

HAWK TALK

BREAK'S OVER - GO!

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing November Break. As we return, we're excited to dive into the second half of the semester. It's been a busy and productive first half, and things certainly aren't slowing down!

Winter sports season is just getting underway, and our teams are gearing up for an exciting lineup of games. We're looking forward to upcoming school productions and performances, as well as the Semi-Formal, our annual Holiday Food Drive and the Literacy Test—some of the many highlights that make this time of year so energizing.

Let's make the weeks ahead engaging, successful, and memorable for all!

OSSLT

Important Reminder: The OSSLT is being written this week!

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 student's 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.

HENRY STREET MUSIC NIGHT

Henry Street HS Music is happy to invite you to our Music Night! This concert will feature performances from our 4 school bands, directed by Ms. Howard. Music Night will showcase a wide variety of music.

When: November 20th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm.

Music Night is a free concert, we hope to see you there!



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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.

It's the last week to order! Deadline for orders are November 23rd and will be ready to pick up in the Library at Henry Street HS on December 1st.

Thank you for your continued support of the Arts at Henry Street HS.

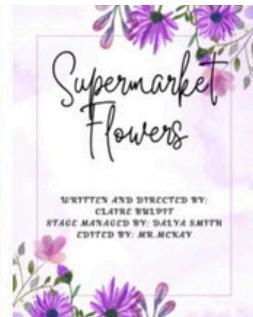
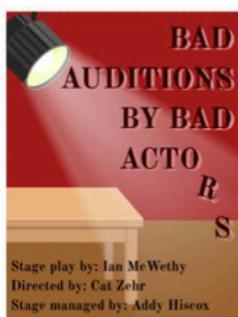


HENRY STREET PRESENTS: ONE ACTS

Henry's annual One Act Play Night will open on Wednesday, Dec 3 and close on Friday, Dec 5. Each night, come out and see 4 student-directed plays featuring students from grade 9-12. This year we are proud to feature:

- Bad Dates (directed by Gaori Sharma)
- The Day the Internet Died (directed by Nathan Giordano)
- Bad Auditions by Bad Actors (directed by Cat Zehr)
- Supermarket Flowers (written and directed by Claire Bulpit).

Tickets are available on line and at the door. Curtain opens at 7:00 pm.



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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!



HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

School Reach

Our two School Reach/Trivia teams are up and running! If you love trivia and would like to participate, we are still accepting members. Come have fun and learn neat facts!

Practices for the Senior Team (11/12) are Mondays in room 410. Practices for the Intermediate Team (9/10) are Tuesdays in room 410. Come right at 12:05 and bring your lunch!



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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.



Jr Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Volleyball Team for their successful season! The team lost in the quarter finals to Brooklin Bears in a nailbiter!! The boys played incredible and took Brooklin to a third set, only to lose a really close game! Shout outs to; Tayveon B, Jack B, Samuel C, Cameron C, Colten F, Shawn G, Will K, Caleb M, Mosawer N, Hudson O, Nate R, J.T. T and Alex W.

Coach Hull and Coach Balson would like to thank the gr. 10 boys for their commitment to the volleyball program and hope to see them trying out for the senior team in the future.

Tennis

The 2025 Fall sport season has officially wrapped up with the completion of Tennis OFSAA last week.

Our tennis team had an outstanding season. It was certainly one the best seasons of tennis ever at the school. Here is a summary of the results:

LOSSA Tennis Finals: The Senior Girls team won the LOSSA championship!! Tushi K.I won Gold in singles (qualified for OFSAA); Tiana M. & Naomi S. won Silver in doubles (qualified for OFSAA); Bella H. & Emma S-J. won bronze in doubles; Iris C. finished 6th in singles. In Senior Boys Vyom S. won Silver in open singles (qualified for OFSAA) and James A. finished 5th in singles.



OFSSA Tennis: Tushi K. won bronze at the Girls Singles OFSSA finals in Newmarket. She fought off several match points in a three set thriller final match. That was her seventh match win in the tournament and fourth on finals day.

Congratulations to our amazing tennis players!

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LEARNING IN ACTION

In grade 12 Biology the class simulated genetic recombination using hidden DNA codes to determine the offspring from 'Plastipigs.' A good time was had by all as they used the processes of DNA to create unique little creatures according to the results of their investigation. The class even had their creations pose for our Henry Street nursery photo!



The Grade 10 Science students have been busily preparing their STEM projects of building a periscope. Using some of the concepts of our Optics unit and self ingenuity there are many excellent examples of student achievement. Things are starting to look up (pun intended).

HSHS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



Hawks Athletic Council (HAC) is proud to host their Annual Food Drive.

This event has been incredibly successful in past years, thanks to the overwhelming support from our school community. With the help of Feed the Need Durham, we hope to once again make a meaningful impact and support many local families in need!

