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Ormiston Public School Newsletter

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Curriculum Night

**Thursday, September
19, 2019**

S.C.C. Meeting

**Tuesday, September
17, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

All Welcome !

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

As summer closes, school opens and welcomes back students, staff, parents and our community partners! I am excited to welcome back our students and for those who are new to our school I would like to extend, on behalf of the staff and myself, a big welcome to our school.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to be the Principal of Ormiston Public School community for this school year. I believe that all students can and will learn, while developing a proficiency for life long discovery in a global context. My philosophy of educational leadership is built around the premise that students are the cornerstone of our society and education.

Ormiston Public School and its community should continue to be proud of their accomplishments and the high expectations they hold with themselves, each other and the community environment. Parents, staff, and community partners have and continue to invest a great deal of time and passion into developing a most remarkable environment for our students here at Ormiston Public School. Students continue to experience a rich and authentic learning environment that is responsive to their individual needs. There are a number of activities and extra-curricular opportunities for students to participate in. These experiences will continue to shape and mold our students into confident and resilient individuals who will immerse themselves in the greater community.

The partnership between home and school is a powerful connection that is supported by research and states that there is a direct correlation between a students' achievement and their parents/ guardians involvement in a students' school experiences. Ways parents and guardians can contribute to this partnership is through checking our website regularly, reading the weekly and monthly newsletter and reviewing your child's agenda daily. Additional ways for parents to work together with us is by working together with your child on completing unfinished work, having conversations with your child about their day at school, making connections to the learning throughout the community, as well as being part of the School Community Council. Being involved in the SCC is a great way to get to know other parents/ guardians/ community partners and hear firsthand about our school initiatives. Nomination forms will be available at the office and on the night of the school council meeting which is on September 17th, 2019.

This school year is promising to be an exciting year with many opportunities for students, parents and guardians. The level of commitment and dedication of our staff and volunteers continue to provide numerous activities and experiences. Please encourage your child to become involved in the number of different adventures and experiences through co-curricular clubs and teams offered here at Ormiston Public School.

It is with great excitement that I look forward to this school year at Ormiston Public School. Please plan to attend our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 19th. We look forward to meeting and connecting with all of you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McMurray

Operation Build Character

September's Focus—Optimism

At Ormiston, we want to help prepare our students to be caring, contributing, responsible individuals. We will focus on ten attributes that will help you succeed in all that you do.

September—Optimism

October—Teamwork

November—Empathy

December—Integrity

January—Responsibility

February—Kindness

March—Respect

April—Honesty

May—Perseverance

June—Courage

Please help support our Operation Build Character initiative by continuing to ask questions and initiate discussions about our monthly attribute focus at home. If you have any questions, please call the principal or vice-principal. We appreciate your support!

SCHOOL MESSENGER SAFE ARRIVAL GUIDELINES

The protocol for safe arrival is to call 1-844-350-2646 or log on to the internet. If you haven't already done so, please go to your Parent Portal account to create an account allowing you to report absences quickly and conveniently. Please note you need to report your child's absence before 8:30 a.m. for the current school day.

Some further benefits of using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival Parent Portal website is to update your contact phone numbers and email addresses, should they change, as well as reviewing your child's attendance and any messages sent through the system.

SEPTEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS OPTIMISM !

Optimism is hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something!



Always remember this quote...

"Character is who you are, when no one is looking."

Author Unknown

TERRY FOX RUN 2019

The Terry Fox National School Run Day is Friday, September 27th. All Ormiston students in Grades 1 to 8 will have an opportunity to participate in our school event. More information and pledge forms will be available shortly. Parents/guardians and volunteers are welcome!

ORMISTON CURRICULUM NIGHT

Please join us for our Curriculum Night on

Thursday, September 19 :

5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

The S.C.C. are organizing a pizza dinner for our families from 5:00—6:00 p.m. Parents and caregivers are then invited to meet their child(ren)'s teacher(s) and visit classrooms from 6:00— 7:00 p.m.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS / VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

The Ormiston staff strives to establish a school environment of mutual respect, cooperation and above all, safety and security. All visitors and parents to the school are required to begin their visit at the front office, entering through the front doors of the building. You contribute to the positive and safe environment when you:



Drop off and pick up your child in the school's designated area
Remain outside the school building at entry and dismissal times

Check in at the office every time you visit the school

Call to book an appointment if you wish to meet with your child's teacher or an administrator

Make your child's teacher your first contact when you have an educational concern

Our grade 3 and 4 students are exploring mathematical mindset and responded to the prompt "If math were an animal it would be a _____ because _____. Some great ideas of how to look at math!

