

The Hagersville Hornet

December, 2017

Happy Holidays

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

Friday, December 22, 2017 is the last school day for this calendar year.

Monday, January 8, 2018 is the first school day for the new year.

There will also be a PD on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

From the library:

We are excited to announce the dates of this year's Scholastic Book Fair from December 7th to December 14th. We are very lucky to have this coincide with our Holiday concert (On December 12th). The theme this year is "Saddle Up and Read" Our goal this year is to sell 700 books! What is even more exciting, is that for every dollar you and your child spend at the book fair, our school library receives 60% back. More information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing you here this year at our 2017 Scholastic Book Fair! ... Mrs. Kitchen



Student Council news:

- Our Pair Tree is up and we are decorating it with "pairs" of mittens, "pairs" of socks, and hats & scarves too. These items will accompany our food donations to the Hagersville Food Bank in mid-December. We will be collecting non-perishable food items from Nov. 27-December 15 this year. We would like to challenge every student to bring in 6 items each. If this happens, we will be able to send more than 1500 food items to help out those in need at this time of year.
- This year, on December 4th, the school will be having our Toque Day. Something new is we are asking students, staff, and parents to donate some change to make a change for those in need. There is no set minimum (or maximum!) someone can donate whatever they'd like and proceeds will also go toward the food bank donations. Cute winter hat/toque reminders will be coming home with youngest and only children.
- To chase away the fall/winter chills, student council is hosting a Hawaiian Dance on December 15! The cost is \$2 per person, or \$1 if you also bring in a non-perishable food item. Students can enter for a quarter if they bring in a non-perishable food item AND wear their own lei, grass skirt, or straw sun hat!
- Finally, a first for our school is December 22nd's Spirit Day- the Ugly Sweater Day! Wear your Ugly Sweater with pride and show your school spirit in a good-natured way!



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.

The FREE Skating Program at Hagersville will be starting very soon! Info sheets and permission forms will be coming home next week! CSA helmets must be worn!



From Mr. Butcher:

- **Mrs. Eng's** class has been learning about abstract art. They completed a piece depicting either "War" or "Peace" in the style of Kandinsky and are now creating interesting geometric pieces in the style of Mondrian.
- **Mrs. Marshall's, Mrs. Coate's** and Ms. Erin's students are learning to read ukulele tab in order to play "Silver Bells" for the upcoming Christmas concert.
- **Mrs. Skipper's** class has finished their unit on "Forces" and "Simple Machines" for science by building and racing "spool racers." The students designed their racers and identified the different simple machines and types of forces used to make them move.



Grade 4/5 Newsletter

We have sent off our first pen pal letters to our friends at Oneida Central School and are anticipating a response from them very soon. The grade 4/5 students have been excellent ambassadors representing Hagersville Elementary School this year. We were able to attend Agstravaganza in Caledonia and the Norfolk County Fair in Simcoe. We learned about many different aspects of agriculture in our surrounding area. We were also able to go to Taquanyah Nature Centre and investigate the many living organisms found during our pond study. The students learned how to use a map and find clues during our orienteering activity. In December, we will be going to Wilson Macdonald Museum and experience school days from the 1800's.

From the Grade 7/8 classroom:

- Lots of great things are happening in our classroom. There have been some assessments completed, and projects galore. Grade 7s are looking forward to building structures with spaghetti. Grade 8s are excited to be leaders and involved with student council activities. One super-exciting thing is we have begun our dance unit!
- Students are looking forward to being in the Concert and have been enthusiastically practicing their number. Many are excited about our annual Christmas Potluck dinner on December 21. (see their agenda for more info).

We Need Your Help

Calling the homes of students who are absent needs to be done quickly for their personal safety. Please note that we begin our calls with our primary students. To ensure the safety of your child, please leave a message on our 24 hour answering machine to let us know if your child is going to be absent or late and the reason for either. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

905-768-3012



Hats and Mittens needed!

Once again we will be decorating our holiday tree with new mitts and hats. On the last day of school this year, they will be donated to a local charity, to support families in need!



Resource from Ms. Mete

Do you want to become a better typer? Try ...

- 1, typing.com
- 2, Super Hyper Spider Typer
- 3, Dance Mat Typing
- 4, kidztype.com
- 5, typingclub.com



Coding in Elementary School

Coding is a skill that lends itself to creation as opposed to consumption. It helps students think logically and critically. It is also a very engaging way to learn about many different subjects! Contact Ms. Mete if you would like more information on coding. Look at the link below for a list of programs and apps for coding. Most of them are free.

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/15-ways-teaching-students-coding-vicki-davis>

Kindergarten Registration

For 2018-2019

Hagersville will be taking registrations for the coming school year in January 2018. Please call the school during the week of January 8-12 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, 2018

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. 11-15th. 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

Exciting Times in Ms. Erin's DD Class

This has been an exciting fall in Ms. Erin's class. We have a number of amazing and unique programs underway in our room. Students are learning valuable social and job skills by participating in hands-on learning experiences such as, baking, cooking, folding school laundry, picking up school snack bags, emptying the dishwasher, and organizing and delivering Scholastic book orders. We have also started some new and exciting programs such as the Coffee Café, Christmas Baking Fundraiser and School Snack Basket.

