

# HAWK TALK

## STRONG FINISH AHEAD

We can't believe we're heading into the final month of school – it's hard to believe how quickly the months have flown by. This year has been filled with busy days, exciting opportunities, memorable moments, and so much growth from our students and staff.

While we are beginning to wrap up another successful school year, there is still plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead – our spring drama production of Legally Blonde, Athletic Banquet, exams, Commencement and Grad Formal. We look forward to a strong and exciting finish to the year.

This newsletter will include important information about upcoming exams and summatives, commencement and end of year festivities.

### LAST DAY OF CLASSES



### GRADE 9 MATH EQAO

All grade 9 students that are currently enrolled in MTH1W1 this semester will be writing the Grade 9 EQAO on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will write their EQAO in their math class with their teacher.

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## SEMESTER 2 EXAM INFORMATION

Exams are upon us! Please find some important information below.

**When:** Exams run June 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Period 4 exams (Grade 12 classes ONLY)

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Period 3 exams (Grade 12 classes ONLY)

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Period 2 exams (Grade 12 classes ONLY)

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Period 1 exams (All classes)

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Period 2 exams (Grade 9–11 classes)

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Period 3 exams (Grade 9–11 classes)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Period 4 exams (Grade 9–11 classes)

Exams will run on a Week A schedule. All exams begin promptly at **9:30 am**. All exams are 2 hours in length. A complete schedule will be sent out at a later date.

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

**Where:** All exams are in person at school, in designated rooms. Please make sure your child checks where they are writing their exam.

### Other Information:

- School buses will operate on a regular schedule. Students will be picked up in the morning at regular time; the return trip will be at the end of the regular school day (3:30 pm). If your student needs to wait at the school for the afternoon bus, they are welcome to sit in the cafeteria quietly. Our library will be closed.
- Please make sure your student has all materials needed to complete their exam, this includes Chromebooks fully charged. Your student can confirm which materials are needed with their teacher.
- Phones, smartwatches, Meta glasses and other personal communication devices are not allowed in the exam room. If there is an emergency and you need to get in contact with your student, please call the main office and we can get in contact with your student.

## IMPORTANT INFO FROM INCLUSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

In previous years, we have had students sign themselves up for exams, but this year, to help streamline the procedure, we are asking teachers to complete this process. We strongly recommend students begin their exams with their classroom teacher as they can answer any questions the students might have. All accommodations are still available for exams written in class.

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## ATHLETIC BANQUET

Celebrate an incredible year of Hawks athletics with teammates, coaches, and friends!

Date: June 10

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: School Cafeteria

If you have already paid your athletic fee, your banquet ticket is INCLUDED – no extra cost!

✔ Pick up your ticket outside the cafeteria

Tickets will be distributed every:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

! Haven't paid your athletic fee yet?

There's still time – pay as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the banquet celebration!



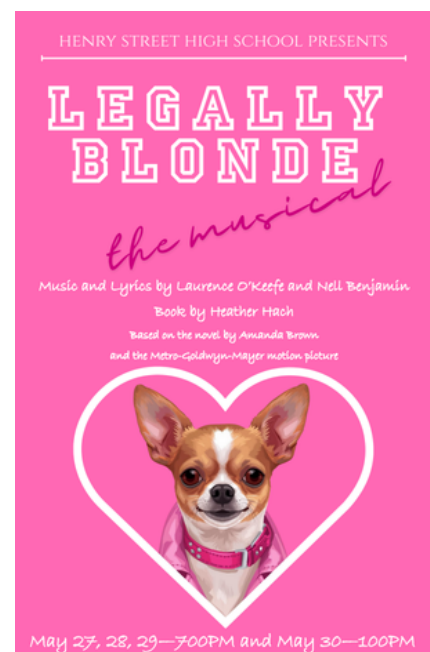
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## HENRY STREET PRESENTS: LEGALLY BLONDE

Get ready to bend and snap your way into an unforgettable evening! Our talented student cast and crew have been working incredibly hard to bring Legally Blonde: The Musical to life. Filled with energy, humour, catchy songs, and heart, this production promises to entertain audiences of all ages. We are so proud of the dedication and creativity our students have shown throughout rehearsals and cannot wait to share their amazing work with our school community.