"If math was an animal it would be a spider because they make webs and even if people wreck their webs, they persevere and they build it again and again, and in math you persevere too. -Synthuja (Grade 3)

"If math was an animal it would be a raptor because they follow their prey and they use their surroundings just like when people use their surroundings to figure out a math question." - Abbas (Grade 4)


"If math was an animal it would be a fox. A fox is clever and smart. Math equals cleverness and smartness. Foxes are super smart..." -Neeva (Grade 3)

CROSS COUNTRY BEGINS !

The Cross Country Running team at Ormiston is open to students in Grades 3 to 8 who are interested in running with a team! Practices will happen at lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Permission forms were given out on Friday, September 6 to all students who attended a meeting. Forms must be returned in order to attend practices which begin on Monday, September 9. Please read all information very carefully! We look forward to seeing you run like the wind!

GIFTED TESTING

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Durham District School Board Gifted Program

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Durham District School Board offers the option of self-contained gifted classes for identified intellectually gifted students beginning at the Grade 4 level at host elementary and secondary schools throughout the region. The core curriculum as determined by the Ontario Ministry of Education remains the same, but the teaching methods are differentiated to meet the needs of the gifted learner. The self-contained programme has been carefully designed to meet the strengths, needs, learning styles and interests of the gifted learner.


The Ontario Ministry of Education defines giftedness as "an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability that requires differentiated learning experiences of a depth and breadth beyond those normally provided in the regular programme to satisfy the level of educational potential indicated."

The DDSB offers a screening of the CCAT for students in Grades 3 or higher. Our process begins with nominations in September. Parents, guardians and educators are invited to nominate students in Grade 3 or above. In October and November, students who have been nominated will undergo an intellectual assessment using a cognitive abilities test called the CCAT, which is administered by the Special Education Resource Teacher (S.E.R.T.) in a group setting in your learner's current home school. Parents/guardians will receive a *brief* written report describing the results of this testing in December.

The DDSB offers three different parent/guardian information nights where the facilitator for Gifted Programming will do a short presentation and answer any questions you may have regarding the screening process. Please be aware that you may nominate your student in grade three or any subsequent grade. Students may take the test with the DDSB no more than twice. If you are not interested in nominating your child this year, please simply indicate on the Nomination Form that you do not wish to participate in the testing and return it to your child's teacher.

Please complete the nomination form and return to your child's teacher or SERT no later than **September 30th**.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED LEARNERS PARENT/GUARDIAN NOMINATION FORM – ASSESSMENT PROCESS

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name: _____
given name surname DOB (yy/mm/dd)

School: _____ Grade: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

☐ **YES**, I wish to nominate my child for participation in the assessment process for identifying gifted learners.

☐ **No**, I do not wish to nominate my child for participation in the assessment process for identifying gifted learners.

Address: _____
street city postal code

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ date _____

Parent/Guardian printed name _____

Please return this form to your child's school by September 30th, 2019



Gifted Screening

Please choose ONE of the following sessions

NO RSVP OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED (6:30-7:30)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Thursday, September 19 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	William Dunbar P.S.	1030 Glenanna Rd, Pickering, L1V 5E5
Wednesday, September 25 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	R.H. Cornish P.S.	494 Queen St. Port Perry, L9L 1K2
Thursday, September 26 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	DDSB Board Office Board Room	400 Taunton Rd E., Whitby, L1R 2K6

Special Education Facilitator for Gifted Programming will be on hand to:

- Describe the testing procedures, timelines, considerations and requirements for gifted identification with the DDSB
- Provide a copy of nomination form if guardian did not receive one from home school
- Briefly describe programming options available for gifted learners
- If you cannot make one of the information sessions, you can still have your learner tested by requesting a copy of the nomination form and handing it in to your child's current DDSB school SERT. Questions, please email michelle.doiron@ddsb.ca

