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UNTIL NEXT SEMESTER

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everyone in our school community enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break and is feeling refreshed as we begin 2026 together. With just a couple days of classes remaining in the semester, there is still plenty happening around the school, including important assessments and exams in the days ahead.

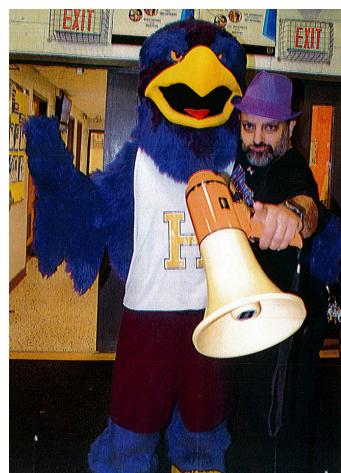
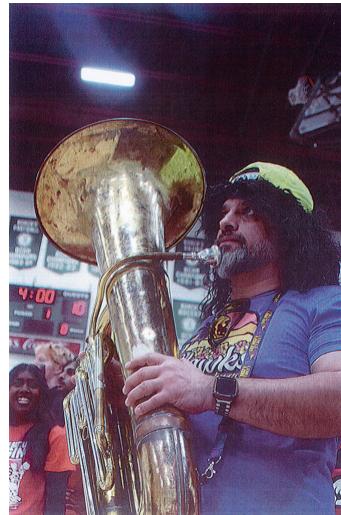
At the same time, we are already looking forward to the excitement of Semester 2, with many new opportunities, activities, and events to anticipate. There is truly a lot to look forward to as we start this new year together.

A Message from Mr. B:

This month marks 3 years that I have had the pleasure to work here at Henry Street High School. I have been blessed immeasurably to serve as your Principal. I wanted to extend my thanks to the entire school community, including all students, parents, guardians, and caring adults. My stay at HSHS has been shorter than I hoped for, and duty calls me to serve at Eastdale CVI in Semester 2.

Karla Torrente will assume her role as the Principal of Henry Street High School as of January 29th. She brings strong leadership and engagement expertise, and is an experienced secondary Principal in our DDSB. I have no doubts that she will be dazzled by our school's enormous spirit and myriad of excellence. In the short term, I will work diligently to build a bridge of continuity for a smooth transition. Our wonderful Vice-Principals Russell Davidson and Patricia Biffin will continue in their roles.

Thanks again everyone, for adding to the collective awesomeness of Henry Street High School! Go Hawks Go!



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SEMESTER 1 EXAMS

Exams are next week!

When: January 21st – 26th, 2026

*January 27th will be used in the event of a bus cancellation and/or school closure.

January 21st – Period 1 exams

January 22nd – Period 2 exams

January 23rd – Period 3 exams

January 26th – Period 4 exams

*In the event of a weather day, that exam will be moved to January 27th – separate communication would be sent if that was to occur the day of.

Exams will run on a Week A schedule.

All exams begin promptly at 9:30 am.

Where: All exams are in person at school, in designated rooms.

If your student does not have an exam schedule, they are not required to attend school – classes will not be running.

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.



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DDSB'S 30 CREDITS MY WAY

30 Credits My Way – Family Webinars

Grade 8 to Grade 9 families – January 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The DDSB is committed to helping students transition successfully from Grade 8 to Grade 9 and beyond. Recognizing that education shapes life opportunities, we've introduced "30 Credits My Way," a system-wide approach to intentional planning for secondary school success.

To help students and families learn more, attend the first Grade 8 Student & Parent/Guardian Transition Information Night on January 22 at 6:30 p.m. Join us to discover how we can work together to ensure a strong start to high school and long-term success!

