



# HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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*“Through Caring and Sharing We Learn”*



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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 12 for parents and family members in the evening, which features our choirs 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 2020!

*Sincerely,*

[Christine Camus-Shepley](#)

### 2019-2020 Upcoming Dates

Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm	December 12
Christmas Break	December 23 – January 05
Classes Resume	January 06
Kindergarten Info Evening, 6:00 pm	January 16
Kindergarten Registration	January 20 - 27
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	January 24
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	February 14
Family Day (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	February 17
March Break (school closed)	March 16-20
Good Friday (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	April 10
Easter Monday (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	April 13
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	April 24
Immunization Clinic	April 17
Victoria Day (school closed for Statutory Holiday)	May 18
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	June 05
Last Day of School For Students	June 25
P.A. Day (no classes for students)	June 26

### 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**

### Holiday Concert

The HLES holiday concert will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 in need. 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 10<sup>th</sup> – Wear **GREEN** today!
- Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Wear a **HOLIDAY SWEATER** today!
- Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Wear **RED** today!
- Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Wear a **HOLIDAY HAT** and **ACCESSORIES** today!
- Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Wear your **PAJAMAS** today!!!

### Elementary Student Transfer Application Period

*Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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)

### 2020-2021 Kindergarten Student Registration Period

It's time to register your child for Kindergarten for the new school year starting September 2020. A **Kindergarten registration period, running from Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020** 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. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Children eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 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 (Not a Driver's Licence)

**We will be holding a Kindergarten Information Evening on Thursday, January 16, 2020  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Library**

### Middle French Immersion Registration Period

*Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

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

## School Council Message

Henry Larsen School Council would like to wish all families a wonderful holiday. Thank you too all families that supported us during the first part of the school year.

School Council had lots of fun with the events that we've had so far and we are looking forward to more family events. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our mailing list to stay informed, please send us a note at [henrylarsensc@gmail.com](mailto:henrylarsensc@gmail.com).

Please keep an eye on your spam or junk mail just incase any school council emails get filtered through that way.

Have a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year.

From  
Your School Council Team.