Rules for borrowing books from Ormiston's Library:

- Have a maximum of two books out at a time
 - Kindergarten and Grade One students take just one book at a time and Kindergarten students will return their book in their library bag that it supplied for them
 - If more are needed for inquiry, research, or assignments, that is fine!
- Remember your manners!
(have clean hands, use a bookmark, be gentle, keep away from water and pets)
- Return the book to the book return bin as soon as you are finished
- If a book is torn or damaged, bring it to Mrs. Hutchings to fix it

Consult your teacher for your child's library exchange time. The library will be open most morning and afternoon recesses. If students would like to work in the library before or after school, arrangements can be made with Mrs. Hutchings.

There is a two week loan period. After that, the book shows up as overdue on the overdue list printed every month. If you are still reading it, please finish! If you are done, please return it! If you are looking for it, please send a note Mrs. Hutchings!

If a book is lost, the usual cost to replace it is \$8.00. Communication about missing books is done through the agenda.

Digital Resources at your Fingertips:

Remember to visit all the online resources at student.ddsb.ca. Click on the Family and Community Support tab and follow the link to the Learning Commons icon and explore many valuable research/inquiry resources, online books under the reading tab, and videos too. OverDrive also offers digital and audio books.

Book Fair!

Our library will host the Scholastic Book Fair this month! We will use the proceeds to purchase technology and materials to create the Dragon's Den Makerspace in our library. Here, students will be able to explore, create, problem solve, and work together using robots, coding, lego, cardboard, wood, and their own creativity and imagination. Your purchases at the book fair help to provide us a budget to do this.

Hours:

Tuesday, September 17: Preview day! Each class will come to look at the items available for purchase. They will be able to make a list of the books they "wish" to purchase. Do not bring money on this day.

Wednesday, September 18: Students who have brought money will be called to the library to make their purchases once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Parents wishing to make purchases may come at 7:45-8:15 and 3:10-4:00

Thursday, September 19: Students with money will be called to the library in the afternoon, 4:30-7:30 - for our Curriculum Night !

Friday, September 20: Students with money will be called to the library throughout the day, 3:15-4:00

Monday, September 23: 7:45-8:15, Students will be called in once in the morning, book fair will close at morning recess.

Thank you for your support at our book fair and for helping your student develop responsibility and respect for all of the wonderful materials we have available for students to use.

Welcome back to a new school year! We love to have parents and guardians strengthen the partnership with students, staff and community members through their work on the School Community Council. This is a positive and rewarding way to be connected to your child's education and have a positive impact on student learning and well-being.

This school year SCC elections will be taking place at the first SCC meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in the library. We encourage you to come out and be a part of this amazing opportunity! Nomination form below :

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM (ELECTIONS)

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT SELF-NOMINATION FORM	
School Name _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
<small>(Street)</small>	<small>(City/Town)</small> <small>(Postal Code)</small>
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____	
E-mail: _____	
I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered	
<small>(Student's Name)</small>	
at _____	
<small>(School Name)</small>	
I am an employee of the Board <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I am interested in an officer position	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer
_____ <small>(Candidate's Signature)</small>	
_____ <small>(Date)</small>	
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	
Parent Nomination Form Receipt	
The nomination form for a parent representative on the SCC has been received for:	
_____ <small>(Parent Name – please print)</small>	_____ <small>(Parent Signature)</small>
_____ <small>(School Official Signature)</small>	_____ <small>(Date)</small>

Welcome Back to School from your Ormiston SCC

Hello Ormiston Families,

We hope everyone had an amazing summer and was able to enjoy time with family and friends and be outdoors in the sunshine! We at the SCC are ready to start a new year here at Ormiston and make it the best year we can by bringing you lots of fun social events and fundraisers.

The SCC is proud to be able to bring back some of our most popular events from last year and are already working on some new and exciting ones!

