

The Warrior

September 22, 2023 - VOL. 2

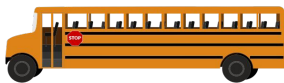
Dates at a Glance

September 22	Professional Activity Day
September 25	Yom Kippur
September 26	Lockdown Drill
September 28	Guest Speaker Assembly Pd. 1 (Grades 10/12) & Pd. 2 (Grades 9/11)
September 29	Hold & Secure Drill
September 29	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) - Orange Shirt Day

Looking Ahead

October 9	Thanksgiving
October 12	Post Secondary Fair 6-8pm
October 16	Interim Report Distributed
October 17	Photo Retake Day
October 18	Ontario College Fair (Enercare Centre Exhibition Place)
October 19	Awards Assembly (Evening)
October 20	PA Day

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/huronheights.ss/Pages/default.aspx>



School Bus Transportation

Please visit www.schoolbuscity.com daily to confirm bus arriving and departing on time.

School Council Meeting for 2023-2024

November 20, 2023
January 22, 2024
March 18, 2024
May 21, 2024

School Start-up Forms

Families received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. The Google Forms can be found at: (<https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>)

Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms. Click on the [Need Help link](#) beside Family Startup Forms for additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms. Secondary school students can also complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>.

If families require a print copy of the above forms, please contact Huron Heights SS main office.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

It grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in Williams Lake, BC. September 30th was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools.

On Friday, September 29th we encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to honour Residential School Survivors. We will remember the past and work towards creating a better future.

Interim Reports

In Semester One, families will receive three reports including the Interim Report, Mid-Semester Report and Semester End Report. Our reports provide you information about your child's achievement throughout the first semester. Interim reports are part of the ongoing communication from our school to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that this report will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Distribution of your child's interim report card for the first semester will begin on October 16. These reports will be distributed using the same process used for Mid-Semester and Final Reports via student GAPPS accounts. Also, more information on 'Meet the Teacher Night' on October 26 will be shared with families via email.

Principal: Erik Gordon
Vice Principals: Alexandra Wright (A-L), Corey McArthur (M-Z)

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Safety Week

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being:

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca/>
- Naseeha Helpline: <https://naseeha.org/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca/>

Upcoming Sports Tryouts:



Curling Team (sign up sheet is on Athletic Bulletin Board)

Girls Hockey Team - sign up on Athletic Bulletin board

Boys Hockey Team - tryouts at Magna Centre on Sept 26 and Sept 27 at 4:30 (bring \$10 for each skate)



Attendance Update

If your child is going to be absent please call the school in the morning as soon as possible. If you are signing out your child throughout the day please call the school in advance so the teacher and attendance office are notified of the absence.

(905) 895-2384 ext. 183

Multi Faith Room Supports Daily Prayers at HHSS

Our Multi Faith Room is located in the Library Learning Commons. It is discreetly located in a quiet area away from the activities of the circulation desk, collaborative tables and event happenings in the LLC. Full access is available throughout the day. Please ask if you have any questions. Suggestions are welcome.

Attention Grade 9 Students and Technology

It is the expectation that you bring your device daily to school and it is ready to use with a full charge. . . . Bring your adapter/charger to school. Make sure to label it. . . .In case of an emergency, you may borrow a library chromebook, but you must come before school or between classes. . . . If you have any concerns, come speak to us in the library.

What's New in Library Learning Commons?

The printer and the finishing station have moved to the left of our entrance. You can discreetly retrieve your printed documents, staple or use the hole punch and discreetly leave. It is a fast entry and exit out of the library.

Seminar E is now the Desktop Classroom as it contains desktop computers. We have added some new computers. If a computer does not work, come and speak to us. Please follow room guidelines for example do not unplug or disconnect devices.

The L-Area with soft seating, high tables, study carrels and tables is now the Mixed Seating Area. This large area is more conducive for collaborative and modern learning with power available.

The Teaching Area is self contained and allows students to focus on instruction. It has tables arranged in a horseshoe with power available. More developments to come.

