



HPSS NEWS 2021

A Newsletter for Huron Park Families

Volume 2 Issue 3

Principal's Message:

Welcome to Semester 2

Here we are, at the start of a new semester. A semester that I hope will provide some stability and normalcy to what has been a very challenging couple of years as a result of the pandemic.

Huron Park is fortunate to have some of the strongest, most resilient and most caring staff and students in Thames Valley.

Welcome to staff new and/or returning to HPSS:

Amanda Babiak—Art

Alex Easton—Science

Phoebe Steckley—English

The purpose of this newsletter is to address what semester 2 will look like at Huron Park. Please review this newsletter carefully as it offers important and useful information.

VP Howe and I look forward to working with our staff, students, families, and community members. Thank you for all that you do and the wonderfully different ways in which you do it.

— Go Huskies!

Tiffany Birtch - Principal

Semester 2 Start Up...HPSS Positive Pitstop

Our student leadership team has created [#HPSSpositivepitstop 2.0](#) for all classes to take part in. Be sure to check out [HPSS Positive Pitstop](#)!

Access to the School

The designated entrances to the school will be unlocked at 7:45 am for student entrance. Students and staff will enter at the south Berwick doors or main front door entry. To adhere to social distancing requirements, a student must exit the school from the door nearest to the location of their classroom. Students are asked to arrive on time as all entrances to the school will be locked by 8:20 am. Students who arrive late must come to the front doors and ring the doorbell for entry.

Entrance Protocol

Hand sanitizing and masks are required. Upon entering the school, students will go directly to their assigned classroom. For safety, students cannot congregate in hallways or non-instructional spaces. Students must follow the directional flow markers and take the most direct route to their class.

Hand Hygiene

Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms that do not have a sink. If a classroom has a sink, students will wash their hands upon entry. Hand sanitizer or handwashing will be used throughout class time as needed.

Mask Etiquette

All students must wear a face mask inside TVDSB schools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. As such, all students (Kindergarten-Grade 12) will be required to wear a mask while indoors at school, including in hallways and during class. Masks are to be properly affixed before a student enters the building. Students will remove masks to eat lunch in their classroom while maintaining physical distancing protocols and using proper hand hygiene. As mask wearing is a requirement, students are expected to bring their own masks to wear on student transportation and at school. Non-medical 3-ply masks will be available at school for students who require them.

Physical Distancing

Students are expected to physically distance from each other. Signage and floor markings have been installed throughout classrooms, hallways, and washrooms as reminders to physically distance at all times.

Symptoms Exhibited While At School

As part of our process to ensure the health and safety of students and staff, it is important to monitor signs and symptoms of students and staff during the school day. As such, if a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while at school, they will be relocated to a supervised designated location in the school. Staff will immediately contact the parent or guardian to pick up their child at school. We request that parents and guardians establish a process for the retrieval of their child if they are notified during the school day. Students will not be able to use school transportation if they have been isolated with symptoms.

Rapid Tests for Students and Staff

Students will be receiving their 2 tests February 7, 2022.

Field Trips

Field trips are still paused unless walking ongoing. Ongoing walking trips may continue. Outdoor education centre field trips will be the first to come back.

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular

Beginning the week of February 7th, school staff may resume extracurricular activities including athletics, with a few exceptions based on public health guidance. Athletics will resume with a focus on skill development and a gradual return to competition. Western Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association (WOSSAA) and Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships have been cancelled for the winter season.

What may start with public health measures:

Students are required to be masked during these activities and distancing should be maintained to the greatest extent possible. Limiting overall contacts by cohorting should occur whenever possible.

- Low-contact sports (Volleyball, Badminton, Running, Curling, etc.) as intramurals or team practices.
- Clubs (Environmental Club, Yearbook Committee, Photography Club, etc.).
- Student groups (GSA, Student Councils, etc.).
- Other activities (Art, Drama, some intramural activities, Winter Olympic Games, etc.).

The following extracurricular activities continue to be paused:

- Choirs, Bands, High-contact sports (e.g., Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling, etc.)

Note: Repertoire courses are for credit and are not considered extracurricular activities.

Extra-curricular

Extra-curricular opportunities are available to our students via in-person/TEAMS/Google meet with the support of a staff advisor. All students must provide proof of double vaccination.

School Procedures and Important Information—Daily Screening

To ensure your child's health and safety, students must complete daily COVID-19 screening before attending school using The Ministry of Education's School and Child Care screening tool. The screening tool can be found on the Ministry's website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening> in both an online and printable (pdf) format. A printed copy can also be provided, if needed, by your child's school. Secondary students and students 18+ can also complete the daily screening tool using their cell phone when they arrive at school by scanning a QR code which will be posted at all entrances. Please note your child's school will be verifying this requirement and will communicate with students and families if the screening tool is not completed.



Lockers

All students have been assigned a locker. Locker access should only be occurring before school, during travel time, lunch time, and at end of day.

School Materials

Each day, students are to bring all supplies and materials they require for class. Please be reminded that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students are always asked to keep valuables with them or secured.

Lunchtime

The cafeteria will be cautiously reopening with lunch pickup and go service only. Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and stay in their classroom. Students may leave the building during lunch however, they will be unable to access the building until 5 minutes before the start of afternoon class. Proper hand hygiene must be practiced upon re-entry to classrooms.

Student Spares

Students in grade 12 who may have spare may go to the cafeteria or LLC during this time. Students on spare may leave the building during spare however, they will be unable to access the building until 5 minutes before the start of their next class. Proper hand hygiene must be practiced upon re-entry to classrooms.

Visitors

All visitors are directed to phone the school office (519-537-2347) to make arrangements. We want to help, but we must follow health and safety guidelines. As only staff and students are permitted in the school, please do not just come to the school.