Here are some of the key dates to mark in your calendars

SCC meetings – Sept 17th, Oct 1st, Nov 5th

Movie nights – Oct 10th, Jan 16th, April 2nd and May 22nd

Breakfast with Santa - TBD

Oshawa Generals Game – Feb 9th at 6:05pm

Dance-a-thon – Feb 14th

Wellness Expo – Feb 20th

Fun Fair – June 4th

We will also be bringing back **Healthy Hunger lunches starting early October!!!** Keep your eyes out for note coming home in the near future.

Last year the SCC was able to raise just over \$9000 and used these funds to purchase apples for the Terry Fox run, pizza for the Shrek rehearsal, coding bumble bees, 3 document cameras, puppet theater, 5 chrome books, dry erase board set, clip on microscopes, contribute to the Grade 8 graduation, contribute to the Kindergarten graduation, buy and repair some musical instruments, buy a set of concert bells, as well as set aside some funds for our front garden. Way to go Dragons!!

We want to extend an invitation for everyone to come join us at our first SCC meeting of the year on September 17th at 7pm in our school library! Come on out and learn a bit more about how there is a role for everyone at our SCC!!! If you can't make the first meeting but are still interested please send us an email at ormistonscc@gmail.com for more information on how to be a part of the SCC.

Let's rock this year!!!

Your Ormiston SCC

P.S. – Don't forget about our ongoing Mabel's Label's fundraiser!!! Check it out at https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Help avoid the “It’s mine!” shriek.

Identify your little one’s items with personalized, waterproof labels!



mabel's labels
FUNDRAISING

Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com
to support our organization.

MEDICATION

If your child will need medication at school in September 2019, please pick up a “Request for Administration of Medication” form from the office. These forms expire at the end of each school year.

SAFE ARRIVAL FOR 2019-20

At the Durham District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. **The Durham District School Board will continue to use the latest release of the Safe Arrival software for next school year.** The absence reporting system, SchoolMessenger, will start on the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. Information will be emailed to parents this summer with instructions on how to create a new account and download the mobile app (available for Android and iOS). **This system change requires Parents to create NEW accounts to report absences online.** *Please note: Parents can continue to report absences through the automated telephone system by dialing 1-844-350-2646 without creating an account.*

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As fall approaches, some days are still warm and students are reminded to dress appropriately for school. Short shorts, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops and any attire with undergarments showing are unacceptable. As always, students are expected to remove outdoor footwear when entering the school, and to have another pair of shoes for use inside the school. Safe footwear is encouraged. Please speak with your child regarding the school dress code. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As ownership of personal electronic devices grows more common, opportunities may exist to use these devices to engage and educate students. At times, students may be invited to use their own personal electronic devices (e.g. laptop, computers, tablets, cameras, handheld devices, etc.) for instructional purposes, **as directed by their teacher.** Students are expected to remain on-task while using their personal devices. Please be aware that the school is not able to assume responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones and electronics.

When cell phones and other electronic communication devices are not being used for educational purposes, items are to be stored in student lockers.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We would like to thank our parents/ guardians and guests to our school for continuing to be respectful of the routines and procedures in the school, our Kiss ‘n Ride, as well as our bus loop. Our school is continuing to welcome new students to the school community and with this we have become a school that receives students travelling on a bus. As a result, our ‘Bus Loading Zones’ on Forest Heights Street, south of the school will be reserved for busses to drop off and pick up students to and from school. We thank you all in advance to ensure no parking during the school day to ensure our busses can safely access this zone for our students to safely arrive and depart.

LUNCH HOUR PROCEDURES

Students require written permission to leave school property during lunch time. Students who have permission to leave school property to eat lunch at home or off school premises are to return to school either at 11:40 (the beginning of recess) or at the end of the lunch recess, 12:20 for entry.

NO DOGS ALLOWED !

With student safety in mind, dogs are not permitted on school property. We have many students who are afraid or allergic to dogs and could suffer a health risk if exposed to your pet. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.



Sign up for important updates from Ormiston PS.

Get information for Ormiston PS Dragons! right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for Ormiston PS Dragons!:

- A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/ggd394

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



- B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @ggd394 to the number (289) 271-3502.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/ggd394 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

School Cash Online allows a safe, convenient and fast opportunity for parents / guardians to pay the school for any trips, special lunches, etc. for which your child(ren) may wish to participate. No more counting change and finding envelopes to send with your child ! Please see the information below and, if you haven't already done so, register on their site <https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to get started. (You will require your child's OEN. *Please contact our secretary to inquire about your child's OEN if you can't find it on the top of the front page of their last report card.*)

At Ormiston Public School, we are completely cashless. If you have any questions, you may contact the Parent Help Desk (parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com) or call 1-866-961-1803.

