

# HAWK TALK

# WRAPPING UP 2025

It's hard to believe how quickly the 2025 school year has flown by—yet here we are in December, gearing up for an exciting and busy final three weeks before Winter Break!

Our halls are buzzing with anticipation as we prepare for the Semi-Formal, our annual Holiday Food Drive, and the always impressive One Acts performances. There's plenty happening on the sports front as well, with hockey games, swim meets, girls' volleyball tournaments and more filling the calendar. We'll also be celebrating student achievement with the upcoming Junior Awards distribution. With so much to look forward to, we're ready to close out the year on a high note!

## A MESSAGE FROM HENRY STREET'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Chair of the School Community Council (SCC), I would like to extend an invitation to parents and guardians who are interested in becoming more involved in our school community.

The SCC plays an important role in supporting our students, families, and staff by helping to strengthen the connection between home, school, and community. Together, we work on initiatives that enhance student learning, celebrate school spirit, and build a positive environment for everyone.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your ideas, perspective, and involvement make a real difference. Joining the SCC is a wonderful way to stay informed, share your voice, and contribute to the success of our school.

If you're interested in learning more or would like to join, please reach out to me at [Lindsey.stevens@hotmail.ca](mailto:Lindsey.stevens@hotmail.ca).

Thank you for considering becoming part of our SCC, we truly value the partnership and participation of our families and community.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Stevens  
SCC Chair



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## HENRY STREET PRESENTS: ONE ACTS

Henry's annual One Act Play Night is this week! Shows 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 School Cash Online until end of day December 2nd and at the door. Curtain opens at 7:00 pm.



## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found has once again gathered an impressive collection of belongings, from jackets and water bottles to shoes and gym wear. See anything you recognize, have your student check the table in the front foyer to claim any missing items. All unclaimed items will be donated after Winter Break.



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## SEMI FORMAL

Semi-Formal is coming soon! Join us on the evening of Thursday, December 11th from 6-9pm for the Snowflake Soiree. It will be a great night filled with food, dancing and lots of fun!

Tickets are \$8 and available for purchase in person during lunch hour or through School Cash Online.

Attendees must have their Student Activity Fee paid and a signed Student Responsibility Agreement to get their ticket. Make sure to get your tickets fast as space is limited!



## 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!

This fee is required for Winter Semi-Formal, Rivalry Week and Grad Formal.



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## HENRY STREET MUSIC NIGHT

The Music Department hosted Music Night on November 20th and had an amazing turn out. With over 100 musicians on stage, we were able to celebrate the musical accomplishments of the grade 9 and 10 Bands as well as the Jazz and Concert Bands.



On Friday, November 21st the grade 8 classes from our family of schools joined us for a music morning in which they got to listen and participate in a fun event hosted by The Music Department.

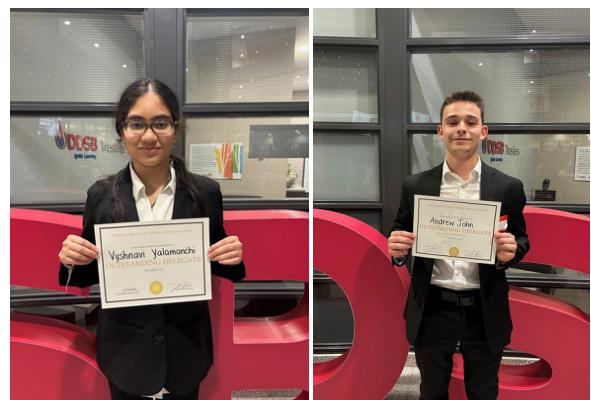
Thank you to all of our supportive families and community members who came out and continue to support music at Henry Street!

## HAWKS SOAR: CLUB SPOTLIGHT

### Model United Nations (MUN)

Recently Henry Street's Model United Nations Team travelled to the DDSB ed centre for its first competition against several Durham High Schools.

Andrew J. received the prestigious award for Best Delegate in the Drug Trafficking Council and Vyshnavi Y. won Best Delegate for the Wicked Council. Congratulations to all participants. A reminder that students all year are welcome to join the club. Meetings are on Tuesdays at LUNCH in room 413. Any questions please contact Mr. Poll.



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## SCIENCE IS LOOKING FOR OLD LIGHTS

Do you have older style seasonal or Christmas lights that don't work or you don't need? if they are the older style, not the new LED, then Science would love to have them. We use them in building circuits in electricity labs and the older style ones are ideal. Please feel free to send them in with your student to the school and we will put them to good use!

## 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 visited 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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



## 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.ddsbs.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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## FROM GUIDANCE

### Post Secondary Applications

 APPLY TO COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY BEFORE WINTER BREAK! 

Grade 12s – Don't wait! Application deadlines are coming fast.

#### Applying to University?

Course Requirements:

- 6 Grade 12 U/M Courses
- MUST include Grade 12 University English
- Some programs require additional prerequisites – check before applying

Applications Open: Early October

Cost to Apply: \$156 for 3 choices • \$50 per additional choice

Deadline: January 15, 2026

**Research Programs:** [ouinfo.ca](http://ouinfo.ca)

**Apply Here:** [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

**How to Apply:** [ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-how-to-apply/](http://ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-how-to-apply/)

**FAQ for Applicants:** [ouac.on.ca/faq-application/undergrad/](http://ouac.on.ca/faq-application/undergrad/)

**How-To Videos:** [ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/](http://ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/)

#### Applying to College?

Course Requirements:

- Grade 12 College English
- Additional requirements vary by program

Applications Open: Early October

Cost to Apply: \$150 for up to 5 programs (max 3 at one college)

Deadline:

Equal Consideration – February 1, 2026

(Some programs accept applications until July 2026)

**Research Programs:** [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

**Apply Here:** [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

**How to Apply:** [ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply](http://ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply)

**How-To Video:** [youtube.com/watch?v=hoZGrPOcnwY](https://youtube.com/watch?v=hoZGrPOcnwY)

DON'T WAIT – APPLY BEFORE THE BREAK!

If you need help, please reach out to guidance. You can make a guidance appointment with Mrs. McFadden or feel free to come down before school, during lunch, or during your spare for support.

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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

December 2 – 16 – Holiday Food Drive

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

December 11 – Winter Semi-Formal (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

December 22 – January 2 – Winter Break

January 5 – Classes Resume (Week B Schedule)

January 21 – 27 – Semester 1 Exams (Details to come)

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