Technology

Student Device Return: HPSS will communicate the specific details of this device collection with students and families. Collection will begin February 22nd. Devices will be returned to the technology collection system.

Daily Schedule

HPSS DAILY SCHEDULE	
Block A	8:15-9:35
Block B	9:40 -10:55
LUNCH	10:55-11:50
Block C	11:50-1:05
Block D	1:10 – 2:25

Early Dismissal/Appointment (any time between 9:00 am and 2:20 pm)

Student who require early dismissals should be reported through web attendance or by calling the main office (519-537-2347) prior to 8:15 am.

Washrooms

Two 5 minute travel times are incorporated into the instructional blocks for students to access the washroom facility. Students are to be reminded to respect physical distancing measures and accommodate capacity designations at all times.

Supporting Student Health & Well-Being

TVDSB Professional Staff will continue to support and provide services to students through in-person, phone, or virtual means regardless of learning model or cohort assignment.

Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical/Health Conditions in Schools

If a student has any significant health concerns or allergies that the school should be aware of, families are encouraged to complete Individual Plans of Care. Staff will receive electronic copies of the plan at the discretion of the family. Please follow up with Nancy if you have any concerns.

Student Fees

There are no student fee at this time. Further information will be made available at a later date.

Code of Behaviour

A full outline of the Code of Behaviour may be found on the Huron Park website. This Code of Behaviour was developed by the students, parents, and staff of Huron Park Secondary School to promote high standards of learning in an atmosphere of respect for self, others, school, and community. The intent is to emphasize positive behaviour and self-discipline, and to explain clearly the responsibilities, rights, and expectations of all members of the HPSS community. All students are subject to the rules and consequences outlined in the code. The full dress code is outlined in the student planner – just remember: dress for success! School prepares us for the world of work – so, regardless of which career you hope for – dress as you would for success.

Walk a Block

To ensure student safety and minimize traffic congestion during morning drop off and afternoon pickups, we encourage all of our families to promote students' physical well-being through active and safe routes to the school by dropping their child off a safe distance away (a block or two). Please note that our front entry is closed to the public and is a fire access lane.

School Photos

All school photos are on hold at this time. Once we have a better understanding of when they might be permitted to safely resume services, we will be arranging appropriate dates and notifying staff, students, and families.

HURON PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Principal: Tiffany Birtch
 Vice Principal: Nancy Howe
 Trustee: Barb Yeoman & Graham Hart
 Superintendent: Sheila Powell
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Pride, Respect, and Responsibility



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**Attendance is taken at the start of each period. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for each and every class.*

HPSS Spirit Wear—Spring 2022

Huron Park Spirit Wear is now on sale. Details to follow.

HPSS SPIRIT WEAR

Online order

BUY NOW



FEBRUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1	2	Classes End 3	4
Semester 2 Begins 7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

MARCH				
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JUNE				
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LEGEND																	
<p>Semester 1 Begins September 7, 2021</p> <p>Semester 2 Begins February 7, 2022</p> <p>Last Day June 23, 2022</p> <p>194 School Days Including PA Days</p> <p> Credit Improvement Days</p>	<p>PA DAYS</p> <p>September 2, 2021 September 24, 2021 November 12, 2021 February 4, 2022 March 4, 2022 April 29, 2022 June 30, 2022</p>																
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EXTENDED Community Involvement requirements for the 2021-22 School Year!



Students graduating in the 2021-22 school year require only **20 hours** of community involvement activities.

All Students can take advantage of these flexible ways to earn community hours right now:



Virtual volunteering, such as connecting online with seniors, organizing virtual fundraising events now qualify.



Earn hours during the day while at school! Speak to your guidance counsellor to find out how.



Earn hours by helping out at home! Examples include walking a younger child to and from school, helping younger siblings with school work, household chores, and helping out a neighbour.



Students aged 14 years and older can earn a **maximum of 10 hours** from paid employment!



Incoming grade 9's can start earning your hours now!

Questions?

Speak to your school principal or guidance counsellor for more information.



We build each student's tomorrow, every day.

Visit Us Online: www.tvdsb.ca



Feeling Down? Worried? Looking for Help?

Speak with a member of HP's Student Success Team.



Mr. Andersen
Student Support
Teacher
(Room 106)



Ms. Birtch
Principal
(Main Office)



Ms. Burns
Learning Support
Teacher
(Room 011)



Mr. Devine
Learning Support
Teacher
(Room 013)



Ms. Goodall
Learning Support
Teacher
(Room 011)



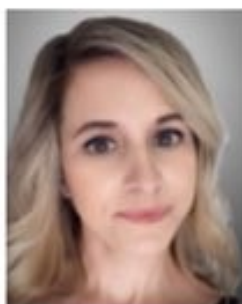
Mrs. Howe
Vice Principal
(Main Office)



Mrs. Kalbfleisch
Student Success
Teacher
(Room 106)



Mr. McGill
Guidance Counsellor
(Guidance Office)



Ms. McKillop
Social Worker
(Guidance Office)



Mr. Scrivener
Guidance Counsellor
(Guidance Office)

**Your classroom teacher is available
to help as well!**

Additional Emergency and Crisis Supports

HP Cares Anonymous Reporting

<https://forms.tvdsb.ca/Anonymous-Reporting>

CMHA Oxford Crisis Line (24-hour support):

1-866-933-2023 or www.reachout247.ca

Wellkin Urgent Access Therapy Services

1-877-539-0463

Woodstock Hospital Mental Health Program

(519) 421-4223

Kids Help Phone (Toll Free)

1-800-668-6868

Telehealth (Toll Free)

1-866-797-000

Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line (Toll Free)

Call: 1-800-268-9688 or Txt: 647-694-4275