Why not get started today ? You may already go in and pay for the Agendas on line !

SchoolCashSuite
KEVGROUP

Safe. Fast. Convenient.

Welcome to School Cash Online

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts.

What Payment Methods are Available?

myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card. It can take up to 7 days from the date the funds are loaded for funds to become available.

eCheque

An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing/savings account can pay by eCheque through School Cash Online. To pay with an eCheque, simply enter your account number on the payment screen and click submit.

How do I use myWallet?

myWallet offers you a secure alternative to traditional payment methods without the need for you to enter the payment information multiple times.

1. Go to your district's School Cash Online portal URL. (<https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com/>)
2. Click the "Sign Into Your Account" button and enter your email and password to access your account.
3. Select the myWallet tab, click "Add Funds to myWallet" and use eCheque to load funds into your myWallet account (it may take up to 7 days for funds to become available to pay fees).
4. Once your funds have been made available, add all your items to the shopping cart, select the checkout option and select the myWallet payment method to make purchases.

Is it safe to use?

Our top priority is to keep your personal information safe. School Cash Online is PCI compliant, CSAE 3416 certified, HTTP Secure and adheres to the highest industry standards of security.

School Cash Online does not share your personal information with any third party. School Cash Online will never contact you to divulge confidential information via phone, email or mail.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, Durham District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

Note: **OEN Student Number is Required**
This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Select the School Name
- Enter Your Child's OEN Number and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the **Agree** box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Add Student

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list
Durham District School Board
[Change school board name]

2. Select a school [Select school...]

3. Enter student information
Student Number []
Last Name []

Confirm I don't want to add a student

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select

"View Items for Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Student Sign In / Sign Out

Whenever a student arrives late for school, he or she must come to the office and sign in. All students who are leaving early for any reason are required to come to the office to have a parent sign them out. This process will ensure that students are leaving with the appropriate person at the appropriate time.

Meeting Locations

Thank you in advance for setting up a meeting place outside the school. Having a meeting place outside teaches children to be independent as they use the appropriate door to enter and exit the school. It also allows for clear and safe hallways. Should there be a situation where you are going to be late picking up your child, please instruct him or her to report to the office where he/she can await your arrival.

Lunch Facilities

Research has clearly shown that it is healthier for students to go home for lunch, if at all possible. As this is not always possible, some classrooms will be provided as lunch eating areas for students who must stay for lunch. Students who stay at school for lunch are expected to behave in a courteous, respectful manner towards staff, lunch-room supervisors, student lunch monitors and one another. Eating lunch at school is a privilege. Students who stay at school for lunch are not permitted to leave school property unless they have written permission from parents/guardians. At Ormiston, Boomerang lunches are in effect. All garbage and compostable materials go home.

Allergy Awareness: Please Help Keep Our Students Safe

We have several students and staff members at Ormiston with life threatening food allergies to peanuts, nuts or their by-products. The resultant anaphylactic reaction can be so severe it can cause death. As a school, we will make every effort to NOT have peanuts, nuts or foods with nut by-products in our school at all. WOW butter is also not permitted as it can easily be mistaken as a nut product. Did you know that there are students and staff at Ormiston who are as severely allergic to foods such as egg, milk, sesame seeds, lentils, peas, and strawberries? One way that we can help protect all children and adults with food allergies at Ormiston is to teach safe eating practices.



Encourage students to:

- ☐ Not share snacks or lunches at school
- ☐ Wash their hands with soap and warm water before and after eating
- ☐ Use only appointed utensils to open food packages (i.e. don't use classroom scissors that are also used for crafts/school work)
- ☐ Bring only non-food items to celebrate special occasions at school

We thank you for your cooperation in making sure that your child does not bring snacks or lunch items that could put another child's life at risk. Thank you for your continued efforts to help us safeguard the students and staff at Ormiston.