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Huron Heights Clothing



- If you need help with sizing, there are clothing samples in the Phys Ed office (have your child come by after school any time)
- Webstore is only open until Nov.3rd, so don't delay! Get your Huron gear today!

Order Online at:

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/HHS>

Student Voice Opportunity

The York Region Presidents' Council (YRPC), the YRDSB's official student senate, invites all secondary students to their first General Assembly (GA) of the 2023–2024 school year.

Loitering in the Washrooms

As a school community we are currently dealing with students who are loitering in the washrooms. Students have reported feeling unsafe entering the washrooms due to the actions of a few. In some cases this has resulted in some students leaving school to access the washrooms of restaurants nearby. No student should ever be made to feel unsafe or unwanted simply for wanting access to a basic human right. In addition to the safety concerns these gatherings impose, we know that when groups of students gather in the washrooms other activities such as vaping and vandalism may occur. When acts of vandalism occur, the washrooms must be closed in order to ensure that health and safety standards are being met.

Staff are responding to these issues and are entering the 'public spaces' of the washrooms to move student onto their classes or to other acceptable spaces in the building, such as the cafeteria. We are also making regular announcements reminding students that the washrooms are not gathering spaces. Students who are repeatedly loitering are being directed to the main office and phone calls home to families are made. Our next steps in progressive discipline will be to issue detentions. Persistent unacceptable behaviour and opposition to authority may lead to a suspension. This is not something we want to do, as we want to have students in school and learning. However we cannot let the actions of a few, have a negative impact on the overall moral tone of the Huron Community.

Finally we ask that you talk to your teen about vaping. Students are not permitted to vape on school property, or within 20 meters of the school boundary. Not only is vaping illegal under the Smoke Free Ontario act, it is extremely unhealthy. When students are caught vaping, we will speak with them and contact families. Tobacco Enforcement is notified and fines will be administered. A summons to attend court will be issued for any person under the age of 16. For more information on how to support your teen and please visit the YRDSB Caring and Safe School subpage on vaping. <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/caring-and-safe-schools/substance-use-and-misuse/vaping-and-e-cigarettes>

We're excited to introduce our newly formed cheer team, comprised of 45 talented students spanning grades 9 through 12! They're hard at work practicing every Monday and Wednesday morning to perfect their routines. Beyond cheering at our football games, they're actively engaged in community events, embodying our school's spirit of giving back. Additionally, the team is currently in the process of creating an incredible team dance. We can't wait for you to witness their enthusiasm, energy, and dedication at our upcoming events!



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Huron Heights Secondary School



Period 2 Tues/Thurs Room 402
11:15-11:45

Period 3 Tues/Wed/Thurs Room 408
12:35-1:05

Period 4 Tues/Wed/Thurs Room 408
1:55-2:25

Health Care Plans

Health care plans are created for students who are at known risk for specific medical emergencies due to **diabetes, asthma, anaphylactic allergies** and/or **diabetes** or who may require daily medical routine management that at school. These plans inform staff of the necessary steps to keep your child safe. If your child has **diabetes, asthma, anaphylactic allergies, diabetes** or any other condition, all necessary forms can be found on our [website](#) or if you would prefer an electronic form, please contact the main office.

Once you've completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it to the main office WITH the appropriate medication to school with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student name marked on the bag and left at the office.

Cups & Utensils

Please note, the office does not have a supply of cups or plastic cutlery for students. Please ensure students have refillable water bottles and any eating utensils they may need from home.

HHSS MUSIC

Fall Fundraising Campaign

- ❖ ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.
- ❖ Orders will be delivered to the school and MUST BE PICKED UP on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th (Teacher/Family Interview Night)

Place orders using the online portal linked below by following these steps:

1. Access the website and select shop all products now!!
2. Select items.
3. Proceed to check-out.
4. Select "Huron Heights Secondary School" from the drop-down menu
5. Fill in all required fields pertaining to name of customer, name of music student and credit card information etc. NO CASH PURCHASES.

To access the online portal please visit www.macmillansfundraising.online



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Greeting from the PEACE Club!

That's right, the PEACE Club is back in action for another school year! Our first meeting was an incredible mix of student, ideas, energy and great ideas for this year.

