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“Through Caring and Sharing We Learn”

Here are the School Messenger emails that we have sent to families during the month of February, 2022:

4 February 2022

Greetings Henry Larsen Families,

Thank you for a fantastic snowy week! We saw creative pieces of snowy art and even snow bowling events at recess as students had fun safely in the snow!

Black History Month 365

Thank you to everyone who participated in Black Excellence Day yesterday. We continue to recognize and celebrate the amazing contributions of Black Canadians during [Black History Month and beyond](#). This week on the announcements, we recognized the contributions of Black youth who have made a difference in the Ottawa community. Check out this article in [CBC](#) that highlights a few young changemakers. We are also expanding our learning with this [great resource](#) of videos released in February 2020 from Unilearnal that looks at 28 Black Canadians and their work towards equality and their contributions to culture in Canada. Each one is introduced by someone who also shares their own story. Today on the announcements, we heard from [Faith](#). She told us about some of her journey as an artist, and how Rosemary Brown inspired the painting that Faith shared with us in the video.

School Photos Update:

We are a "go" for our photos next Thursday, February 10. Here is the information:

- Thursday, February 10 for **K-8 individual photos**, and
- Friday, March 4 for **grade 8 grad** as well as **K-8 retakes**.
- A little reminder that they will be doing the photos with a **green screen background** to allow families to choose their backgrounds online. They ask that students/staff **refrain from wearing green clothing and accessories** for picture day.
- Instead of group photos for classes, they will do a class composite, with each student and educator's individual photo on one page.

Celebrating Valentine's Day: Please check in with your child's teacher about any celebrations that may be occurring in the classroom. Students may bring a personal treat or food for celebration, but there should be no sharing of food or exchange of treats. Students may exchange Valentines Day cards with hand washing occurring before and after handling. Celebratory activities will be classroom based.

Friendly Reminders:

Screening Tool and Verification:

Thank you for taking the time every morning to use the [screening tool](#), we know it is challenging when we are busy getting ready for the day! It is very important to screen each person in your household every day for [symptoms](#). If anyone in the household has any of the first group of symptoms (fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, decrease/loss of smell and taste), or two of the second group of symptoms (sore throat, headache, fatigue, runny nose/nasal congestion, muscle aches/joint pain, GI symptoms vomiting/diarrhea), all household members need to isolate regardless of vaccination status.

Voluntary COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard:

A reminder that staff, students and families are now able to report school cases of COVID-19 on the Voluntary COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard. Visit the [Voluntary COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#) webpage to report a case if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, or to learn more about how the dashboard works.

Term 1 Report Cards:

As we did in the Fall, you will have access to your child's report card electronically. You will need their OEN to access their report card. It is located at the top of their progress report. Please email henrylarsenes@ocdsb.ca or call the school office (613-830-4634 between 8 am and 4 pm) if you have any questions or need the OEN. Report Cards are available to families on February 16th and additional information regarding accessing the reports will be sent out prior to that date.

School Council Meeting: February 7th at 7:00 pm. The link to join the Google Meet will be sent to families on the morning of February 7th.

From School Council: School Council FUNdraiser:

Great news! Our group just started a fundraising page for Henry Larsen ES School Council on Indigo FUNdraising. Every time we shop online through our group's fundraising page, Henry Larsen ES School Council earns cash back! It's that easy. If we work together, we'll meet our \$1,000 goal in no time. Join our fundraiser now using our invite code WXVBL7 at https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Henry&joincode=WXVBL7

Cairine Wilson Secondary School Virtual Welcome to High School Information Event:

Cairine Wilson S.S.'s "Welcome to High School" virtual event is being held on Feb. 10th, 2022 starting at 7pm. [Here is the link for parents and guardians to join this event.](#) This link is also posted to the [OCDSB website](#), along with all of the other OCDSB school's event dates, and will be added to the [CWSS school website](#). Parents and guardians can ask questions before the event using [this linked Google form](#). Students had a virtual presentation in class from Mr. Kirby, one of the guidance counselors at CWSS. This recording was shared with students and families by homeroom teachers.

Kindergarten Information Night:

The recording of this virtual event is now [available on our website](#).

Important Dates:

School Council Meeting: Monday, February 7th at 7 pm

School Photos: Thursday, February 10

Cairine Wilson S.S.'s Virtual Welcome to High School Information Event: Thursday, February 10 at 7 pm

Report Cards Available to Families: Wednesday, February 16th

PA Day: Friday, February 18 - no school for students

Family Day: Monday, February 21 - no school for students

Toonie Tuesday: Tuesday, February 22

Wishing all of you a safe and happy weekend!

Amanda and Dianne

11 February 2022

Greeting Henry Larsen Families,

We had a milder week weather wise which was wonderful to see! Thank you to everyone who has already donated for Toonie Tuesday. These funds go directly to support families in our community. Students can also bring in cash donations.

