



HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the month of December our school will be a very busy place with numerous educational activities and sporting events taking place.

In addition, we are hosting our Henry Larsen holiday concert on Thursday, December 13 for parents and family members in the evening, which features our choir and bands. It will be quite an amazing production and will be beautiful to listen to!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families, as well as all our staff, a very happy and safe holiday. I hope that you all have the opportunity to enjoy some extra family time, to relax and to enjoy the beauty of nature at this time of year. It is always a pleasure to work with the children, their families and the staff at Henry Larsen Elementary School.

All the best to everyone for a healthy and happy new year in 2019!

Sincerely,

[Christine Camus-Shepley](#)

2018- 2019 Upcoming Dates

Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm	December 13
Humane Society	December 17
C Flats Presentation	December 19
Christmas Break	December 24 – January 04
Classes Resume	January 07
True Sport – Boys	January 17
Kindergarten Info Evening, 6:30 pm	January 17
True Sport – Girls	January 24
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	January 25
True Sport – Coed	January 31
Report Cards go home	February 14
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	February 15
Family Day	February 18
March Break	March 11–15
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	April 12
Good Friday (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	April 19
Easter Monday (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	April 22
Immunization Clinic	May 16
Victoria Day (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	May 20
EQAO	May 21 – June 03
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	June 07
Report Cards go home	June 25
Last Day of School	June 27
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	June 28

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is easy to use and a safe way to pay for your children's school activities. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home.

It's as simple as registering an account and attaching your children's names - in no time you will be able to make payments online. Many different payment forms are accepted so visit the school website and register today!

There is a Parent Help Line for School Cash Online should you encounter any challenges: **1.866.961.1803**

Joe the Dog Coffee Fundraiser

Hello everyone! This year we will be selling Joe the Dog coffee blends (both whole bean and ground) as a fundraiser for our band and music program at HLES. Joe the Dog coffee is a local roaster who has offered their support to our music program and bands through this fundraiser. Please remember to send in all coffee order forms and money (a cheque written out to Henry Larsen ES or cash) by November 30. The orders will then be placed and all coffee will be ready to be picked up the week of December 10th. We will be continuing to sell Joe the Dog whole bean and ground coffee at various times throughout the school year! For more information or to download an order form please visit the school website!

Cookie Fundraiser

As of Wednesday, November 28 and each Wednesday thereafter, cookies will be available for all students to purchase for \$1.00 each in the After 4 room starting at 10:55 am. The cookies are freshly baked daily and come from local vegan bakery Strawberry Blonde Bakery in Westboro! They are gluten free, vegan (no animal products such as eggs/dairy), and are nut free. Juice boxes will also be sold for \$1.00 each!

Christmas Concert

The HLES holiday concert will take place on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the gym. All performers must arrive no later than 6:00 PM. Band members, please remember to wear your band t-shirts (or another black shirt) with black pants. Choir members; please wear your choir attire. We will be selling brewed Joe the Dog coffee and Strawberry Blonde Bakery cookies in the foyer from 6:00 - 6:30 PM. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase for 3 tickets for \$5.00. The draw for the baskets will happen at the end of the concert.

Thanks so much! I hope to see you out at the holiday concert!

- Mr. Pretty

Tree of Giving

Henry Larsen needs your help to assist families in our school community during this busy, and sometimes stressful, season. In the lobby we have set up a Tree of Giving.

On this tree we have placed ornaments with items that can be purchased and returned to the school that will then go to our families. If you are able to, please pick up an ornament, purchase the item and return it to the office, unwrapped, with the ornament attached before December 12th. Thank you for helping our school community.

Holiday Spirit Days

Mark your calendars and show your holiday spirit:

Tuesday, December 11th – Wear **GREEN** today!
Thursday, December 13th – Wear a **HOLIDAY SWEATER** today!
Tuesday, December 18th – Wear **RED** today!
Thursday, December 20th – Wear a **HOLIDAY HAT** and **ACCESSORIES** today!
Friday, December 21st – Wear your **PAJAMAS** today!!!

Me to WE club

The Me to WE club organized a food drive for the month of October. Through the We Scare Hunger Campaign, we were able to collect over 300 non-perishable food items and almost \$140. All proceeds went to the Orleans-Cumberland Resource Centre. Thank you to all who contributed.

True Sport - Volleyball

Students are asked to pay \$5 per tournament to participate in each event. This will include 2 slices of pizza which will be served during the supper break around 4:30-4:45 pm. Pizza will be from 1 for 1 Pizza. We look forward to your participation. Thank you in advance for your support. **Students are responsible for their own transportation home.** Please pick up your child **NO LATER** than 6:00 pm. **SCHOOL PHONE ACCESS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED!**

Elementary Student Transfer Application Period

Monday, February 4th to Tuesday, February 19th, 2019

Parents may apply for a student transfer and should refer to the transfer criteria under the OCDSB's Student Transfer Policy and Procedures. Parents wishing a transfer must complete a Transfer Form, available at all schools, and return it to the receiving principal during the **transfer application period**. Please note that students who are not attending their designated school are not entitled to transportation.

Please note: January 5th, 2010, the OCDSB adopted a new cross-boundary transfer policy. The policy moves away from a first come, first served approach to student transfers and towards a criteria-based approval process for elementary and secondary student transfer applications. The applications require the approval of the principal at the receiving school, after consultation with the principal of the sending school. The receiving principal may request evidence and reasoning in support of the transfer application.

[Student Transfer - Parent Guide](#) (pdf)

2019-2020 Kindergarten Student Registration Period

Monday, January 21st to Monday, January 28th, 2019

It's time to register your child for Kindergarten for the new school year starting September 2019. A **Kindergarten registration period, running from Monday, January 21st to Friday, January 28th, 2019** has been established for parents to register their four and five year old children at their designated school. Though the OCDSB accepts student registrations throughout the year, **we are encouraging parents to register during this period to allow sufficient time for staff and transportation planning.**

Children eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten must be four years of age by Dec. 31st, 2019. Children eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 31st, 2019. Those students already enrolled in Year 1 Kindergarten do not have to re-register.

Parents are asked to bring the following information when registering:

- 1 piece of Proof of Age in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, registration of birth card or a passport

- 2 pieces of Proof of Address in the form of an utility bill, a lease or purchase agreement

We will be holding a Kindergarten Information Evening on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Middle French Immersion Registration Period

Monday, February 11th to Tuesday, February 19th, 2019

If your child has completed the grade 3 English/Core French Program, you can choose to enter the Middle French Immersion Program. For information regarding Middle French Immersion please visit the OCDSB website.



From The Henry Larsen Team