The first message I have been asked to share with the parent community is our Online Auction that will take place in November. This is run by one of our community partners, with the proceeds going towards our ongoing Toiletries and Clothing Closet, and our annual Holiday Hampers, both which provide items for students and families that might need a little timely support. More on both of these later!

What we are asking is for students and households to begin to gather new and gently used items that we can offer, or bundle with other items, for the auction. Think high end garage sale, or better! We also love to offer business deals, coupons or services. Big business, small business, side hustles, it all helps!

You can send these items in anytime with students, who can drop them off at the main office.

Or, contact Mr. Havercroft at william.havercroft@yrdsb.ca for more information or ideas.

Thanks Huron!

HurOn Stage – October 2023

The Drama Department and Huron Theatre are already in full swing, with lots of great activities already underway.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Arts Huron Theatre students have already been on our fall field trip to the Stratford Festival to see *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Monty Python's Spamalot*, and the Grade 11 class is working with Stratford Festival actor Shannon Taylor on performing Shakespeare scene studies.

We have also begun rehearsals for our School Play, which this year is *A Christmas Carol*. This is a different production, as we will collaboratively be workshopping the original story into our own play. Performers, artists, and musicians from all Arts Huron disciplines are involved, and we are very excited to be working together to bring this fantastic classing play to the stage. Student Performances will be during the days on December 12 and 13, and public performances will be on December 14 and 15 at 7pm, and 2pm on December 16. Ticket prices and further information will be released as the semester progresses. Students who are interested in participating either as a performer, technician or artist are still welcome to join, and can see Mr. Rocheleau in Room 231 for more info.

We are also opening up an Improv Club for all students. Improv Club will allow all students to learn the skills required in comedy improv, as well as how to create sketches for performance. Improv club starts Monday September 25 at 4pm in Room 231.

October will also have our Broadway Café, a Musical Theatre Open Mic, on October 26.

As always, any Huron Drama events are open to all Huron Heights students. For any information, students can see Mr. Rocheleau in Room 231.

HHSS is looking for donations of lunch/snack items:
ramen noodle soup, granola bars, morning rounds and instant oatmeal.

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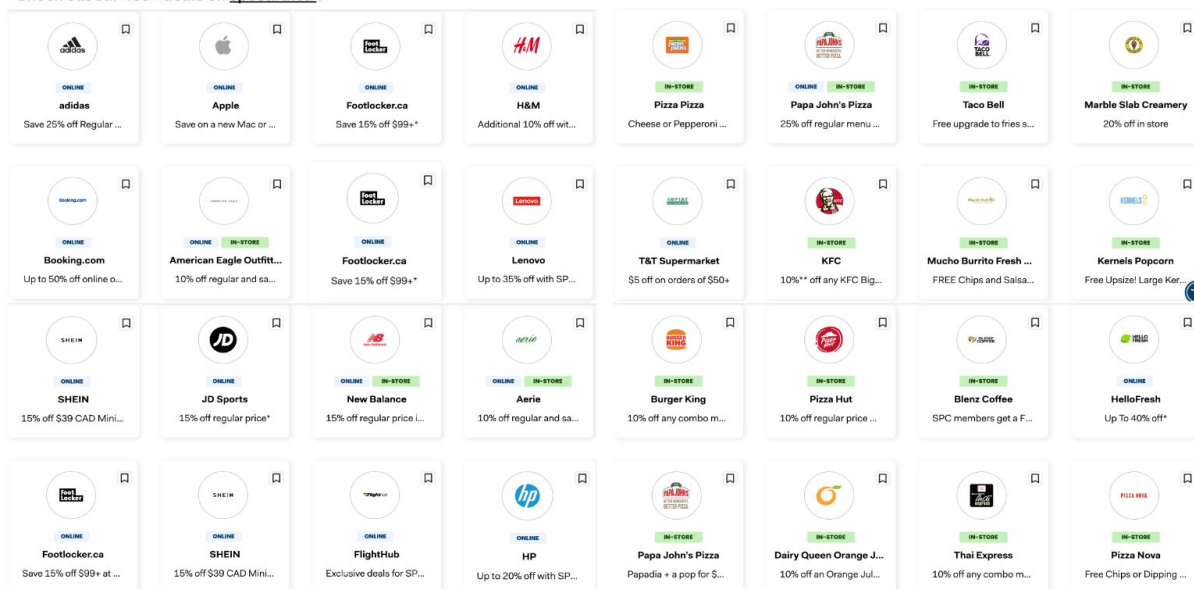
Attention Parents and Guardians!

