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SCHOOL SPIRIT SHINES!

It's hard to believe we've already completed the first 10 weeks of school! It's been an exciting start filled with learning, activities, and a wide range of extracurricular events. Our fall sports season is wrapping up, and we're so proud of all our students for their hard work and school spirit.

As we head into November Break next week, we hope everyone takes some well-deserved time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for a great second half of Semester 1!

HENRY'S GOT TALENT

We'd like to thank everyone who came out on October 16th to support our talented students and staff; it was a great success! With your support, we were able to raise \$1,000 for our performing arts scholarship.

We'd like to recognize Mr. McKinnon's hard work and dedication to make this event a great night for all. Shoutout to Mr. Spence and the AV Club for all their hard work behind the scenes – from set up to keeping everything running smoothly, we couldn't do it without you!



FALL FEST

Fall Fest is back! Henry Street is proud to host Fall Fest 2025 on October 30th (after school). Get ready for a fun-filled event of fall activities. The ticket gets you access to the Haunted House, friendship bracelet making, pumpkin painting, hair/nail art, cookie decorating, carnival games and much more!

Tickets are \$5/each, available to purchase on School Cash Online or at the Student Council Office at lunch time.

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HAWK-O-WEEN SPIRIT WEEK

It's the last week before fall break, and we're keeping spirits high with Spirit Week!

- Monday: Hawk Pride Day – wear your purple and gold!
- Wednesday: Sports Day – show off your favourite team gear!
- Friday: Costume Day – get creative and have some fun!

Who doesn't love a good Spirit Week? Let's end the week with lots of school pride!



GRAD PHOTOS

Graduation photos for the Class of 2026 are starting this week until November 13th! If your graduate has not booked their time slot, please see below.

Book online, choosing at school option:

<https://edgeimaging.ca/en/book-your-grad-session/>

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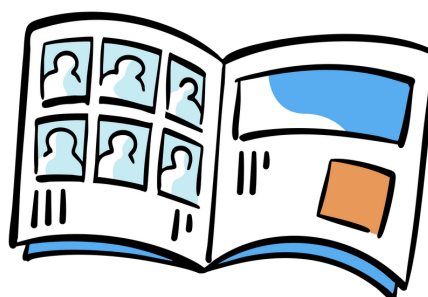
See flyer at the end of newsletter for more help!

COURSE FEES

Course fees are now available for payment through School Cash Online. Families can log in to view and pay any applicable fees for their student's courses. These fees help cover the cost of materials and activities that enhance learning experiences in specific classes. We encourage all families to check their School Cash Online accounts regularly and complete payments as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the main office.

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!



#yearbook

BUY YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK NOW

SCHOOLCASHONLINE \$35!

SEE MR. MCKINNON FOR MORE INFO



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DIWALI

Our DENSA club hosted Diwali Celebration week October 20th – October 24th. DENSA's Samosa Sale was a great success, thank you to everyone who supported our DENSA club.



Thank you to Eyalini, Mithula, Nithula and Sobika for creating a beautiful rangoli display in the front foyer to share with the Henry Street HS community!

ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

Islamic Heritage Month is celebrated in October to honour the history, heritage and contributions of Muslim Communities in Canada. This week (October 27th – October 30th), Ms. Frazer and our students are hosting events to celebrate Islamic Heritage Month. Everyone is welcome!

- Monday: Islamic Quiz Bowl – test your knowledge of Islamic history, culture, and fun facts! Gather your team, show off what you know, and compete for prizes while learning something new.
- Tuesday: Nasheed Chairs! Like musical chairs, but with nasheeds – moving, listening, and having fun to beautiful Islamic vocal songs.
- Wednesday: Thobe and hijab try on day. Come join us outside the HUB to try on hijabs and thobes, learn about their meanings and cultural significance, in a fun, hands-on way!
- Thursday: Islamic talk – join us for an inspiring session with a local mosque leader as he shares insights about Islamic teachings, values, and everyday life.

