
HAWK TALK

AND WE'RE OFF...

...TO A GREAT START

It's hard to believe we're already almost a month into the school year! The halls are busy, routines are taking shape, and it's been great to see the energy and excitement around Henry Street. We're looking forward to all that this year has in store and the many opportunities ahead for our students and staff.

We're also excited to welcome our newest member of the administrative team, Mr. Rook, as our new Vice Principal! He's been busy getting to know our staff, students, and the building, and we're thrilled to have him join the Hawks family.

A huge shout out to our staff for your dedication, support and effort as we welcomed our students back from summer holidays! Our extra curriculars are already starting to take off, and that is only possible with tremendous effort from our staff.

We believe it is important to share our accomplishments and important information with our parents/guardians; therefore we are going to continue with our Hawk Talk newsletter this school year to keep our Henry Street community informed and involved in what is happening in and around our building.

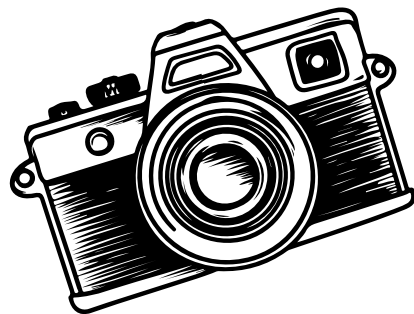
LOCKER LOGISTICS

Thank you to everyone who has provided their student with a combination lock! We are working to get lockers assigned and organized as quickly as possible. If your student still needs a locker, please see Mrs. Mkundi in the main office, and we will work to get a locker assigned as soon as possible.

A combination lock is required to receive a locker, and once assigned, lockers must be locked at all times. We want to help keep students' belongings safe so please remind your student to keep their locker secured whenever they are not accessing it.



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PICTURE DAY

A huge shout out to Mr. McKinnon and the yearbook class for all their hard work on September 8th to ensure picture day ran smoothly. If your student missed picture day – do not worry, picture retake day is October 20th.

HENRY'S GOT TALENT

We hope to see everyone at our entertainment packed evening. October 8th @ 6:30 pm – come out and support our talented students and staff! Our many acts will include singers, dancers, musicians, and comedians.

Tickets are available to purchase on SchoolCash Online – \$7.50 in advance, on sale until October 1st. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. All proceeds of Henry's Got Talent tickets and clothing goes toward our Performing Arts Scholarship which has awarded \$3,500 since 2024/2025.



DROP OFF & PICK UP

For everyone's safety, families are reminded to follow the posted entry and exit procedures when entering and leaving school property, as these areas are busy with students and buses. When dropping off or picking up students at bell times, please use the back parking lot. There is space for cars to safely pull in and out by following the posted signs. Please do not use the front driveway/circle for drop-off or pick-up between **9:00–9:45 a.m.** or **3:00–4:00 p.m.**, as this area is reserved for our buses.

If your child uses Uber, please remind them to request pick-up at the back of the school or on a side street. Please avoid stopping on Henry Street. We have received complaints from community members, and it poses a safety concern. Side streets or the back lot are the better options. Please follow posted parking and no-stopping signs. With the official start of school, By-Law officers will be present to warn and ticket drivers who do not follow the rules. Some signage is already in place, and additional signs will be installed soon.

Thank you for your patience and for respecting all drivers and pedestrians. Safety is paramount.

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THE ATHLETIC REPORT

Our athletic program would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our coaching staff, who generously devote their time and energy to support student athletics. It's the first week of school and the athletics program at Henry Street is in full motion!

Athletic Fee

All athletes who play on an extra curricular sports team are required to pay the one time 26/27 Athletic Fee on School Cash Online. This fee also includes the Athletic Banquet held at the end of the school year.

