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MOMENTUM INTO MARCH

As we settle into the first few weeks of Semester 2, our school community is already buzzing with energy and accomplishment. Classrooms are back in full swing, new courses are underway, and students and staff have jumped into the term with focus and enthusiasm. We are also wrapping up an exciting winter sports season, and we want to congratulate all of our student-athletes and coaches for their dedication, teamwork, and school spirit. Your hard work and perseverance continue to make us proud both on and off the court, rink, and pool deck.

As we move through February and into March, we also take time to recognize and celebrate Black History Month, reflecting on the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black Canadians and communities. We were inspired by the positivity shared during Kindness Spirit Week and by our participation in Pink Shirt Day, standing together to promote kindness, inclusion, and anti-bullying in our school. These important initiatives remind us of the power of compassion and respect in our daily interactions. Finally, we extend our warmest wishes to all members of our community observing the beginning of Ramadan, a meaningful time of reflection, prayer, and connection.

There's plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead! Rivalry Week is just around the corner and promises to bring fun, friendly competition, and lots of school spirit. March Break is also approaching—a well-deserved opportunity for rest and reset before we head into the final stretch of the semester.

DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING: 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.



#yearbook

BUY YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK NOW

SCHOOLCASHONLINE \$35!

SEE MR. MCKINNON FOR MORE INFO



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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.



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 have been released. Applications are available from the Cooperative Education Counsellors Ms. Parrington and Mrs. Feliciano, who work one-on-one with each applicant to prepare and polish their applications before submission. Applications are for grade 11 students to apply a year in advance.

OYAP Level 1 Advanced Applications Information:

2027 Level 1 OYAP applications will open on **Friday March 6th** at 8:00am and are due no later than 4:00pm **Thursday April 9th, 2026**. Applications will ONLY be accepted online.

Applications can be found at:

- The direct link to the application portal is <https://www.ddsb.ca/OYAP-Application/>
- Cooperative Education Counsellors: Ms. Parrington and Mrs. Feliciano
- The Henry Street Website at: <https://henrystreeths.ddsb.ca/en/courses/coopaspx.aspx>

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.

Pre-requisites for possible acceptance:

- These are highly competitive and in demand. Minimum pre-requisites:
- 60% in Grade 11 English and Math,
- excellent high school attendance and punctuality
- some aptitude/experience/course completion in the trade of interest.

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CELEBRATING AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT!

We are proud to announce that Ramshankarprasad R. has won the **Investment Strategies Program** organized by JA Central.

Through dedication, analytical thinking, and strong financial decision-making skills, Ram stood out among participants and earned fourth place, along with a **\$500 scholarship award**. This remarkable accomplishment highlights Ram's commitment to excellence and growing expertise in financial literacy and investment strategy.

Congratulations, Ram on this outstanding achievement – we are incredibly proud of you!



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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HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

School Reach

They did it!!! With our school community sending them all the luck and positive vibes The Senior School Reach Team qualified for the School Reach Finals! They will compete against 7 other schools on March 3rd and hopefully take home the title!

Wish them luck!



Environment Club

The Environment Club at Henry Street High School continues to grow as students take an active role in promoting sustainability and environmental awareness within our school community.

We meet Thursdays at lunch in Room 304, and all students are welcome — whether they're passionate about climate action, interested in hands-on projects, or simply curious about how they can make a difference.

What We're Working On:

Envirothon Preparation

We are currently looking for students who would like to participate in Envirothon, a hands-on environmental competition that challenges students' knowledge in areas such as wildlife, forests and soil. It's a fantastic opportunity for students who enjoy environmental science, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Earth Week Planning (April 19–25)

The club will shortly begin preparing activities and initiatives for Earth Week 2026. Students will be brainstorming ways to raise awareness, encourage environmentally responsible choices, and create meaningful engagement throughout the school.

Why Join?

Environment Club provides students with opportunities to:

- Develop leadership and collaboration skills
- Engage in experiential learning
- Contribute positively to the school community
- Build environmental literacy and civic responsibility



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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.



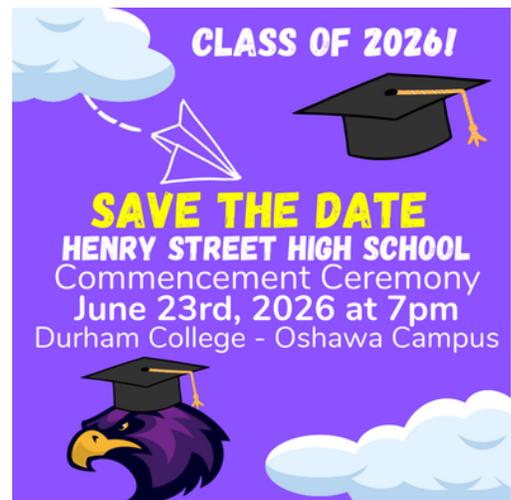
Commencement 2026 Save the Date

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

Grade 12s! Don't miss your moment! Order your grad gown by Friday, March 6th to be ready for the big day! Cost is \$20 (taxes included). Order your Grad Gown today and get one step closer to walking that stage on Tuesday, June 23rd!

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!



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

March 3 – Rivalry Week (Day 1)

March 5 – Rivalry Week (Day 2)

March 13 – 20 – March Break (No Classes)

April 2 – Coffee House (7–9 pm)

April 3 – Good Friday (No Classes)

April 6 – Easter Monday (No Classes)

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 2026



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.

Want to know more about how to support your child's well-being?

FREE

Free webinar series for parents and caregivers

Join us for conversations on important mental health and substance use health topics identified by parents/caregivers in Ontario.

4 webinars | Subject matter experts | Q&A

Webinar 1 – March 5: Conversations about balanced device use

Webinar 2 – April 10: Conversations about vaping

Webinar 3 – May 7: Conversations about body image

Webinar 4 – June 5: Conversations about anxiety

Learn more and register today!



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**School Mental Health
Ontario By Your Side**

Parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being for every family