

HAWK TALK

A NEW SEMESTER!!

Welcome to Semester 2! It's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by. As we begin the term, we're excited to welcome our new Principal to the school community. There's lots coming up, including the release of report cards, ongoing sports games/events, next year's course selections and Rivalry Week. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting semester ahead.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new principal of Henry Street HS and to sincerely thank students, staff, and families for the warm welcome that I have received. The first few days have been exciting, and it has been a privilege to spend time in classrooms and hallways and to see firsthand the strong sense of pride and care that exists in this community.

As the year continues, my focus is on listening, learning, and building relationships, with a strong commitment to supporting student success and well-being. I am dedicated to fostering a safe, respectful school environment where every student can thrive. I look forward to working alongside staff and families as we build on the strong foundation already in place and support students in reaching their goals.

Sincerely,
Karla Torrente

SCENT FREE POLICY

New semester, new faces—same important reminder. Henry Street High School remains a scent-free campus. For the health and comfort of all students and staff, please avoid wearing perfumes, colognes, or scented products while on school property. Thank you for helping keep our school environment safe and inclusive.



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DDSB'S 30 CREDITS MY WAY

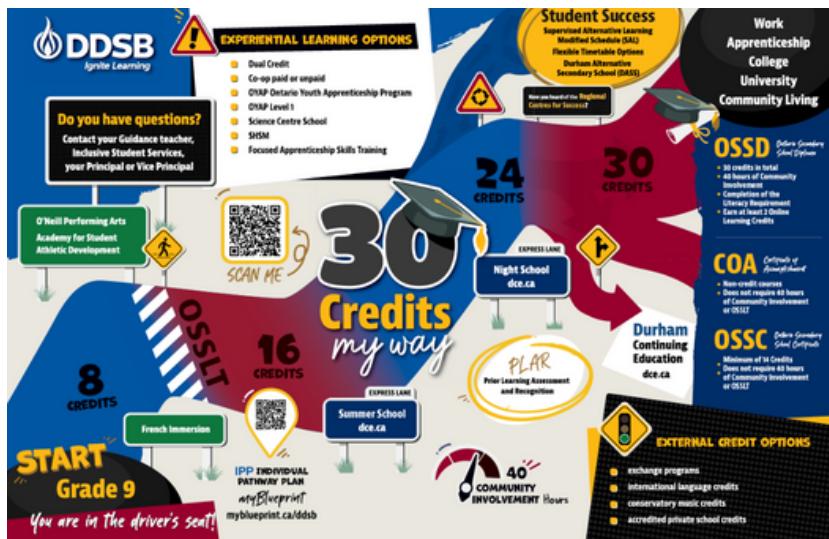
30 Credits My Way – Family Webinar

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 a 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/8a02b1a4-2f99-4fda-8521-3d1acea7ec5e@6fb7b926-edeb-4d4f-82e8-0c10e447b570>



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.

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.

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.

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IMPORTANT INFO FROM INCLUSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

IPRC Meetings for Mainstream Students Begin after March Break!

As in previous years, reviews can be held virtually using Microsoft Teams, by teleconference, or in person at Henry Street HS.

New this year: The ISS department here at Henry Street HS will be scheduling IPCR's for families in an effort to complete all meetings effectively, efficiently, and in a timely manner.

Keep an eye on your board registered email where Ms. Hardaker and Mrs. Whaley will send out a link to the form to complete your scheduling requests. If you haven't received an email by Friday, February 6th, please feel free to send an email for the link.

The form will close on February 27, 2026, after which time, the ISS department will go ahead and schedule all remaining IPCRs and send a message to the parent/guardian emails on file for RSVP confirmation.

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.ddsb.ca/en/courses/coopaspx.aspx>

or

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

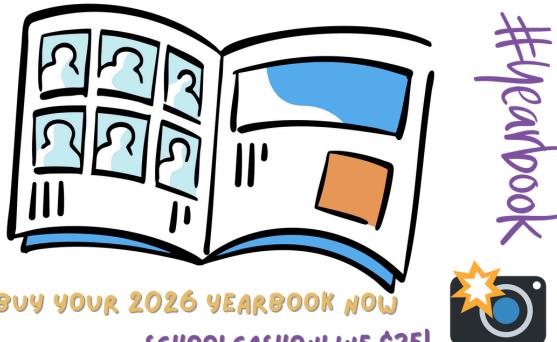


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STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE & YEARBOOK

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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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 Education Centre to compete against other high schools in Durham Region on February 3rd and 5th.