Coffee Café is a new and exciting fundraising opportunity for our classroom. Students make baked goods during our baking classes. These baked goods are in turn added to our Coffee Café menu for sale. Weekly order forms are created, photocopied and delivered by students. On a daily basis students prepare coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and snacks for staff members who have ordered and deliver items to their door with a smile! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice both job and social skills. The funds earned by this program are returned directly to our program for baking, cooking and community access activities.

Our Christmas Baking Fundraiser has been a huge success! Staff were given the opportunity to order from 6 different types of cookies. Students have worked like Santa's elves to create batches of cookies ordered by staff. We received multiple orders and have successfully fulfilled all of them. This was tons of fun and a wonderful fundraiser for our classroom.

Ms. Erin's class has been given a wonderful opportunity to prepare snacks for the school Snack Basket. Students prepare bagels, snacks, vegetables and fruit for our school Snack Basket. This program has been a huge success and provides nutritional snacks for all students in need while also providing a learning opportunity and job skills for our class.

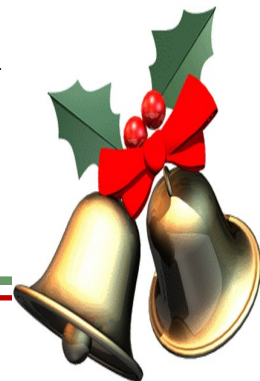
Grade 8 Open House at HSS—Dec. 6th

Come to the cafeteria for an information night and tour of Hagersville Secondary School
School

6:00 pm– 8:00 pm

From the Grade 6/7 class

We have begun to use a new language resource called "Scope". It is a magazine created by Scholastic that contains high interest articles geared towards grade 6-8 students. These articles are both fiction and non-fiction, generally written in a narrative form to maintain high engagement about various world issues and historical topics. Our class is also practicing a song for the Winter concert using the pitched bells. Look forward to seeing everyone at the performance. Mr. Comeau



Grade 5/6

The Grade 5/6 class has wrapped up their Science projects. They created Power Point and Sway presentations. The Grade 6 students presented an animal and how humans have impacted the lives of the animal. The Grade 5 students presented a disease and how it affects certain organs of the human body. The presentations were both informative and interested. Great effort Grade 5/6! Mrs. Kostecki

Mrs. Coate's MEC-Room 15

What a whirlwind of a fall we have had here in Room 15!! Learning opportunities abound within these four walls as well as without. Our out of classroom travels have taken us to Richardson's Corn Maze, which provided us with an opportunity to test our directional skills; Taquanyah, where we explored our survival skills and our directional skills yet again; Brott Musical Festival at Hamilton Place, where we fine tuned our musical ears with the Revolution of Rock and Roll; and finally, the Wilson McDonald School Museum, where we took a stroll down memory lane to discover how the schools of yore were run as well as making some awesome Christmas swag! Learning within the classroom has had the students exploring fractions, multiplication and place value in math (with a lot of "I love math!" comments flying around) and a new venture into novel studies in language. Mr. Butcher has the students working together to prepare a ukulele rendition of Silver Bells for our annual Christmas concert selection. It sounds awesome so far so please mark Dec. 12th on your calendar!

Our milk program is another success story. The students are taking turns selling the milk during our lunch period. They keep a tally of what is sold, serve their fellow students and are learning to make change; all valuable life lessons. With all this wonderful learning going on, they have certainly earned their upcoming Christmas vacation!

Inclement Weather Reminder... in more detail

As we enter the inclement weather season, transportation 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- Hal-dimand, 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 a route path which travels through, a zone which has been delayed/ cancelled will result in that route also being delayed/ cancelled. New this 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.

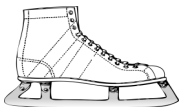











Did YOU KNOW.... Families can now track if their bus route is experiencing a delay or has been cancelled??

Why subscribe to the service?

STSBHN offers a free online service which allows students and parents to be electronically notified when their bus route 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.

Important dates to remember

MONTH of December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			29 Comeau & Kostecki 	30 Marshall & Sarausky 	1	
4 Toque Day—bring in some change to make a change 		5	6 Wilhelmus, Mattice & Comeau & Coate  Grade 8 Open House- at HSS 6-8 pm.	7 Book fair preview 	8	
11 Book Fair this week 		12 Christmas Concert 6:30 pm Parents welcome Daytime presentation, 1:15 (recess will be early this day to ac- commodate concert)	13 Wilhelmus, Kostecki & Mulholland 	14 Eng  Kindergarten class photos being retaken—9:00 am	15 Co-ed Volleyball tournament (tentative date) Winter Hawaiian Dance—grade 5 and up. Please bring in a can good for our food drive! 	
18		19	20 Skipper, Hardy, Wil- helmus, Mattice, Comeau & Coate 	21 Marshall & Sarausky 	22 Ugly Winter sweater Day 	
Winter Holidays						