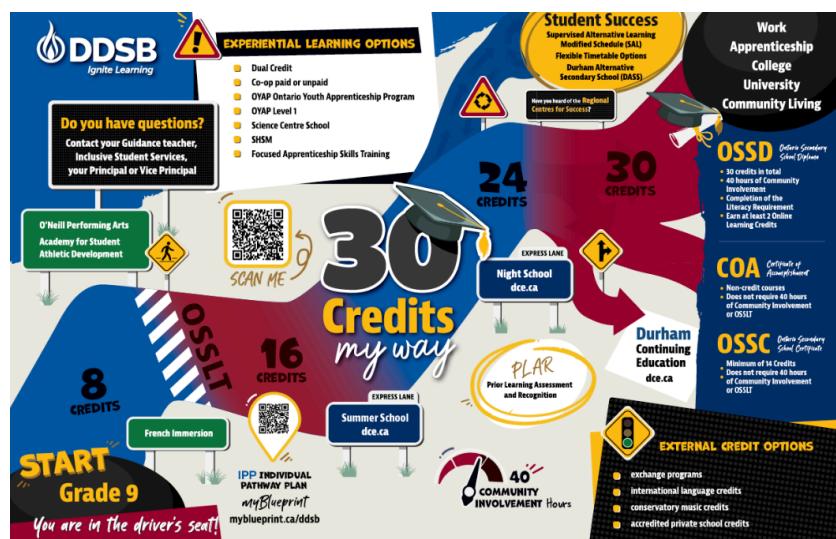
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Students in Grades 9–11 – February 3

The DDSB is committed to making sure students stay on track to graduate. We recognize that education shapes life opportunities, as result we've introduced a system-wide approach for secondary school success. "30 Credits My Way" is designed to support students in staying on track to graduate on time while achieving their academic and personal goals.

To help students and families learn more, the DDSB's Student Success team will be hosting two virtual presentations. Join us to discover how we can work together to long-term success!

Register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8a02bla4-2f99-4fda-8521-3d1acea7ec5e@6fb7b926-edeb-4d4f-82e8-0c10e447b570>



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SCIENCE SCOOP

Thanks to those that sent their 'old' style Christmas lights that aren't working. Science can put those 'incandescent' lights to work in our electricity unit. We would still gladly take more!



On December 18 there was a field trip to Lasermaxx in Whitby to enjoy some experiments with Optics. Students also had fun doing the laser tag missions. Congratulations to Mr. Wilson for being the top scorer of the day!



A MESSAGE FROM CO-OP

For Current Grade 11 Students!

Applications for the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program for students to start a Skilled Trade Apprenticeship while still in Grade 12 will come out in February, 2026. Applications are available from the Cooperative Education Counsellors Ms. Parrington and Mrs. Feliciano.

There will be "Lunch and Learn" sessions as well to learn how to apply successfully. Apprenticeships available for applications are: Automotive Service Technician, Carpentry, Construction Craft Worker (at LiUNA in Cobourg) Cook/Chef, Electrician, Hairstyling, Industrial Mechanic/Millwright, Plumbing, and Welding. These are highly competitive and demand a strong success in pre-requisite courses, excellent high school attendance and punctuality, and some aptitude/experience/course completion in the apprenticeship of interest.

For more information, go to:

<https://henrystreeths.ddsbs.ca/en/courses/coopaspx.aspx>

or

<https://www.oyappajo.com/>



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HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

School Reach

Get ready to press those buzzers! Henry's Intermediate and Senior School Reach Trivia Teams are going to the DDSB to compete against other high schools in Durham Region.

Wish them luck!



HSHS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



Thank you to our entire school community for the incredible support of this year's annual food drive. Together, your generosity helped us collect **1,195 pounds of food**, providing **996 meals** for local families in need. We are so proud of the compassion and teamwork shown by our students and families.

Congratulations to Ms. Abel's class for winning the homeroom challenge—what an outstanding effort by all!



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.ddsbs.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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STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE & YEARBOOK

You may have noticed that the 2025/2026 Student Activity Card and Yearbook Fee was attached to your student on School Cash Online. This is a school wide basic fee for all students; this fee covers school clubs, events and guest speakers. This fee also covers the cost of a timeless memento of their year at Henry Street – the yearbook! Deadline of April 3rd to have this fee paid.

