

# HAWK TALK

## READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT

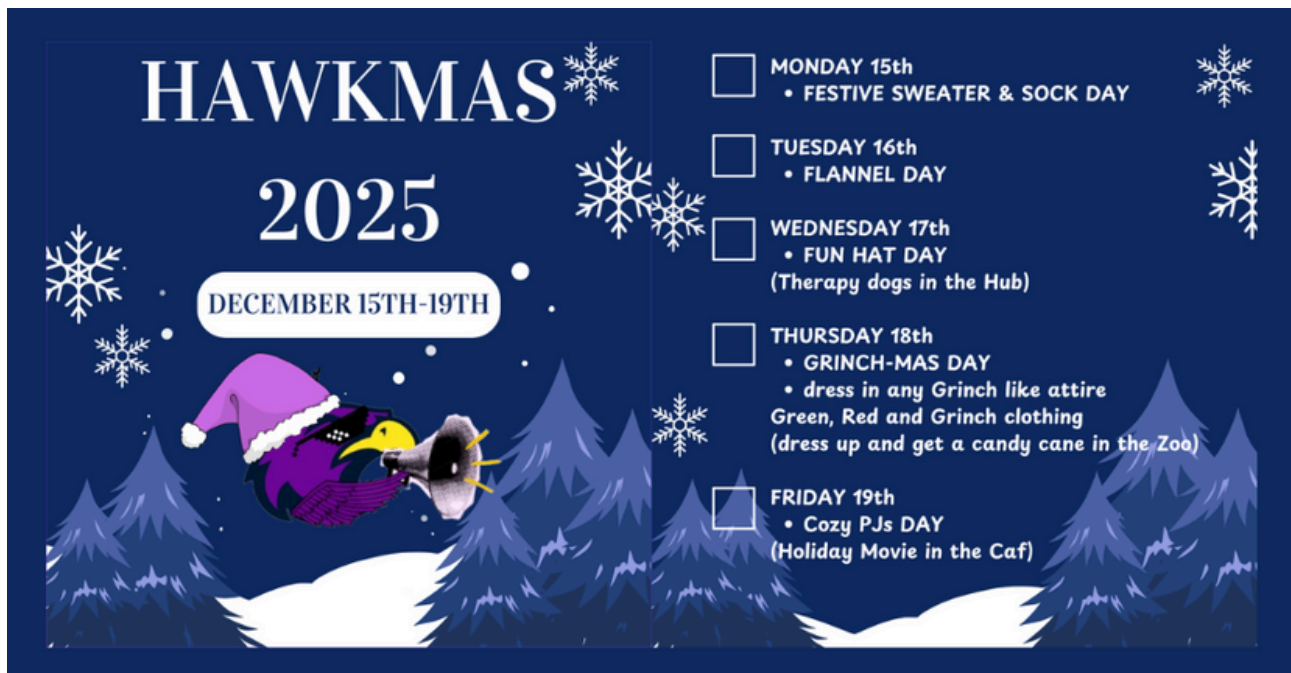
As we wrap up 2025 and head into the final week of school, it's a perfect moment to pause and reflect on a year filled with growth, effort, and community spirit. From classrooms to courts, studios to stages, our students and staff have shown resilience, creativity, and pride in all they do. While this year comes to a close, there is so much to look forward to as we turn our eyes toward 2026!

The new year will bring exams, Semester 2, Rivalry Week, more sports, Coffee House, and the excitement of our drama production of Legally Blonde – along with countless opportunities for learning and connection. As this newsletter makes its way from our school to your homes, we wish all our families a wonderful, restful, and safe winter and holiday break. We can't wait to welcome everyone back refreshed and ready for all that the new year has in store.

## HAWKMAS 2025 SPIRIT WEEK

What better way to end the year than by coming together for a Spirit Week? It was a fun and energetic way to celebrate our school pride, build community, and finish the year on a high note with smiles, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the halls.

Hawkmas 2025 is here! December 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> is Spirit Week!

A festive poster for Hawkmas 2025 Spirit Week. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stylized evergreen trees. In the center, a hawk is depicted wearing a purple Santa hat and a purple scarf, holding a candy cane. The text 'HAWKMAS 2025' is prominently displayed in white, with 'DECEMBER 15TH-19TH' in a white oval below it. To the right, a list of daily activities is provided, each preceded by a white square checkbox.

**HAWKMAS 2025**  
DECEMBER 15TH-19TH

- ☐ **MONDAY 15th**  
• FESTIVE SWEATER & SOCK DAY
- ☐ **TUESDAY 16th**  
• FLANNEL DAY
- ☐ **WEDNESDAY 17th**  
• FUN HAT DAY  
(Therapy dogs in the Hub)
- ☐ **THURSDAY 18th**  
• GRINCH-MAS DAY  
• dress in any Grinch like attire  
Green, Red and Grinch clothing  
(dress up and get a candy cane in the Zoo)
- ☐ **FRIDAY 19th**  
• Cozy PJs DAY  
(Holiday Movie in the Caf)

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**SORRY  
WE'RE  
CLOSED**

## HEADS UP: CAFETERIA CLOSED

We just wanted to give our school community the heads up that our cafeteria servery will be closed this **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no service in the morning or at lunch time.

## SEMESTER 1 EXAMS

Exams are around the corner!

**When:** January 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

\*January 27<sup>th</sup> will be used in the event of a bus cancellation and/or school closure.