Tickets are now available to purchase on School Cash Online – get them soon, they are selling quick!

Performances are May 27–29 (7 pm) and May 30 (1:30 pm)



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## INFORMATION FOR GRADE 12S

**Final day of Classes:** All Grade 12 classes will end June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please see information about Grade 12 exams above. Grade 12 students are not required to attend school after June 11<sup>th</sup>, unless they have a scheduled exam.

**Grade 12 Grad BBQ:**

**When:** Thursday June 11, 2026



We're excited to celebrate our 2026 Graduates with a special afternoon of events. Students will come to the Cafeteria after lunch for a mandatory Grad Assembly followed by a Grad BBQ and then the Whole-School Grad Clap Out.

Students can purchase a BBQ combo for \$5, which includes 1 burger + 1 drink. Multiple combos may be purchased. School Cash online is available until Friday, June 5th. Cash can also be brought to Mrs. McFadden in Guidance.

Payment deadline for BBQ is **June 5, 2026**.

**Vote for Valedictorian:**

Please vote for the student you believe deserves to be Valedictorian for 2026. Remember the student should demonstrate following criteria:

- High academic average throughout high school
- Commitment to extracurricular activities (athletics, clubs, school leadership, etc.)
- Strong communication skills
- Highly respected among graduating class and Henry Street staff
- Good representative of Henry Street in the community

Voting closes Friday, May 22nd at 12 pm.

Link to the Google Form can be found in the Grade 12 Google Classroom

## COURSE FEES

As we begin wrapping up another successful school year, this is a friendly reminder to please ensure all Course Enhancement Fees are paid through School Cash Online. These fees help support valuable learning experiences and classroom opportunities for our students. We appreciate your attention to this before the end of June and thank you for your continued support throughout the school year.

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## KELLY CUP

Huge congratulations to the Henry Street Mock Trial team for their spectacular victory at the Kelly Cup!

The competition kicked off on April 29th at the Oshawa Courthouse, where 14 teams from across the Durham Region went head-to-head in a battle of legal wit and advocacy. After a grueling first day, Henry Street emerged as one of the top 4 teams to advance to the finals.

On the second day of competition, our students showcased incredible skill and determination, ultimately winning the championship. We are so proud of our legal eagles for bringing the trophy home!



## LEARNING IN ACTION



On May 8th, our Justice and Emergency Service SHSM students participated in the in-class training Wilderness First Aid training session in preparation for Search and Rescue Field training next Fall. The program, led by Emergency Medical Consultants & Training, provided students with specialized skills needed to manage medical emergencies in remote environments where traditional emergency services might be delayed. From stabilizing injuries to making critical decisions under pressure, our SHSM participants are now better prepared for the unexpected.

Our Grade 10 History classes stepped back in time on May 12th during a dynamic, two-part interactive workshop that brought the lessons of the Great War to life.

### Hands-on with the Past

Sam Richardson from the Oshawa Regimental Museum joined us with an incredible collection of WWI artifacts. Students had the rare opportunity to see and handle history, gaining a tangible connection to the daily lives of soldiers on the front lines.

### Strategy and Storytelling

The learning continued with Aaron Curtis from Valour Canada, who shared historical information and stories from the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Moving beyond the textbooks, students used their communication and teamwork skills to replicate Canadian troop movements from the battle.



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## HENRY STREET MUSIC



Congratulations to the Music Department and all of the students on an amazing Spring Concert! The performances by the Jazz Band, Grade 9 Band, Guitar Classes and Concert Band showcased incredible talent, hard work, and dedication.