OSSLT

The Ontario Secondary Student Literacy Test will be written by all eligible Grade 10 students on November 19th and 20th. The OSSLT will be written in the students homeroom or Inclusive Student Services. The test format is 2 booklets; 1 booklet written each day. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

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VANDERMEER FLOWER SALE

We are happy to announce we will be having our Vandermeer Flower Sale Fundraiser again this year to support our Spring 2026 production of Legally Blonde.

Holiday florals and decoration are ordered through School Cash Online.

Deadline for orders are November 23rd and will be ready to pick up in the Library at Henry Street HS on December 1st.



DBEN VENDORS MARKET



The Durham Black Educators Network is happy to host their second annual Vendors Market at J. Clark Richardson Secondary School on November 1st from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

We would like to invite the entire DDSB community to come out to this wonderful event to do some browsing and shopping. It's a great way to support local, small and growing businesses right here in Durham!

Need to bring the kids along? No worries, we will keep them busy at the kids corner while you shop!

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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.

Intramurals

Another congratulations to our Junior Flag Football Intramural Champs Team Diversity. Congratulations to our Teacher team who are Senior Flag Football Intramural Champs. Special mentions to The Shores team who gave a good effort against us!

Boys Golf

Congratulations to the Boys Golf team on their 4th place LOSSA finish. It was two days of tough competition and conditions. There is some amazing LOSSA talent in our area!!! A special congrats to Mikah Fryer-Wilson on qualifying for OFSAA where he finished middle of the pack. Mikah golfed two solid rounds at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club.



Rugby

After a fantastic season, all our boys 7s teams have made it through to the final playoff day! Congratulations to the Junior and Senior teams on their LOSSA Silver medals.

Our senior girls had a dominant undefeated season with a point differential of +187. The junior girls had a strong season but came up short of making it to playoffs. The novice girls were into the finals day and had a strong showing. Congratulations to our Senior and Novice teams on their LOSSA Gold medals.

To all Rugby players:

Henry Street High School is so proud of your grit, hard work and dedication to Henry Street HS Rugby! We look forward to your Rugby 15s season in the spring!



We fully wrap up our seasons this week as we host our annual University and College recruitment tournament with 48 senior boys and girls teams from across the province along with 20+ Universities and College coaches to try and foster pathways to playing at the post-secondary level.

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Boys Soccer

Congratulations to our Boys Soccer Teams on incredible seasons! The teams showed outstanding skill, dedication, and teamwork with the seniors finishing first and juniors finishing second in the regular season standings.

From strong defensive play to creative attacking and relentless hustle, the boys demonstrated what it means to play with heart and pride every time they stepped on the pitch. Their commitment to training, leadership on and off the pitch, and unity as a team truly paid off.

Both the Junior and Senior Boys played their semi-final matches on Wednesday, October 22nd.

Congratulations to our Senior team who moved on to the Finals on Friday, October 24 and are LOSSA Champions, beating Pine Ridge 7-3.



Girls' Field Hockey

Our season has wrapped up with our team competing on Tuesday at the quarter finals. We had a super season filled with joy and learning the sport. Ms. Fisher and Ms. van Voorst are so proud of the girls and the sportsmanship they showed this season! We are so grateful to have such a lovely group, and for the big fan base of caring adults that we could always count on at games!



Upcoming Team Meetings

Boys Hockey

Junior and Senior Boys hockey will be hosting a meeting at the beginning of lunch in the Lecture Theatre on October 28th, 2025.

Girls Hockey

Girls Hockey is having an information meeting on Tuesday, October 28th at lunch in the Lower Gym. Sign up and tryout information will be shared at this time!

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FROM GUIDANCE

University/College Applications

It was great to see many of our students come to the College Application workshop on October 16th. Guidance will be hosting an Ontario University Application workshop at lunch time in the HUB on Tuesday, October 28th and Friday, October 31st. If students are looking for more support on their applications after these events, students are welcome to make a guidance appointment with Mrs. McFadden, email Mrs. McFadden or pop into Guidance during their spares and/or lunch time.

College Fair @ Durham College

Representatives from all Ontario Colleges will have booths set up at Durham College on October 30th, 2025. Guidance will be hosting a trip to Durham College, busing provided. Permission forms need to be handed in to Mrs. McFadden by October 28th.