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Period 1 exams

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Period 2 exams

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Period 3 exams

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Period 4 exams

\*In the event of a weather day, that exam will be moved to January 27<sup>th</sup> – separate communication would be sent if that was to occur the day of.

Exams will run on a Week A schedule.

All exams begin promptly at 9:30 am.

**Where:** All exams are in person at school, in designated rooms.

More information on exam location and length of exam will be sent out at a later date.

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

## IMPORTANT INFO FROM INCLUSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

Exams are coming up in January! 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. As well, 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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## HENRY STREET PRESENTS: ONE ACTS

Congratulations to the Drama Department on a successful run of the One Act Plays, presented December 3–5. The Day the Internet Died, Bad Dates, Supermarket Flowers, and Bad Auditions by Bad Actors showcased the creativity, humour, and talent of everyone involved. Congratulations to the student directors for their leadership and artistic vision, and to the cast and crew for their hard work, dedication, and teamwork both onstage and behind the scenes. Your efforts made this production run a great success—well done to all!

A big thank you to everyone that came out to watch our One Act Plays, as always your continued support of Henry Street's Arts is greatly appreciated!

Next up for the Arts Department is Legally Blonde in May 2026 – stay tuned for more information!



## LEARNING IN ACTION

On November 28th, Mrs. McIntyre's Grade 9 Science class braved the winter weather and visited the Pheasant Pen Outdoor Education Centre in Port Perry, where students learned how to safely build a fire and then used their fires to make hot chocolate and cook their lunch.



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## 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.



## TOWN OF WHITBY'S CELEBRATING YOUTH AWARDS

The Celebrating Youth Awards recognizes Whitby youth ages 12 to 18 for their selfless actions, volunteerism, or involvement in school or community organizations and have demonstrated a commitment to making Whitby a better place to live, work, and explore.

We are thrilled to celebrate Akisan A., Toby H., and Sobika S. for winning the Celebrating Youth Awards 2025! Your hard work, dedication, and positive contributions have made a real difference in our school community. Thank you for inspiring us all and representing our school with such excellence. We are incredibly proud of you!



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## GIRLS IN STEM EVENT

Thirty-three Grade 9 and 10 students from HSHS attended the DDSB's Girls in STEM event, where they spent the day exploring hands-on activities and meeting inspiring female leaders in STEM.

Students had a blast making bath bombs, building phone holders, coding with VEX robotics, tackling a math escape room, and much more. They also connected with other STEM-curious students from across the board.

It was a wonderful event that sparked creativity, confidence, and curiosity in our future scientists and innovators.



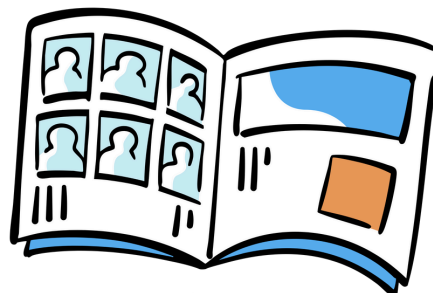
## COURSE FEES

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.



BUY YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK NOW

SCHOOLCASHONLINE \$35!

SEE MR. MCKINNON FOR MORE INFO

#yearbook



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## HENRY STREET'S INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

Do you identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit? Henry Street HS is proud to introduce out new Indigenous Circle group. This is an open space and all are invited. We will also provide information for Indigenous Youth from the board and the community.

The Indigenous Circle held thier first meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, but it is not too late to join – if you have any questions please see Mr. Poll or Ms. McRae.



## HENRY STREET'S GSA



Everyone is Welcome to join the 2025-2026 Henry Street's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA).

The goal of this student-run group is to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for students of diverse gender and sexualities to meet and form a community.

This alliance is inclusive of all student identities and we look forward to welcoming all of our new members Mondays at lunch in room 207.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Shefler or Ms. Fisher. Free feel to also stop by the Guidance office with questions.

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## HSHS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



**HENRY STREET ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

Donate non-perishable food items to support individuals and families in need. Every contribution makes a difference.

**DEC 2TH - DEC 16TH**

**HOMEROOM COMPETITION**

10 POINTS PER ITEM  
20 POINTS FOR HIGH NEED ITEMS

**High need items:**

- Cereal (big box)
- Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, chicken)
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Hygiene items (regular size)

**Feed Durham**

Donations

Tomorrow is the last day to contribute to our Hawks Athletic Council (HAC) Annual Food Drive.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated — your generosity has been amazing! The collection under the tree is looking great, and every item you bring will go directly to Feed the Need in Durham to support those in our community who need it most.

Let's make this final day count!



## 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.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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.

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).

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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

Our Administration Team of Mr. Broumeriotis, Mr. Davidson and Mrs. Biffin delivered on Junior Award certificates December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>!

If your student received notice of an award but was away on the day of distribution for their grade, please have them visit the Guidance Office to pick up.

## 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 15 – 19 – Spirit Week

December 22 – January 2 – Winter Break

January 5 – Classes Resume (Week B Schedule)

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

January 29 – Semester 2 Begins

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



**A group for autistic and  
ADHD youth 13 –18.**



**15 week  
program  
starts in  
January**

**Location:  
32 Elgin St  
E, Oshawa**

**No Cost  
All materials  
provided**

- Neuroaffirming approach
- Limited spots available
- Register by 15 December
- For registration Contact:
  - [Jonathonsmith@trentu.ca](mailto:Jonathonsmith@trentu.ca)

For additional information visit  
<https://oshawadungeonsanddragonsclub.com/new-players>