HAC will be visiting homeroom classes on November 24th to introduce the Food Drive and how the friendly homeroom competition will work.

Donation pick ups will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays between December 2nd and 16th.

We truly appreciate your willingness to contribute, and we thank you in advance for helping ensure no family goes without.



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FROM GUIDANCE

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/>.

Explore Your Future!

Join us for our Future Pathways Open House on Wednesday, November 27th from 3:30–5:30 PM in the Lower Gym. Meet representatives from universities, colleges, and workplaces, — all in one place! This fair-style event is your chance to ask questions, explore opportunities, and discover what comes next after high school. Students and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Don't miss this exciting step toward your future! Please see the attached posters for a list of projected attendees and more detailed information. Questions? Please connect with a member of the guidance team.

See the event flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Junior Awards

Henry Street HS is excited to celebrate our Junior Award winners from the 2024–2025 academic school year.

In early December, our Administration Team will be personally delivering Junior Awards to students during their homeroom classes.

Congratulations to all of our Award Winners!

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

November 19 – 20 – OSSLT

November 20 – Music Night @ 6:30 pm

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

November 27 – Future Pathways Open House (3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

December 3 – 5 – One Act Plays (7:00 pm – 9:30 pm)

– Junior Awards Distribution

December 22 – January 2 – Winter Break

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



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



WINTER 2025 FUNDRAISING

LIVE PROGRAM



**Peppermint
the Penguin**

Poinsettia in
4.5" ceramic pot

\$20.25



**Classic
Peperomia**

Houseplant in 4.5"
ceramic pot

\$20.25



**8" Beary
Merry Planter**

Reusable
wood planter

\$41.75



**8" Cyclamen
White Tin**

Reusable
metal planter

\$41.75



**12" Poinsettia
Red Tin**

Reusable
metal planter

\$60



**Single
Cyclamen**

6" pot available
in many colours

\$14.75



**Single
Poinsettia**

6" pot available
in many colours

\$14.75



**Double
Poinsettia**

8" pot available
in two colours

\$28



**Triple
Poinsettia**

10" pot available
in two colours

\$39.50



**Fresh Evergreen
Wreath**

Outdoor

\$50.75



**Fresh
Door Swag**

Outdoor

\$26



**Fresh Evergreen
Basket**

Outdoor

\$79



**Vandermeer
Gift Card**

Redeem any time
No expiry date

\$35



Holiday plants grown in our own
Ajax greenhouse. Partnering with
our community for over 20 years!



Thank you
for supporting local
community groups!



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Peppermint Peppermia
the Penguin Peperomia
4.5" Pot 4.5" Pot

Classic Beary Merry Cyclamen
Peperomia Planter White Tin
4.5" Pot 8" Pot 8" Pot

Poinsettia Single Single Double
Red Tin Cyclamen Poinsettia Poinsettia
12" Pot 6" Pot 6" Pot 8" Pot

Triple Fresh Fresh Fresh
Poinsettia Evergreen Door Swag Evergreen
10" Pot Wreath Basket Gift Card

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Be safe! Only sell to family, friends, and neighbours.

1. Fill out this order form.
2. Collect payment for your orders.
3. Make sure all payments are made to your fundraising organization or school.
4. Total your order form and copy total quantities of each item onto your total sheet.
5. Keep your order form to refer to when orders are delivered.

Earn a FREE Pollinator Kit!

Reach \$1500 in orders before taxes and your group or school will receive a Pollinator Garden Kit in May!

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FUTURE PATHWAYS OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2025
LOWER GYM, 3:30-5PM

EXPLORE PATHWAYS FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Do you wish to enter into the workforce, pursue a skilled trade or join the armed forces? Will you continue your studies at a college or university? This event will help you to gather information and explore opportunities as you begin or refine your pathway plan for the future.



STUDENTS & FAMILIES DROP-IN 3:30PM TO 5PM

This is a drop-in style event. Presenters will be located at tables around the gym. Students and families can show up anytime, ask questions and collect promotional materials and information. You can explore booths, ask questions and be inspired! Don't miss it!



Please see Guidance if you have questions or need more information



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LOWER GYM, 3:30-5PM**

The following organizations are expected to be in attendance but are subject to change:

Ontario Colleges

Centennial College
Durham College
Fleming College
Georgian College
Humber College
Loyalist College
Sheridan College

Ontario Universities

Brock University
Laurentian University
Ontario Tech University
Trent University
University of Guelph
University of Guelph-Humber
McMaster University
OCAD
Ontario Tech University
University of Ottawa
Queen's University
University of Toronto
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
York University

Other Schools

King's University College
Redeemer University
Toronto Film School
University of New Brunswick

Workplace/Skilled Trades/ Community Resources

Canadian Armed Forces
Contact North
DC Academic Upgrading
GoodLife Fitness
PSW Engagement Strategy
Yconic Student Awards &
Scholarships
YMCA Employment Services

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