

# JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## Principal

George Nurse

## Secretary

Jenn Dalby

## BELL TIMES

### Morning Bell: 9:00 am

\*\*Please note that staff supervision begins at 8:50 am. Students should not be arriving on the yards before that time.

**1<sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break: 11:00 – 11:40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break: 1:20 – 2:00**

**Dismissal: 3:20 pm**

Don't forget to pack  
necessary utensils  
for your child's lunch  
as they may not  
always be available

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# September News

**Welcome Back** to the James Hillier staff and welcome to our new and returning students. We trust that you had a relaxing and fun summer and are ready to begin the new school year.

## Meet the James Hillier Team

Mr. Nurse – Principal

Mrs. Dalby – Secretary

Mr. Johnson – LRT

Mrs. Fox / Mrs. Kohut – JK/SK

Mrs. Coon / Mrs. Walsh – JK/SK

Mrs. Metcalfe – Gr. 1

Mrs. Sawdyk-Coverdale – Gr. 1/2

Mrs. Eddy – Gr. 2

Mrs. Pelich – Gr. 3

Mrs. Wilson – Gr. 3/4

Mrs. Gerakopulos – Gr. 4/5

Ms. Clarke – Gr. 5

Mr. Petersen – Gr. 6

Mr. Kronwald – Gr. 7

Mr. Corrigan – Gr. 8

Mr. Braha – New Visions

Mrs. Telfer – Woodview

Mrs. Ball – EA

Mrs. Duiker – EA

Mrs. Hanchiuk – EA

Ms. Quattrociocchi – EA

Mrs. Zimmer – EA

Ms. Annand – Prep

Mrs. Dudley – Prep

Mrs. Sabatino – Prep

Mme. Naisbitt – French/Prep

Mme. Sorensen – French/Prep

Mr. Bishop – Custodian (AM)

Mr. Readings – Custodian (PM)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18 – Picture Day

September 19 – Meet the Teacher

September 20 – La Bottega

September 24 – Pizza Day

September 27 – Strodes



## ***Nutrition Breaks and Supervision***

All Grand Erie elementary schools are on a balanced school day. This means your child will have two nutritional breaks during the day. Student are to remain at school for the first break (11:00 – 11:40) but may go home during the second break (1:20 – 2:00) only if they have the nutritional break/activity period information form signed and returned. Students will not be permitted to leave the school premises without **written parental consent**.

Supervision in the morning begins at 8:50. For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school before 8:50. The school day begins at 9:00 and ends at 3:20. All students are expected to be in their classroom before morning announcements begin to not miss important information and learning time. It is also expected that all students head home shortly after the dismissal bell. We do ask that if students are returning to the school property to do so after 4:00 with permission from a parent or guardian.

All students are reminded to use the sidewalks to enter and exit the school property and **avoid cutting through the staff parking lot**.

## ***Absences and Lates***

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school office or send a note in your child's agenda.

## ***Visiting During School Hours***

It is imperative that all visitors to the building report to the main office. All entrance doors to the school are locked during school hours. Please push the buzzer at the front door to notify the office of your arrival. Visitors are not permitted to the classrooms to limit the disruption of both staff and students.

## ***Drop offs and Pick ups***

When students are arriving to school or leaving at dismissal, the area around the school is very busy. If you are driving, please **do not** use the staff parking lot and/or the bus loading zones. There is to be no movement in the staff parking lot from 8:50 – 9:05 and 3:10 – 3:30. Pylons will be out to keep vehicles from entering or exiting. Please use the parking lot at Queensway Baptist Church as an alternative safe parking area. And please use extra caution.



Adult crossing guards are located at the intersections of St. George St. and Queensway Dr. and Queensway Dr. and Franklin St.

## ***Allergies and Emergency Information***

There are several students at James Hillier with allergies to certain foods such as peanuts, tree nuts, seeds, dairy products and eggs to name a few. For some, this may be a life threatening situation if they come in contact or ingest some of these foods.

Any products containing nuts, or a nut substitute are **not permitted** in the building.



If there is any emergency or medical information about your child that you would like to update or share with school personnel, please contact the office.

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## *A Message from Parent Council*

Hello James Hillier Families! Welcome back to another school year. We hope everyone had a fabulous summer.

Your Parent Council is back at it again this year with some exiting events planned for both students and grown-ups alike.

Hot lunches are also returning this year. Pizza is still every Tuesday and our Friday lunches will include menu options from La Bottega, Subway, Pita Pit and Strodes Deli.

Like last year you can order all your meals via the School Cash On-Line program. Pizza orders are placed per month and the Friday lunch orders can be placed right up to a week in advance.

Lunches are served at Second Break

For those parents and students new to James Hillier, let me provide an idea of where the funds raised go. Predominantly it goes to Trip Assist, which helps keep the costs down on the various school excursions that are planned during the year. This means that often Parent Council pays for the Bus ride to whatever fun place your child(ren) is travelling.

Funds are also used for in-school activities such as Scientists in the Classroom, special speakers, Yoga, Cooking classes in French, academic tools for our new learning commons as well as many other things within the school community.

Both the Lunch Program and Parent Council are run by an amazing group of Volunteers.

We are always looking for more hands to help make our work even lighter.

If you have an hour to spare each month for the lunch program, please contact Jenn Lounsbury at [jennifertjitske@gmail.com](mailto:jennifertjitske@gmail.com)

Curious about Parent Council? Why not come to one of our meetings? We meet once every 2 months on a Tuesday night at 6:30 in the learning commons.

Parent Council is a great place to hear about upcoming events happening in the school and meet with other parents. We hold several events throughout the school year including cookies with Santa, pancake Tuesday, food drives, popcorn days and the end of year Fun Fair!

If you think you may want to help, please contact our current school council chairperson, Jenn Davies at [jenn@jenndavies.com](mailto:jenn@jenndavies.com)

Please know that volunteering for one thing does not mean you have to volunteer for everything! We welcome all, Moms and Dads included!

Come see us and say Hello at the Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, September 19

Cheers!

*Your James Hillier Parent Council*

### ***Volunteering and Police Checks***

If you plan to chaperone or volunteer within the school, a current police check must be on file. If you are unsure if your police check is still valid – please call the office.

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