Wish them luck!

FROM THE BAND ROOM

Band rehearsals are officially back underway! Ms. Howard has been dedicating a great deal of time and energy to getting students settled, focused, and making music together again. We're excited for a productive and musical season ahead.

Rehearsal times are:

Grade 9 Band: Mondays at lunch

Jazz Band: Tuesdays at 8:30 am

Concert Band: Wednesdays at 8:20 am

Rock Band: Fridays at lunch musicians are welcome!

GRAD PHOTOS

Did you miss taking your formal grad photos in Oct/Nov well Edge Photos has opened up one more day where you can pay and book in a sitting fee to get some formal grad photos done.

Monday February 9th – there are a few spots left!

Students can book by visiting [BOOK A PHOTO SESSION](#) » Edge Imaging

Once there, they can select “Book at your School”. Your school code is HSI.

Check out flyer for more help!



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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.



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.



HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL



Course Selection NEWSLETTER

Key Dates:

February 4 - Grade 11 Virtual Course Fair Assemblies - Period 4

February 5 - Grade 10 Virtual Course Fair Assemblies - Period 4

February 6 - Grade 9 Virtual Course Fair Assemblies - Period 4

February 9 - Henry Street Guidance counsellors will host a Virtual Course Selection Presentation in the following periods:

- Period 1 (9:30 - 10:45am) - for all Grade 9 classes
- Period 2 (10:50 - 12:05pm) - for all Grade 10 classes
- Period 4 (2:15 - 3:30pm) - for all Grade 11 classes

February 10 - myBlueprint [OPENS](#) and is available for course submission

February 10 - Summer School Registration [OPENS](#) in myBlueprint

February 11 - Report Cards available on Parent Portal

February 10 - 27 - Henry Street Guidance counsellors will visit all classes for course selection support and be open for Guidance Appointments. - [Book Here](#)



March 5 - myBlueprint [CLOSES at 4PM](#) - course selection must be submitted and parent/guardian approved

Course Selection Information:

Grade 9 Course Selection Presentation - [Click Here](#)



Grade 10 Course Selection Presentation - [Click Here](#)



Grade 11 Course Selection Presentation - [Click Here](#)

Summer School:

Summer School Registration Presentation - [Click Here](#)



Summer School Website - [Click Here](#)



Plan your Education

Durham District School Board (DDSB) provides a variety of resources to help students direct their learning. This allows them to receive relevant academic and practical experience regardless of the career pathway they choose.

- [30 credits My Way Guide](#)
- [Pathways to Student Success](#) (Provides students, parents, and schools with information on a range of opportunities and individualized pathways to enhance student success)

All of the above resources are available on the DDSB website:

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/30-credits-my-way.aspx#Ontario-Secondary-School-Diploma-OSSD>



**Please do not hesitate to contact the
Guidance Team at Henry Street:
905-668-2731 ext. 241020**

Counsellor Emails:

Grade 9 - kathryn.hines@ddsb.ca

Grade 10 - annmarie.igel@ddsb.ca

Grade 11 - smita.nundy@ddsb.ca

Grade 12 - alexandra.mcfadden@ddsb.ca

Henry Street Guidance Website:

<https://henrystreeths.ddsb.ca/en/courses/guidance-department.aspx>

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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

February 9 – Grad Photo Retakes

– Grade 9-11 Course Selection

Presentations

February 11 – Report Cards Sent Home

February 13 – PA Day (No School)

February 16 – Family Day (No School)

Principal – Karla Torrente

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)

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!

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

Grad Photos

Last Day – Feb 9th 2026



Book your portrait session at
BOOKMYGRAD.CA

SCHOOL CODE - HSI