Dance Team

The Hawks Dance Team is back, and we're excited to welcome new members! All students are welcome, and no dance experience is needed — just bring your energy and enthusiasm. Rehearsals take place at lunch in the upper gym, where students can learn routines, build confidence, and have fun as part of a supportive team. Listen for announcements. If you're interested in joining or have any questions, please see one of the dance team teachers, Ms. Turpin, Ms. Lyon, and Ms. Leandro. We'd love to have you join us!



Girls' Varsity Field Hockey

Our 2026 season is starting up with tryouts being held next week! All grades are welcome to come out, and we are happy to work with beginners.



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Stay up to date on upcoming Henry Street athletics and program results/updates by following us on Instagram!

@henrystreetathletics



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HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Our Club Fair was a great success on September 10th, we had over 20 clubs on display for our student to learn about.

School Reach

The Henry Street School Reach Team is up and running! This year, we hope to continue the traditions of making the finals against other Durham high school teams in the region's trivia competition. If they love trivia, students are welcome to join at lunch in room 410 -- Mondays, Senior Team (grades 11-12) and Tuesdays, Intermediate Team (grades 9-10).

Book Club

The Book Club is up and running again! All are welcome! Come to the Library, Fridays at 12:05 and bring lunch! We decide as a club what books we are going to read and we always have great conversations.

Musical Theatre Workshop

Henry's Musical Theatre Workshop is back! Since we are not putting on a musical this year, we don't want our singers to feel left out! Come to the music room (room 105) at lunch on



UPDATE FROM COOP:

Cooperative education students, both two-credit and four-credit students are now at their places of employment and learning about the world of work success. Morning co-op starts at 9:00 am, and afternoon co-op ends at 4:00 pm.

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Level 1 Advanced Apprenticeship Training applications for Grade 11s will come out around February 2027. These applications are for students wishing to start an apprenticeship in Semester 2 of Grade 12 (February 2028) in the following areas: Auto Service Technician, Cook, Carpentry (in Peterborough), Construction Craft Worker (in Cobourg), Hairstyling, Electrician, Plumber, Industrial Mechanic Millwright and Welding. These are competitive programs so preparation for students in Grades 9 – 11 can start now with skilled trade(s) volunteering, job-shadowing a tradesperson, and enrolling in Henry Street Technological Education courses.

For those Grade 10 and 11 students wishing to take cooperative education next year, preparation starts now with exemplary attendance, punctuality, and effort as these sets of data are reviewed during the course enrollment process.

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FROM GUIDANCE

Our Guidance Department has worked tirelessly to get all students into classrooms and start off their academic year, we cannot thank them enough for their tremendous work ethic, ability to make things happen and their dedication to our students.

Our Grade level guidance counsellors are:

Grade 9: Last name A – G : Ms. Igel (annmarie.igel@ddsb.ca)

Last name H – P : Ms. Hines (kathryn.hines@ddsb.ca)

Last name R–Z : Ms. Nundy (smita.nundy@ddsb.ca)

Grade 10: Ms. Hines (kathryn.hines@ddsb.ca)

Grade 11: Ms. Igel (annmarie.igel@ddsb.ca)

Grade12: Ms. Nundy (smita.nundy@ddsb.ca)

Guidance would like to remind Grade 12 parents/guardians to read the Grade 12 – Important Information email sent to only Grade 12 families on Thursday, September 17th. This email included a lot of important information and dates.

HENRY STREET GUIDANCE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2027 GRADUATING STUDENTS

SEPT. 22	UNIVERSITY FAIR @ HENRY STREET REGISTER ON GRADE 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM
SEPT.26-27	ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FAIR METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTER WWW.QUEVENTS.CA
LATE SEPT	UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS OPEN WWW.QUAC.ON.CA
EARLY OCT	COLLEGE APPLICATIONS OPEN WWW.ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA
OCT. 14	ONTARIO COLLEGE FAIR @ HENRY STREET REGISTER ON GRADE 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM
OCT. 29	COLLEGE FAIR TRIP TO DURHAM COLLEGE PERMISSION FORMS IN GUIDANCE
NOV. 16 - NOV.27	GRAD PHOTOS BEGIN NOV 16 RETAKES - FEB 23
NOV. 25	FUTURE PATHWAY OPEN HOUSE @ HENRY 12:55 - 3:30 PM (P3/P4)
JAN. 15	UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINE (FALL 2027 INTAKE) APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.QUAC.ON.CA
FEB. 1	COLLEGE APPLICATION EQUAL CONSIDERATION DEADLINE APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA



OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES

- GRADE 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM
- WWW.QUINFO.CA
- WWW.OSAP.GOV.ON.CA
- WWW.STUDENTAWARDS.COM

REMEMBER YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR WANTS TO HELP YOU!
MONITOR YOUR GRADE 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM DAILY FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION
[BOOK APPOINTMENT HERE](#)



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SCENT AWARENESS REMINDER

To help keep our school safe and inclusive for all, we kindly remind families and visitors that we are a scent-aware environment. This policy is in place due to allergies and sensitivities that can be triggered by strong fragrances such as perfumes, colognes, and scented products. We appreciate your support in choosing unscented or lightly scented items when coming to school. Thank you for helping us create a healthy learning space for everyone.

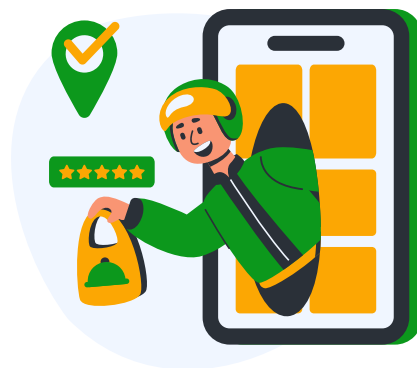


REMINDER: FOOD DELIVERY GUIDELINES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We would like to remind students and families that food deliveries during class time are not permitted, and students may not eat during instructional time. These deliveries cause significant disruptions to classrooms and interfere with students' learning.

Food deliveries may only take place during lunch periods, and students must meet the delivery person outside the school. For safety reasons, we cannot allow outside delivery personnel to enter the building or walk the halls in search of delivery locations.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment.



NEED TO CONTACT A TEACHER?

If you need to get in touch with your student's teacher, email is the best and quickest way to reach them.

Please visit Henry Street's website (<https://henrystreeths.ddsb.ca/en/index.aspx>), under the **Our School** tab you will find **Staff Directory**. From the **Staff Directory**, you will be able to email your student's teacher directly

Teachers do their best to respond promptly, so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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REMINDERS

Henry Street High School begins at 9:30 AM. Dismissal time is 3:30 PM, we ask that all students leave the building promptly by 3:40 PM unless under the supervision of a staff member for a club, team or activity. If your student is waiting for a bus, we ask they wait outside at the front of the school or in the front foyer to avoid missing their bus.

Our lunch time for all students is 12:05–12:55 PM.

If a student is signed out of school, they must leave school property. Students cannot be signed out to remain on campus for reasons such as watching sports events, studying in alternate locations, or spending time elsewhere in the building. This policy is in place to ensure the safety and accountability of all students during school hours. Knowing where our students are at all times is essential, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 – University Fair – All Day in Library

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

October 1 – Terry Fox Run

October 8 – Progress Reports

October 8 – Henry's Got Talent @ 6:30 pm

October 12 – Thanksgiving (No School)

October 15 – College Fair – PM in Library

October 15 – Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interviews – 5 – 7 pm

Principal – Karla Torrente

Vice Principals – James Rook (Last names A–K)

Patricia Biffin (Last names L–Z)

Superintendent – Andrea McAuley

School Trustees – Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown and Christine Thatcher

HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL

YEARBOOK

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SO YOU CAN CLICK
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WHENEVER YOU WANT.”**



“PURCHASE AT SCHOOL CASH ONLINE”