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# HAWK TALK

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# SPRING'S IN SESSION

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Welcome to April! As we step into a new month, we're excited to embrace the arrival of spring. The longer days, warmer weather, and brighter sunshine bring a renewed sense of energy to our school community. After the winter months, it's wonderful to see students and staff enjoying more time outdoors and returning with a fresh outlook for learning.

March was a busy and energetic month for our school community. Despite being a month with fewer instructional days, we packed in a wide range of activities, events, and opportunities for students to get involved. From classroom learning to extracurricular experiences, it was wonderful to see so many students participating, connecting, and making the most of their time at school.

Spring is always a busy and vibrant time in our school. As we begin Term 2 and approach midterms, students are settling into new routines and continuing to build on their learning. There is also much to look forward to beyond the classroom, including the Kelly Cup competition, trips, spring music performances, Relay for Life, Henry Street's production of *Legally Blonde*, and the spring LOSSA sports season. It's an exciting time to get involved, show school spirit, and celebrate the many talents within our community.

## OSSLT - SPRING 2026

Please note that approximately 60 of our students will be writing the Ontario Secondary Student Literacy Test on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Writers will be completing both booklets on this day.

Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

## LEARNING IN ACTION

Henry Street's Performing Arts students took a trip to Toronto to see the Mirvish production of *& Juliet*. The production captivated students, showcasing outstanding acting, music, and technical expertise.



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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.

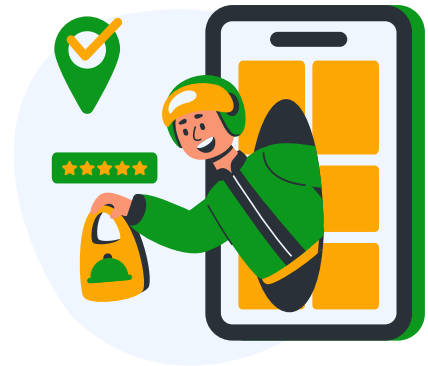


## REMINDER: FOOD DELIVERY GUIDELINES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

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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## THE ATHLETIC REPORT

### Athletic Fee

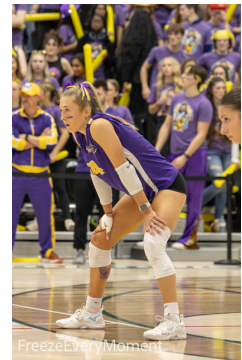
All athletes who play on an extra curricular sports team are required to pay the one time 25/26 Athletic Fee on School Cash Online. This fee also includes the Athletic Banquet held at the end of the school year.

## RIVALRY WEEK 2026

We are proud to celebrate a fantastic and highly successful Rivalry Week! A huge thank you to our Phys Ed department for organizing such an incredible event that brought our school community together. Rivalry Week continues to showcase the very best of our students—school spirit, grit, determination, and pride were on full display throughout.



## CONGRATULATIONS HENRY STREET ON AN IMPRESSIVE FOUR-PEAT VICTORY—WHAT AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT!



### Rugby 15s

In preparation for not only our spring season but also our upcoming rugby tour to Niagara Falls/Brock University, the Jr and Sr Boys rugby 15s teams took part in a joint training session with Dunbarton led by players from Queen's and Guelph Men's programs.



After the 2hr training session the boys got to take in an exhibition game between the two Universities who are amongst the best in the country every year. They also got to see some former alumni, Thomas Paddick and Luke Waters, who both represented well with Queen's University.



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## HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

### Black Student Union

The Black Student Union is hosting a movie night on Thursday, April 9th. Come out to enjoy food, drinks and a screening of Black Panther. Tickets are only \$5. Buy one through School Cash Online or in person in the student council office.



## COFFEE HOUSE 2026

Our Coffee House 2026 was an incredible success, and we couldn't be prouder of our talented musicians and dedicated crew!

The performances were outstanding—from powerful vocals to impressive instrumental work, every act brought something special to the stage. The energy, creativity, and confidence on display made for a truly memorable evening. Behind the scenes, our crew worked seamlessly to ensure everything ran smoothly, and their effort did not go unnoticed.

Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work, passion, and commitment to making this event such a highlight of the year!

