also, make sure your children are dressed appropriately as our students will be walking to and from the arena (unless the extreme cold alerts are in effect).

Grade 8 students—Option Sheets

Option sheets have now gone home with our Grade 8 students. Parents, please look over these sheets with your son or daughter and help them fill the sheets out.

Option sheets and the secondary registration form need to be filled out, signed and returned during the week of Dec. 19th-23rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Kolenc (Head of Student Services at Hagersville Secondary School) 905-768-3318 ext. 731229

Eco School Team

Our Eco School team at school is working towards certifying as a Bronze Eco School. The school and team will participate in various Eco events and challenges throughout the year to earn points towards certification. With this certification, we will have a water bottle refilling station installed. More information can be found at <http://www.ontarioecoschools.org/>

Currently the Eco Team are running the following programs:

Waste Free Lunch Wednesday

Thank you to those who have made a conscious effort to reduce waste at school on Wednesdays!

Crayola Marker Recycling Program

Send in your old dried up Crayola markers to be recycled! Markers can be dropped off at Mrs. Newhouse and Ms. King's room.

Ink Cartridges Recycling Program

Ink jet printer cartridges can be brought into school to be recycled. Send them in a Ziploc bag. The school earns a nominal amount for the cartridges that are recycled.



WE are still missing computer usage forms. If you have not yet returned your child's, to their classroom teacher, could you please do so

With all the Holiday excitement, it is easy to get overly tired and to sleep in! As a gentle reminder to our students and parents, the school day begins at 8:45 am. There will be lots of exciting activities occurring in December, and we don't want any students missing out! We really appreciate everyone's effort to arrive on time! Thank you, the Hagersville Staff.

Class for the Deaf Pushes for Change

The Class for the Deaf at Hagersville Elementary has started the season of giving early. Ms. Marshall, Mrs. Powell and their class decided to Push, (a grocery cart) for Change around their school offering a Barefoot Yoga Class to staff and students.

Students could sign up for a loonie or toonie. All donations are going to support Joe Roberts and his Push for Change. Mr. Roberts is pushing a snazzy grocery cart across Canada to raise awareness and funds for homeless youth in Canada. Ms. Marshall, Mrs. Powell and their class got a chance to see Mr. Roberts as he pushed through Port Dover on Thursday November 10, 2016. They were thrilled to present a cheque for \$367.10 to Mr. Roberts. More donations are flowing in and Ms. Marshall will send another cheque before Christmas. As our hero Helen Keller once said "No one has ever become poor by giving."



Inclement Weather Reminder... in more detail

As we enter the inclement weather season, the Transportation Department wanted to remind everyone that there are a number of sources through which

transportation delays and cancellations are communicated.

To ensure that the delay or cancellation information is conveyed to all of our stakeholders in a timely fashion, we strongly advise that on potential inclement weather days board staff, students and parents check the media outlet/ website of their preference. Although media sources will be updated by 6:30 AM on such days, STSBHN and our member boards do not have control of the frequency by which they will communicate our transportation delays/ cancellations; due to this fact, it is suggested that individuals give priority to online and telephone sources before resorting to TV and radio outlets.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION SOURCES:

Online: www.stsbhn.ca, www.granderie.ca, www.bhncdsb.ca and www.csdccs.edu.on.ca

Telephone: 519-751-7532 x7 / 866-226-6353 x7

Television: CHCH TV

Radio: CKPC “Jewel 92.1”, 1150 CKOC, 820 CHAM, 102.9 KLite FM, 900 CHML, 107.9 (Y108), 92.9 “Moose FM”, Easy 101.3 Country 107.3, CD 98.9 and CHOW “Spirit of Niagara”.

In the event of inclement weather that may affect transportation, all school administrators will have an email sent out to them indicating the cancellation/ delay and the zones impacted. To clarify, zones are as follows: Zone1 – Norfolk, Zone 2- Haldimand, Zone 3 – Brant County and Zone 4 – City of Brantford.

NOTE: During an inclement weather delay/ cancellation, school bus routes that have stops located in or on a route which travels through a zone which has been delayed/ cancelled, will also be delayed/ cancelled. New last year, in addition to the Zone posting, all routes impacted by a delay/ cancellation will also be posted on the Transportation Department’s website under delays and cancellations.

Did YOU KNOW.... Families can now track if their bus route is experiencing a delay or has been cancelled??

Why subscribe to the service?

STSBHN offers a free online service which allows students and parents to be electronically notified when their bus route is delayed or cancelled. The service emails a notification to all subscribers who are tracking a route if it is experiencing a delay in service or if it has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

How to subscribe to email notifications

There are two ways to subscribe:

#1- go to www.stsbhn.ca and click on the student/ parent login button (left hand side). Next, log onto your child’s account (you will need your child’s: Ontario Education Number, date of birth, house # and school they are attending); click Login. Your child’s transportation information should appear below. You will notice at the bottom of the webpage there is a section which allows you to put in your email address with the ability to “Subscribe” beside it. Enter in your email address and click “Subscribe”. This will generate an email which will go to your email account and ask you to verify your account. When the email arrives in your inbox, click Confirm. This will create another email which will be sent to your inbox providing you with a temporary password to access and manage your subscriptions.

OR

#2- go to www.stsbhn.ca and click on the “Delays and Cancellations” icon (also on the left hand side). At the far right of the webpage you will see the “subscriptions” icon – click on it. Enter in your email address and click “Subscribe”. This will generate an email which will go to your email account and ask you to verify your account. When the email arrives in your inbox, click Confirm. This will create another email which will be sent to your inbox providing you with a temporary password to access and manage your subscriptions.

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Hardy & Skipper's classes</i>	2 <i>PIZZA DAY</i> <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Archer & Baxter's classes</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Grade 8- a Glynhurst Art Workshop "Clay & Candles"</i>	7	8 <i>Skating</i> <i>PM—Wilhelmus's class</i>	9 <i>SUB DAY</i> <i>Int. Girls VB @DSS</i> <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Archer & Skipper's classes</i>	10
11	12 <i>Candy gram sales begin</i>	13	14 <i>Eng's & Mattice's classes- @Wilson Macdonald Museum -all day</i>	15 <i>Movie night</i> <i>*Tentative*</i> <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Archer & Skipper's class</i>	16 <i>PIZZA DAY</i> <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Mulholland & Wilhelmus's classes</i> <i>Jr. Co-ed VB @DSS</i>	17
18	19 <i>-Week of morning 'Carol songs' Begins</i> <i>-Christmas concert dress rehearsal 1:10pm (pd 5 and 2nd break will be</i>	20 <i>Christmas Concert Performance 7:00 pm</i>	21	22 <i>Skating</i> <i>AM—Hardy & Skipper's classes</i> <i>PM-Wilhelmus & Marshall's</i> <i>CAGE VB Tournament—Boys and girls</i>	23 <i>SUB DAY</i> <i>-Red and Green day</i> <i>-Holiday dance gr. 5-8</i> <i>Skating AM-Mattice & Eng</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Winter Holidays