Administration of Medication by Injection (epi-pen)

If your child carries an epi-pen for use in case of an anaphylaxis emergency, or if the school office keeps one on hand for your child, please fill out a "*Request for Administration of Medication by Injection*" Durham District School Board policy form that was sent home with your child. This form is also available in the office, and it needs to be signed by a doctor. A new form must to be completed at the beginning of each school year.



Administering Medications at School

If it is necessary to administer oral medication to your child during the school day, please ensure that your physician completes a "*Request for Administration of Oral Medication*" form. This form requires a doctor's signature. If the school is aware of your child's medical needs, forms will be sent home. Forms may also be requested by parents/guardians in the school office.



No Animals on School Property, Thank You!

During the school day, dogs are not allowed on school property, even when leashed. Many students are fearful of dogs. If you walk your dog through our yard outside of the school day, we are most appreciative of you cleaning up after your pet. Please help us to maintain a safe environment by refraining from bringing your dog onto the school property. Service dogs are, of course, welcome to be on the property.



Student Accident Insurance

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices



Each year schools are required to have six fire drills, generally, three in the fall and three in the spring. These drills ensure all staff and students know the routines to support a quick and effective evacuation in the event of a real emergency. As well, schools are required to practice a minimum of one lockdown and one hold and secure drill each year. A lockdown is used in the unlikely event that there is an emergency situation within the school posing a potential risk. A hold and secure is used if there is an emergency event in the community such as police activity, and it is deemed necessary to keep students within the building. The purpose of these drills is explained to students in an age-appropriate manner, and drills are handled in the same calm and routine manner as fire drills. At Ormiston, we believe that taking a proactive approach to safety will ensure a welcoming, happy and safe learning environment for everyone!

Student Electronic Devices

Technology is a wonderful tool when it is used well, but we also know that, when used incorrectly, the privacy and safety of others can be endangered. This year, we will continue to develop digital citizenship skills in all our students so that they are prepared to use technology safely and respectfully both in and out of the school environment. We recognize that many students have personal cellphones / smartphones. When cell phones and other electronic communication devices are not being used for educational purposes, **they are to be stored in student lockers or another secure location during the entire school day; this includes recesses and lunch hour.** Personal electronic devices are never to be used in the washrooms or change rooms. In addition, personal electronic devices are not to be used on the yard, in classrooms/gym, or in the hallways unless under direct teacher supervision. There may be opportunities for students to access their electronics for school work under teacher supervision. This is an appropriate use of technology. Please be aware that the school is not able to assume responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones and electronics.

If a student needs to call or text a parent, the student must first ask permission of a teacher or administrator. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the office and not your child's cell phone. We thank you for your partnership in teaching our students digital etiquette and respecting the learning environment.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The Durham Region Health Department school clinics for our Intermediate students are as follows :

Fall Clinic	October 18, 2018	Hepatitis B, Menactra and HPV
Spring Clinic	May 16, 2019	Hepatitis B, Menactra and HPV

Please check out their website for more information : <http://www.durham.ca/immunizationclinics>

Important Reminders Regarding Students Using Crosswalks

Students –

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Students:

- Please cross with the School Crossing Guard.
- Wait for the Guard's second whistle then look all ways before entering the street.
- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Walk bikes, carry skateboards and don't bounce your ball in the crosswalk.
- Remove headphones while crossing the road.
- Encourage your parents to cross with the Guard.



Motorists:

- Please slow down in the Crossing zone.
- Drop off children in a safe area that will not impede the flow of traffic.

<u>Forest Heights Street & Greenbush Place</u> To cross Forest Heights Street on the south side of Greenbush Place. To cross Greenbush Place on east side of Forest Heights Street.	<i>Ormiston</i> <i>Public School</i> 905-430-8755	8:10 11:20 12:10 3:10	- - - -	8:30 11:30 12:20 3:25
<u>Willowbrook Drive & Forest Heights Street</u> To cross Willowbrook Drive on west side of Forest Heights Street. To cross Forest Heights Street on north side of Willowbrook Drive.	<i>Ormiston</i> <i>Public School</i> 905-430-8755	8:10 11:20 12:05 3:10	- - - -	8:30 11:30 12:20 3:30
<u>Willowbrook Drive & Brookwood Boulevard</u> To cross Willowbrook Drive on east side of Brookwood Boulevard. To cross Brookwood Boulevard on south side of Willowbrook Drive.	<i>Ormiston</i> <i>Public School</i> 905-430-8755	<u>PS</u> 8:20 11:20 12:10 3:10 8:20 11:20 12:10 3:10	- - - - - - - -	8:30 11:30 12:20 3:25 8:45 11:40 12:30 3:35