A special congratulations to the Grade 12 students on their finale performance on the Henry Street stage! Your leadership and passion have made a lasting impact.



Thank you to the community for coming out and supporting the Arts at Henry Street!

The Concert Band also participated at the Wonderland Festival of Music on May 7. They had an amazing performance and an excellent adjudication.

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2026–2027 Modified School Calendar is now available on the DDSB website.

[2026–2027 School Calendar HERE](#)

**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026** will be Grade 9 Day, only Grade 9 students are required to attend on this day. The first day of school for Grade 10–12 students will be **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

Further information for the 2026–2027 school year will be shared in August.

## A MESSAGE FROM CO-OP



The Cooperative Education Department has been working hard to meet all the 2026–2027 students that have selected Cooperative Education in their course selection. We have met most in our office and in a lunch meeting to share that students are encouraged to seek and secure a work placement for co-op, as it is the first step in learning about the employment experience.

We sent home a comprehensive package about co-op with some examples of excellent resumes and cover letters so students can make their own to hand to perspective employers. Our door is always open for questions or support.

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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.



## 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.

## COMMENCEMENT

Graduates and families, we look forward to welcoming you to our 2026 Commencement ceremony – it's fast approaching!

Commencement seating: There is no assigned seating at Commencement. There will be an accessible area for seating at Commencement, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

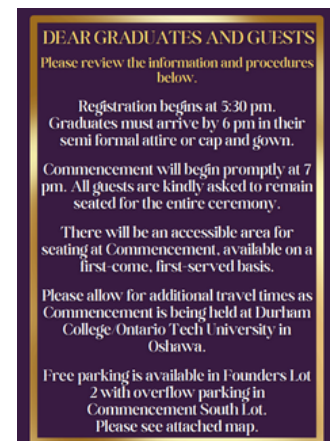
Graduates are reminded to complete the Commencement Student Questionnaire available on the Grade 12 Google Classroom. Students must complete the Questionnaire in order to pick up their Commencement tickets.

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Graduates will be able to pick up their 10 tickets for the Commencement Ceremony. If extra tickets are needed, please see Guidance.

\*A ticket is required for entry.

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Grad Gown and tickets will be available for pick up in Guidance.

**Commencement Flowers:** Would you like to gift your graduate flowers – pre order is now available, see flyer below. Profits from these sales are donated to Henry Street's In Full Bloom commencement award.



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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.

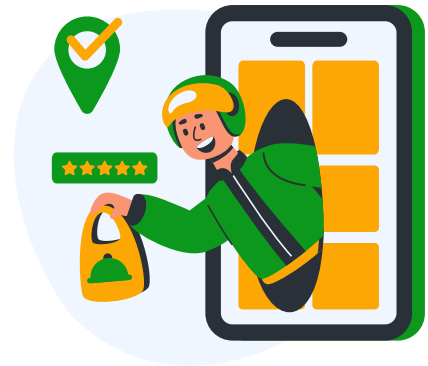


## REMINDER: FOOD DELIVERY GUIDELINES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

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

May 27–30 – Legally Blonde: The Musical

June 9–10 – Grade 9 EQAO (Math)

June 11 – Last Day for Grade 12s

June 16 – Last Day for Grade 9–11s

June 12–22 – Exam Period

June 23 – Commencement

June 25 – Grad Formal

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

2026 Grad

# BBQ

✦ \$5 / Burger  
+ Drink ✦



June 11  
2026



Henry Street



1:00pm  
• Assembly +  
BBQ

PAY \$5 + FEE ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE  
OR CASH TO MRS. MCFADDEN IN GUIDANCE  
ORDER UNTIL FRIDAY JUNE 5TH 2026



Pre-order Graduation Flower Bouquets




A portion of the proceeds from the sales will go towards a future Graduation Award!



ORDER

Here

[bit.ly/4dxpPC1](https://bit.ly/4dxpPC1)



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

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