This fee is required to attend Rivalry Week and Grad Formal.



BUY YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK NOW

SCHOOLCASHONLINE \$35!

SEE MR. MCKINNON FOR MORE INFO

RIVALRY WEEK 2026

It's that time again – Rivalry Week 2026 is coming soon! This is a long standing tradition at Henry Street High School.

What is Rivalry Week?

A friendly competition with Anderson CVI. Both schools are vying for the Mayors Cup! Both schools compete in Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball and both Boys and Girls Volleyball.

When?

March 2nd – Pep Rally at Henry Street HS (afternoon only)

March 3rd – Basketball and Volleyball @ Durham College

March 5th – Hockey @ Iroquois

Tickets are \$55 for the full event. Price includes entry, Rivalry Week shirt, transportation to Durham College and 1 slice of pizza at the March 3rd and 5th events.

Tickets will go on sale at 8 am sharp, on February 4th through School Cash Online. Students must have their Student Activity Fee paid to attend Rivalry Week.



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BUS CANCELLATIONS & INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Families are encouraged to sign up for alerts through DSTS' Family Portal to receive the most up-to-date information regarding bus delays or cancellations.

The DDSB website and Instagram will also report bus cancellations and school closures. Henry Street H.S. will share information and post updates on our Instagram as quickly as possible on these days.

If your child will be absent, please continue to report their absence through Safe Arrival. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



FROM GUIDANCE

Need a Transcript?

Reminder: if you require a Transcript for any out of province or country applications or scholarships please email Mary at <mary.conacher@ddsb.ca>, and it may take up to 48 hours to get one for you.



Post Secondary Deadlines

Post-secondary application deadlines:

Ontario Universities deadline was January 15th, 2026

Ontario Colleges deadline is February 1st, 2026

Need help with applications? Mrs. McFadden is available in the guidance office or book an appointment here: <https://bit.ly/3WQvTik>

Durham College Rep Visit

When: Monday, January 19th, 2026 from 12:00-2:00pm in Guidance

The Rep will sit with any student who applied to Durham College and she will help with any support/address any questions prior to student accepting their offers.

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Commencement 2026 Save the Date

Planning for Commencement 2026 is already underway! We would like to give families as much notice as possible for our Class of 2026 Commencement.

Our Class of 2026 Commencement ceremony will be June 23rd, 2026.

Attention Grade 12 students and families:

If you or a family member require a sign language interpreter for Commencement on June 23rd at 7pm , please email Mrs. McFadden at alexandra.mcfadden@ddsb.ca.



Order Grad Gown

Order are now open for Commencement 2026 Grad Gowns.

Deadline to order is **March 6th, 2026**.

It's Simple to Order

1. Go to the online store
<https://www.jacormarketing.com/henrystreet>
2. Click on the product to purchase
(Full Gown Set, includes gown, cap, tassel and stole)
3. Gown Size is determined by your height.
(Size Chart in the store)
4. Pay!
5. Gown set will be shipped to the school and the Office will call you down to pick it up!

Order now to have your Grad Gown for Commencement on June 23rd, 2026.

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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

January 21 – 27 – Semester 1 Exams

January 29 – Semester 2 Begins

February 9 – Grad Photo Retakes

– Grade 9–11 Course Selection
Presentations

February 11 – Report Cards Sent Home

Principal – Basil Broumeriotis

Vice Principals – Russell Davidson (Last names A–K)

Patricia Biffin (Last names L–Z)

Superintendent – Andrea McAuley

School Trustees – Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown and Christine Thatcher



Graduation Class of 2025



OFFICIAL GRAD STORE IS OPEN UNTIL

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2026

LAST DAY TO ORDER!

It's Simple to Order

1. Go to the online store (link)



<https://www.jacormarketing.com/henrystreet>

2. Click on the product to purchase

(Full Gown Set, includes gown, cap, tassel and stole)

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**Please Note: There will be no refunds
available once purchase is made.**