KISS ' RIDE : Please continue to help us keep the arrival of all our students to school in the morning and leaving the school at dismissal in the afternoon as safe as we can by using the Kiss 'N Ride near the south end of our parking lot. Thank you for working together with us to ensure your children arrive and leave school safely each day.



Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is essential for academic success. Students are expected to attend school on a consistent basis, and arrive at school on time. Taking vacations during instructional days of the year is discouraged. Parents/guardians are required to complete a Temporary Excusal of Attendance form when students will be absent for 6 days or more for any reason other than illness.

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are regular and punctual in their attendance. Students who are repeatedly late or absent will be counseled and may be required to make up missed time. A letter will be sent to parents/guardians, explaining the circumstances and, in extreme cases, the attendance counselor of the Durham District School Board will be notified.

Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification

The Ontario Ministry of Education has identified Aboriginal Education as one of its key priorities. The 2007 Ontario, First Nation, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) Education Policy Framework outlines strategies to improve achievement among First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students and to help close the achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in the areas of literacy and numeracy, retention of students in school, graduation rates, and advancement to post secondary studies.



By participating in the Self-Identification program, you are assisting the board with the determination of programming and support to increase Aboriginal student success and achievement, and to help our board monitor the success of students and the programs and supports implemented. Information about individual students will not be released and is kept confidential in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. The Durham District School Board (DDSB) will only share its Aboriginal Self-Identification data with the Ministry of Education and the Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO). These provincial bodies will report their findings in an aggregate or collective format to the public. Go to <http://spiritcalling.ddsb.schools.ca> for more information.

Religious Accommodations

The Durham District School Board and Ormiston P.S. follow the Guidelines and Procedures for the Accommodation of Religious Requirements Practices and Observances. This document has been produced in compliance with requirements of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy within the contexts of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code. This document assists us in creating and maintaining equitable and inclusive environments within our schools and facilities, and guides the process of providing religious accommodations as the need arises. The document is available for viewing at <http://ddsb.durham.edu.on.ca/DDSBmain.htm> (highlight programs on the left panel, then Equity and Inclusive Education, then Guidelines) or you may ask to review a copy at your child's school. If you anticipate that you or your family might require religious accommodation at any point during the school year we ask that you inform the administration at your child's school as early as possible, preferably at the start of the school year. Areas that you might consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ☐ Observation of major religious holy days and celebrations
- ☐ Accommodation in, or exemption from, specific areas of the curriculum or other activities
- ☐ Religious attire
- ☐ Modesty requirements in physical education
- ☐ School opening and closing exercises
- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Dietary requirements

You are also welcome to speak to your school administration about unanticipated religious accommodation needs as they arise.

Volunteers Wanted

Ormiston values and appreciates individuals who are willing to share their time and talents on a regular basis within the school. If you are interested in being a volunteer, we would be delighted to hear from you! All volunteers must obtain a current criminal reference which will be supported with a letter from the Principal to be taken to the Durham Regional Police Services. If you wish to volunteer, please contact your child's teacher or office personnel for guidance in becoming involved in the life of this wonderful school. Grandparents are also welcome!



Some Dates of Significance for September 2019

****** Please bear in mind that this is not meant to be an exhaustive list and there may be diverse celebrations and religious dates that are not addressed.

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages

2015-2024 is the International Decade for People of African Descent

September 9 Ashura (Islam)

September 29 Navratri (Hinduism)

September 29 Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

September 7- Ukrainian Heritage Day The first official Ukrainian immigrants, Vasyl Eleniak and Ivan Pylypiw, arrived in Canada on September 7, 1891. Soon afterwards, Ukrainian immigrants began arriving in Ontario in larger numbers and today Ontario is home to more than 336,000 Ukrainian Canadians. There are over 1.2 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent across the country.