Huron's Student Council has been selling Student Pricing Cards (SPC) to students at Huron, and this is a quick message to let you know that **this is the LAST CALL!** So let us tell you about the Student Pricing Card.

- With an SPC discount, your child can **save up to 35% off** of their purchase from **over 450 stores** in Canada. (Examples listed below)
- The discount card is fully digital and can be downloaded on your child's personal device.

SPC Top Partners:

Check out our 450+ deals on spccard.ca!

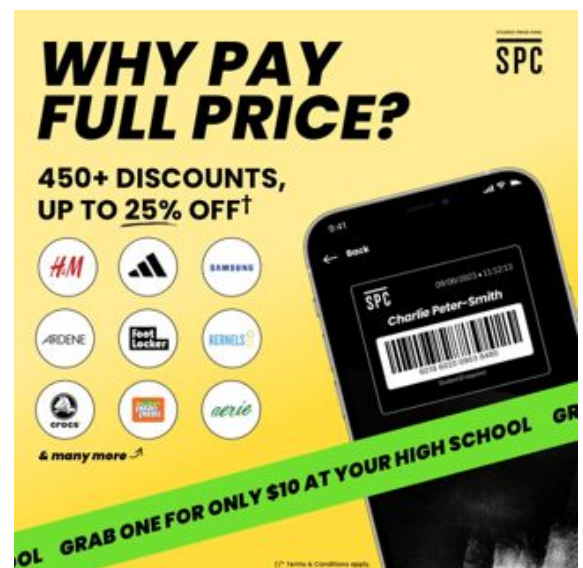


"I want my child to save money with an SPC discount!"

Here's how:

- Students can buy their Student Pricing Card **during their spares or lunches between periods 2-4**
- From **Tuesday, September 26th until Friday September 29th.**
- **CASH PAYMENT OF ONLY \$10!** (buying an SPC card in-store or online is typically \$12)

See the image below for an added list of stores that save using SPC:



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CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND

Pow Wow 2023

BSKAABIY AAN
Returning to Self

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

**Dance
Specials!**
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EMCEE - MEEGWANS SNAKE
HOST DRUM - WHITETAIL CREE
HEAD DANCERS- ASHLEY & SID MANESS
ARENA DIRECTOR- ANIMIKEENCE PLAIN

SUNDAY SUNRISE CEREMONY + SUNDAY GIVEAWAY

REGISTRATION OPENS

11AM

GRAND ENTRY

12PM

**SUTTON DISTRICT
HIGH SCHOOL**

20798 Dalton Road,
Georgina, ON

CONTACT INFO

Lauri Hoeg

Pow Wow Coordinator

289-716-4193

lauri.hoeg@georginaisland.com

Find us on Facebook by searching
"Georgina Island Pow Wow 2023"

\$2 ADMISSION

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
PLEASE NO PETS

Guidance Department Information

BOOKING A GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT

Your Guidance Department is available to help support you and answer questions.

- Appointments will be booked on TeachAssist. You will see each counsellor's schedule of available time slots at the top of your TeachAssist account when you log on.
- Time slots are 15 minutes each but if you feel you may require a longer time period (eg., Planning for Post-Secondary) then book two consecutive spots. If you are in class at the time of your booked appointment, please let your teacher know at the beginning of the class that you have an appointment.

Guidance Orientation and Classroom Visits:

Over the next few weeks, guidance will be visiting period 5 grade 10 & 11 classrooms for quick presentations to remind students of what Guidance at Huron is all about. Also, from Tuesday, September 26 to Tuesday October 3, during period 4, we will be bringing grade 9 classes down to our Career's Centre to do a Grade 9 Guidance Orientation.