Register for OCV by February 22, 2022: A reminder that families wanting to register their child for Ottawa-Carleton Virtual (OCV) school for the 2022-2023 school year must do so by February 22, 2022. Register [using this form](#) or learn more on the [OCDSB website](#).

MADD Canada Virtual Assembly for Intermediate classes on Monday, February 14:

This presentation will be about impaired driving, and connects with the Substance Use learning expectations in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

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Toonie Tuesday is coming! Consider donating online through [school cash online](#) or sending in a toonie on Tuesday February 22, 2022.

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17 February 2022

Greetings Henry Larsen Families:

We would like to take a moment to wish everyone a nice long weekend, and to send out a friendly reminder that there is no school on Monday, February 21 as it is Family Day. We would also like to thank all of our students, staff and learning community for all of the hard work and extra effort invested during these challenging times. We remain hopeful as more and more restrictions are lifted by the province.

Ottawa Public Health COVID Vaccination Clinic After School At HLES:

There will be another after school OPH COVID-19 vaccination clinic here in the gym at Henry Larsen on **Wednesday, February 23** starting at 3:30 pm. A separate email was sent out today with more details.

Black History Month 365:

We continue to learn together through our morning announcements as well as classroom activities, and to recognize and celebrate the amazing contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada. On the announcements over the past two weeks, we have learned from [Juwn about Oscar Peterson](#), [Lidia about Black Beauty Culture in Canada](#), [Jelani about Rap in Canada](#), [George about the Origins of Caribana](#), [Dream about Mathieu Da Costa](#), [Kerbens about Slavery in Canada](#), and about [Eleanor Collins](#), who said, "Wherever you are, whatever corner you are in, you can be doing everyone some good. Everyone."

Toonie Tuesday - A friendly reminder that if your family is able to support this cause financially, please consider sending in a toonie or two next week or making an online donation through [SchoolCash](#)

[Online](#). Please take a minute to watch [this video](#) from Clarissa Arthur to see how the Education Foundation helps students in the OCDSB.

Pink Shirt Day, Wednesday, February 23:

[Pink Shirt Day](#) encourages everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. This year's theme is "Lift Each Other Up".

Pink Shirt Day resources for students, educators and parents can be found at

[Pink Shirt Day Resources](#)

[What is Pink Shirt Day? | Explore | Awesome Activities & Fun Facts](#)

Bus Driver Recruitment:

OSTA is looking for bus drivers. If you know anyone who might be interested, please send them the link to this video: [Bus Drivers are Superheroes for the Environment](#)

Important Dates:

Family Day: Monday, February 21 - no school for students

Toonie Tuesday: Tuesday, February 22

Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, February 23

Grade 8 Grad Photos and K-8 Retake Day: Friday, March 4

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Take Care,

Amanda and Dianne

28 February 2022

Greetings Henry Larsen Families:

Thank you for another great week. We saw all the weather this week and some wonderful sculptures in the school yard! Thank you to everyone who contributed to Toonie Tuesday! We raised \$300 for the Education Foundation!

Here are a few updates and reminder for this week:

Photo retakes:

If your child was absent on photo day, they will have their photo taken on Friday, March 4. If your child was present for photo day, but you would like a retake done, the information on how to request a retake was on the paper that went home with the photo proof:

"If you wish to have a retake...please register online at www.photocarpediem.com/retake.aspx"

Important Note When Sending Emails to the School:

Please use henrylarsenes@ocdsb.ca when you are sending an email to the school. This is the Henry Larsen Elementary School email that will reach the school office. Please do not use the Henry Larsen School Council email that is sc-henrylarsenes@ocdsb.ca. The two email addresses are very similar.

Come Together Ottawa: A Conversation with Community:

Monday, February 28, 2022

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

You can register for this virtual event [here](#).

Recent events in the City of Ottawa have had an impact on residents. Significant increases in noise, racism and acts of aggression, the disruptions to business and community services, have taken a toll on our city.

In response to the events of February 2022, community partners have come together to acknowledge the recent experiences of those impacted and to provide information and resources.

In the session you'll get to:

- share your experience and hear from others impacted by recent events
- learn about resources and information to support our community

ZOOM links and meeting details will be sent to registered participants in advance of the event.
This community collaboration is delivered in partnership by the Ottawa Black Mental Health Coalition, The ACB Wellness Resource Centre, Somerset West Community Health Centre, Canadian Women of Color Leadership Network and United for All Coalition.

Black Mental Health Week:

There are a number of events hosted by the Ottawa Black Mental Health Coalition during the week of March 1-7 recognizing [Black Mental Health Week](#) (please click on the link for more information and to register).

Important Dates:

Grade 8 Grad Photos and K-8 Retake Day: Friday, March 4

Black Mental Health Week: March 1-7

March Break: March 14-18, no school for students

Next School Council Meeting: Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

Take Care,

Amanda and Dianne