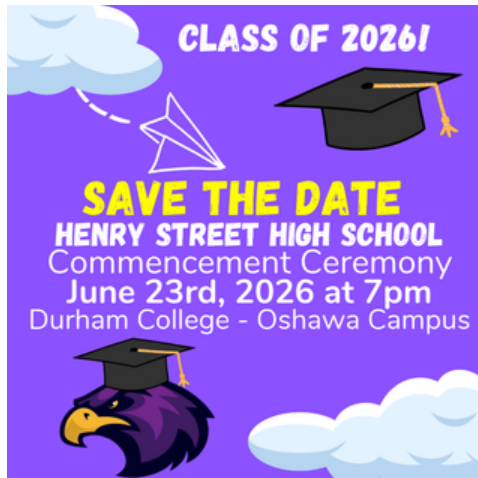


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## FROM GUIDANCE

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, beginning promptly at 7 pm.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 12S - COMMENCEMENT 2026:

Grade 12 students who complete all diploma requirements will be invited to our Commencement ceremony.

**Note:** Students who will not graduate by the end of the school year, should book an appointment with a Guidance Counsellor to develop a plan. If the plan allows for the student to have successfully completed their diploma requirements by August 31, 2026, they will be invited to the Commencement ceremony in June. They will be able to pick up their diploma in September once their diploma requirements have been met. Students who plan to return to Henry Street in the Fall of 2026 to complete their diploma requirements will be invited to the Commencement ceremony in the following year (June 2027).

### **Courses taken outside of Henry Street High School:**

If you are taking a course with a private institution outside of Henry Street (ie) Blythe Academy, Ontario Virtual School, Virtual High School, etc. please see Mrs. McFadden for further information and directions. The final mark for these courses need to be sent directly to the Henry Street Guidance Department by **June 11th, 2026** at the latest.

Important information continues on next page...

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## Henry Street Commencement Award Profile – DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2026

The Henry Street Commencement Award Profile Google Form has been posted on the Grade 12 Google Classroom. This form allows students to nominate themselves for some of Henry Street's Commencement Awards. The information provided will be used by the Guidance Department and Commencement Committee to determine who should be chosen for Commencement Awards. Students should complete the Google Form to the best of their ability and if updates are needed about their post-secondary plan they are welcome to update that information via email to Mrs. McFadden (alexandra.mcfadden@ddsb.ca).

Open for submission: April 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

## Next Transmission Dates – April 23rd, 2026

Thursday April 23rd, 2026 is the next transmission date. Semester 2 midterm marks will be transmitted to Ontario Colleges/Universities on this date.

## FULL DISCLOSURE DATE - APRIL 29TH

Full disclosure in Ontario high schools is a Ministry of Education policy requiring all Grade 11 and 12 courses attempted to be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript (OST). Dropping a course after the designated full disclosure date (Wed, April 29th, 2026) results in a "W" (withdrawal) and the current mark appearing on the transcript.

## 2026/2027 TIMETABLE CHANGES

Thank you to all the students for completing their course selections for the 2026/2027 school year.

At this time, Guidance is not accepting timetable changes – we are unable to make changes to these requests. There will be opportunities in the new school year to request timetable changes.

## TALK TO A DURHAM COLLEGE REP

Daniela Ruscica is available to assist any students and or parents that have questions about Durham College programming. Students in grade 11 or 12 are able to book a 30 minute virtual session with Daniela to ask her anything! If students are exploring program options, require upgrading or have already applied and need assistance on next steps, she is happy to help!

Daniela is available during the evening of Wednesday April 15th 2026 available for Henry students and families, appointments can be scheduled between 4:30pm–7:00pm using this [link!](#)

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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

April 8 – French Midterms

April 9 – English Midterms

April 15 – Term 2 begins

April 16 – OSSLT Re-Write Day

April 17 – PA Day (No classes)

April 21 – Report Cards (Email & Parent Portal)

April 30 – Spring Concert

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



# Gowns

FOR GRADS



PROM DRESSES, SHOES, JEWELERY AND MORE!



**FREE EVENT!**

Open to all grade 8 and 12 grads that are in search of the perfect dress and accessories



**DATE/TIME**

April 25, 2026  
from  
9:00am-4:00pm



**LOCATION**

G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute  
399 Chaleur Ave, Oshawa



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# SUITS FOR YOUTH




**APRIL 16**

**10AM TO 7PM**

**FREE** Suits, Shirts, Pants & Accessories  
For Grade 8 and 12 Students!  
*School I.D. required*

**OSHAWA CENTRE**  
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419 KING ST W, OSHAWA ON

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: SUITSFORYOUTHS@DRPS.CA

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Bouquets will be ready for pickup at the Henry Street Commencement  
Tues June 23, 2026

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TUESDAY MAY 5TH**

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