Level Up! Skills Trades Career Fair

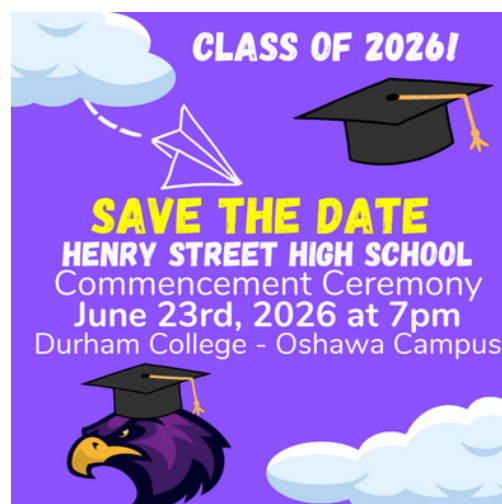
The Level Up! Skills Trades Career Fair is coming to Oshawa on November 19th, 2025 at Tribute Communities Centre (99 Athol St. E., Oshawa). This Open House event is free-of-charge and runs from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Check out the link for more information and other locations: <https://levelupontario.ca/open-house/>.

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.

More information about Commencement will be shared throughout the year.



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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

October 27 to November 13 – Graduation Photos

October 30 – College Information Trip to Durham College

November 3 – 7 – November Break (No School)

November 13 – Report Cards

November 14 – PA Day (No School)

November 19 – 20 – OSSLT

November 25 – 26 – Be-Me: Black Excellence Made Evident

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



GRAD PHOTOS

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SCHOOL CODE:

HSI



BLACK EXCELLENCE MADE EVIDENT

DDSB Inclusive Student Services Presents:

BeMe: Black Excellence Made Evident

Henry Street H.S. • November 25th and 26th, 2025

The Black Excellence Made Evident group is designed to amplify the voices and experiences of Black students. This 2-day in-person symposium brings Black identifying youth together in a safe space to:

- Affirm and validate Black student's identity
- Discuss strategies to confront marginalization and Anti-Black Racism
- Promote positive leadership amongst our Black students
- Provide mentorship opportunities and build connection to community

Interested? Scan the QR code to sign up!
Spots are limited— register now!

Please contact beme@ddsb.ca for more information



HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL



Fall FEST

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH

**HENRY STREET
HIGH SCHOOL
3:30PM-7:00PM**

**\$5
Entry**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Live Band/ Dance Performances
Carnival Games
Friendship Bracelet Making
Haunted House
Pumpkin and Cookie Decorating
Hair Braiding, Nail Art, Face Painting, and Henna
Craft Sale and Bake Sale * *extra charge*

*Tickets may be purchased on SchoolCashOnline with a 50
cent surcharge.*

SCARES ARE
LIMITED. SEE
THE HAUNTED
HOUSE
UNTIL 5:30!

**Students, their families and our family of schools
are welcome to enjoy this event!**

WINTER 2025 FUNDRAISING

LIVE PROGRAM



Thank you
for supporting local
community groups!



**Peppermint
the Penguin**

Poinsettia in
4.5" ceramic pot

\$20²⁵



**Classic
Peperomia**

Houseplant in 4.5"
ceramic pot

\$20²⁵



**8" Beary
Merry Planter**

Reusable
wood planter

\$41⁷⁵



**8" Cyclamen
White Tin**

Reusable
metal planter

\$41⁷⁵



**12" Poinsettia
Red Tin**

Reusable
metal planter

\$60



**Single
Cyclamen**

6" pot available
in many colours

\$14⁷⁵



**Single
Poinsettia**

6" pot available
in many colours

\$14⁷⁵



**Double
Poinsettia**

8" pot available
in two colours

\$28



**Triple
Poinsettia**

10" pot available
in two colours

\$39⁵⁰



**Fresh Evergreen
Wreath**

Outdoor

\$50⁷⁵



**Fresh
Door Swag**

Outdoor

\$26



**Fresh Evergreen
Basket**

Outdoor

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