Please tell your child to also stay connected with guidance through our Guidance Google Classroom: **c57mh6x**

What do you need to graduate?

HHSS Guidance Department

*Which Counsellor Should I See?**

*Students can choose a counsellor outside of their alpha but we do ask that students establish corresponding with one counsellor so that they can build a rapport.

* Confidentiality is protected except if we have a concern about your safety or the safety of others.

Student Surname (by Alpha)	Counsellor	Counsellor Email	School Number: 905-895-2384 Ext:
A – H Arts Huron Students	Mrs. Barnard	patricia.barnard@yrdsb.ca	X 200
I – R Dual Credits	Mr. Gorman	jon.gorman@yrdsb.ca	X 194
S – Z SHSM Students	Ms. Phylactou	phylitsa.phylactou@yrdsb.ca	X 192
International Students & Alternative Education	Ms. Bradshaw Head of Guidance	kelly.bradshaw@yrdsb.ca	X 191

Graduation Information:

On September 20 during period 1, Guidance presented to Huron's 2024 Graduating Students. The students were given a lot of information regarding planning for this year please review the following slide deck so that you can help them navigate this year so that they are prepared: [Graduation Assembly Presentation](#). Also students have been instructed, if they are applying to College and/or University to [sign up](#) for the Application Presentation taking place on October 5 during period 2 & 3. Make sure that your graduate has also joined the 2023/24 Graduating Google Classroom. Classroom Code: **4r2zrsk**

Guidance Department Information

Day School ONLINE Learning -Day School Online Learning is available to students who are registered in one of the York Region District School Board. Closed for Semester 1.

Night School Credit Classes (use this link for additional information and a list of available courses)

Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrollment and teacher availability

A remote learning model delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous) will be used.

Classes will be on Tuesdays and thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

- Registration Period: August 28, 2023 - October 3, 2023
- Course Dates: September 27, 2023 - January 22, 2024

Fall Registration: Sign up through MyPathwayPlanner after discussing with your Guidance Counsellor. (Registration Closed)

Online Learning Night School

Eligibility for Online Learning Night School:

- Individuals who are 18 years of age or older, with Canadian status, and living in Ontario.
- Students who are not registered in a day school with another publicly funded school board. Applicants must have Canadian status, and live in Ontario.

Community Involvement Hours

As part of the diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. Accumulation of community involvement hours may begin the summer after grade 8.

All graduating students will need to complete and submit their Community Involvement Hours by May 1, 2024

Our Community Involvement Form can be found at:

[Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities](#)

OR

Google Form Version (PDF will be automatically emailed to your GAPPS Account)

[Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Hours Google Form](#)

Please completed forms, sign and email or print and return to guidance

Information outlined on the Community Involvement form outlines acceptable and unacceptable activities. YRDSB updated the Community Hours Policy so please review.

The Social Justice Certificate

Huron Heights offers a Social Justice Certificate to our students who love to help their community! In order to earn this certificate, students must complete the following requirements and [apply for the certificate](#) (form will open Semester 2) by **May of their graduating year:**

- 7 full credits from the [approved list of courses](#), with a minimum of 3 at the senior level (gr 11 and 12 credits)
- min average of 70% in their 7 courses
- minimum of 80 hours of community service
- Participation in School or Board activities/clubs/groups that enhance community climate

Specialist High Skills Major



SHSM General Information

FOR PARENTS: [WHAT IS SHSM?](#)

Is your child in **Grade 10**? Sign up for SHSM now!

Is your child in **Grade 11** and interested in one of our sectors? Complete the [SHSM Application](#) **ASAP!!** They can start immediately to get certifications and other credentials.

Are you a parent? Explore the SHSM section of your child's Pathway Planner and encourage your child to register. Book an appointment with **Ms Phylactou** for more information.

SECTORS AT HURON

Arts and Culture

Health and Wellness

Hospitality and Tourism

Construction

Manufacturing

Transportation

Complete the [SHSM Application](#) **ASAP!!** All SHSM students must complete a two credit co-op, so be sure to include that into your two year plan. Book an appointment with Ms Phylactou through TeachAssist for more information. Orientation to follow!

