

The Warrior

September 8, 2023 - VOL. 1

Dates at a Glance

September 14	 School Photo Day
September 15	Last Day for Course Changes for (Semester 1)
September 16-17	Rosh Hashanah
September 18	School Council Meeting - Library 7pm
September 20	Gr. 12 Post Secondary Assembly
September 22	Professional Activity Day

Looking Ahead

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

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

School Council Meeting for 2023-2024

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

HHSS is on Twitter and Instagram!!

Follow us for updates and celebrations of student achievements.

Twitter: @hhssyrdsb
Instagram: hhss_yrdsb



Principal's Message

Dear HHSS Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Huron Heights SS. On behalf of the HHSS staff and administration, I share a very warm welcome to all new members of our community and welcome back to all returning Huron students and families.

Staff have been diligently preparing for this school year. We are excited to work with your children in the fantastic programs developed at HHSS. Our staff are committed to providing a strong academic and co-curricular program to all students. I do trust that your child has started the school year in a good way.

Please remain in close contact with the school and your child's teachers. Do not hesitate to reach out to teachers directly or to connect with the Main Office with any questions or concerns.

Once again, welcome and welcome back to HHSS. Wishing you and your family all the best this school year.

Erik Gordon, Principal

HHSS Daily Schedule for 2023-2024

We have a 5 period day with 3 lunch periods (period 2, 3 & 4)

Schedule	Start	End
Homeroom (5 min)	9:10 AM	9:14 AM
Period 1 (75 min)	9:14 AM	10:29 AM
Period 2 (75 min)	10:33 AM	11:48 AM
Period 3 (75 min)	11:52 AM	1:07 PM
Period 4 (75 min)	1:11 PM	2:26 PM
Period 5 (75 min)	2:30 PM	3:45 PM

Photo Day
September 14th



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

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Sport Tryout Dates for Next Week:

Sr. Boys Volleyball - Tuesday morning 8 am

Jr. and Sr. Boys Rugby - Monday morning 8:10 am (Upper Gym)

Cross Country - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school

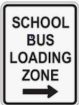
Golf - sign up sheet is on the athletic bulletin board (experience is required)

Boys Soccer (Gr. 9 - 12) - sign up sheet is on the athletic bulletin board

Cheerleading Tryouts - Monday and Tuesday 8 am (Lower Gym)

School Communication:

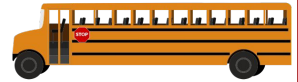
Please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address, phone number, home address, etc., on file. Families will receive a regular email from the school with updates and important information.



Student Busing and Bus Loading Zone

To find out more about pick-up times and locations please visit

<https://bp.schoolbuscity.com>



The **School Bus Loading Zone** is located in front of the school on Huron Heights Drive. Families that are picking up or dropping off their children, please use the circular driveway located north of the school or the west parking lot. Student and driver safety is paramount.

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.

Self-screening

Students/attendees, staff and visitors should continue to complete the provincial [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) every day before attending school. Symptomatic individuals and their household members should follow the instructions on the screening tool for isolation requirements; parents should not send children to school or child care if they show any symptoms of COVID-19.

Anaphylaxis

We have students and staff in our school who have food and scent allergies. If some of these students or staff smell or come into contact with certain foods or scents, they may go into "anaphylactic shock" - a potentially life-threatening condition. To ensure the health and safety of all of our students, please let the school know if your child has a life-threatening allergy. We also encourage that all nut and nut products remain at home.

Caring and Safe School Presentations - September 15th to September 18th

YRDSB is committed to creating and maintaining caring and safe environments where students, staff, families and others feel safe at school and at all school-related events and activities. The Caring and Safe Schools student start-up presentations are a way to establish such environments at the start of the school year. A powerpoint document of this presentation will be posted on our school website next week for your viewing.

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Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12.

Elementary Language Classes

Elementary classes are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

Register by **Monday, September 11, 2023** to attend the full language program in its entirety.

For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Secondary Credit Program

Secondary credit courses take place online once per week for 3.7 hours. Courses run from September to June for the full program year, and take place on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Registration is now open until the third class.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Please Note:

- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

Indigenous Languages

Languages Offered:

Arabic
Cantonese
Dari
Farsi
Filipino
German
Greek
Gujarati
Hebrew
Hindi
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Macedonian
Mandarin (Simplified)
Mandarin (Traditional)
Punjabi
Ojibwe
Russian
Sinhala
Spanish
Tamil
Turkish
Ukrainian
Urdu
Vietnamese
Yoruba

Multi Faith Room at HHSS

Students have full access throughout the day to our Multi Faith Room which is located in the Library Learning Commons (LLC).

HHSS Online Resources (Usernames, Passwords and Links)

HHSS has essential online resources such as databases and eBooks. They can be accessed through the [LLC website](#). When accessing these resources outside of the school, a password and sometimes a username are required. Please ensure that your child has bookmarked [Huron LLC Resources](#) to access these resources 24/7 anywhere and anytime.

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



Cross country starts this week! Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday after school (until 5:15 pm). Meet outside the upper gym. Any questions, see Mr. Nagy or Mr. Bone. All are welcome!

Grade 9 Day was a huge success! A big thank you to all staff and volunteers!



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CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND

Pow Wow

2023

BSKAABIYAAN
Returning to Self

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

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

Dance Specials! \$\$\$

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"
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\$2 ADMISSION

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
PLEASE NO PETS

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Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is our pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. We know it can be a time of transition for many, and are grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. We look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustees, it is our role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and we will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and we look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

We wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Carolyn Butterworth
Trustee, Georgina and East Gwillimbury

Pamela McCarthy
Trustee, Newmarket

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.
- **STARTING THE YEAR**- Appointment slots will become available as of September 17th (or after we complete course selections). If you currently have an appointment booked with your counsellor, please make sure you have filled out the google form that was emailed to you along with your timetable and we will call you in your class. **It is important that you follow your current timetable so that we are able to locate you. THE DEADLINE TO FILL OUT THE COURSE CHANGE FORM IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 4pm**
- 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.
- Counsellors will meet with you in-person in the Guidance office or send you a Google Meet invitation for your appointment if you are a student currently learning remotely.

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

Please use the link below to request any necessary course changes.

<https://bit.ly/HuronHeightsCourseChangeForm>

Form will be open until September 11 @ 4 pm

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

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

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.

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

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!