Many Ukrainians fled their homeland to find freedom from oppression and a better life in Canada. Both Ontario and Canada, by way of the *Holodomor Memorial Day Act, 2009* and the *Ukrainian Famine and Genocide ("Holodomor") Memorial Day Act* (Canada), have recognized the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932 to 1933 under the Soviet Communist regime of Joseph Stalin. On August 24, 1991, the Ukrainian parliament declared Ukraine as an independent democratic state from the Soviet Union. Canada was the first nation in the Western world to recognize Ukraine's independence.

Ontarians of Ukrainian descent have left and continue to leave a historic mark on our province. Their contributions span communities across Ontario and are reflected in our economic, political, social and cultural life. Ukrainian Canadians have played an important role in the development of Ontario into one of the most desirable places in the world to live and have contributed to making Canada the great country that it is today. It is important to recognize and celebrate these contributions.

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-39/session-2/bill-155>

September 8 - International Literacy Day (UN) 2019 Theme: Literacy and Multilingualism

International Literacy Day 2019 will focus on **'Literacy and Multilingualism.'** Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist, distributed unevenly across countries and populations. Embracing linguistic diversity in education and literacy development is central to addressing these literacy challenges and to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

On the occasion of International Literacy Day 2019, the main characteristics of multilingualism in today's globalized and digitalized world will be discussed, together with their implications for literacy in policies and practice in order to achieve greater inclusion in multilingual contexts.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/literacyday/>

September 21 - International Day of Peace (UN) 2019 Theme: "Climate Action for Peace"

The theme draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world. Climate change causes clear threats to international peace and security. Natural disasters displace three times as many people as conflicts, forcing millions to leave their homes and seek safety elsewhere. The salinization of water and crops is endangering food security, and the impact on public health is escalating. The growing tensions over resources and mass movements of people are affecting every country on every continent.

On 23 September, the United Nations is convening a Climate Action Summit with concrete and realistic plans to accelerate action to implement the Paris Agreement. The Summit will focus on the heart of the problem – the sectors that create the most emissions and the areas where building resilience could make the biggest difference – as well as provide leaders and partners the opportunity to demonstrate real climate action and showcase their ambition.

In the lead up to the International Day of Peace on 21 September, the United Nations calls upon all to take action to tackle climate change. Every human is part of the solution - from turning off the lights to taking public transport, to organizing an awareness raising campaign in your community. Share your ideas and activities with us through #PeaceDay and #ClimateAction.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

Some Dates of Significance for September 2019 ... cont'd

September 25 - Franco-Ontarian Day (Ontario) Effective April 26, 2010, the Franco-Ontarian Day Act adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario proclaims September 25 of each year as Franco-Ontarian Day. This Day will, every year, officially recognize the contribution of Ontario's Francophone community to the cultural, historical, social, economic and political life of the province. September 25 will commemorate the anniversary of the first raising of the Franco-Ontarian Flag in 1975.

September 23-27 - Ally Week **Ally Week** is a national [youth-led](#) effort encouraging students to be allies with the LGBT ([lesbian](#), [gay](#), [bisexual](#) and [transgender](#)) members of their community in standing against [bullying](#), [harassment](#) and name-calling. It takes place in [K-12 schools](#) and colleges. It was created by Joe Montana and other youth members of the Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network [GLSEN](#) National JumpStart Student Leadership Team. It is done in the same spirit as [Day of Silence](#) to educate on anti-LGBT+ harassment issues.

The goal of Ally Week is to diminish stereotypes and exclusion while highlighting that peer support for LGBT+ students is stronger than the students themselves may have thought existed. In a survey of 240 undergraduates regarding what peer support they felt LGBT+ students had, research found that their personal attitudes were significantly more positive than they thought their friends and fellow students held. Allies are identified as supporters but not necessarily members of a marginalized group.

During Ally Week people are encouraged to sign an ally pledge "taking a stand for a safe and harassment-free school for all students", and that they will not use anti-LGBT+ language and slurs, they will intervene if possible to stop bullying and harassment and support safer schools efforts.

The word Ally is a verb as well as a noun. Action is a very important part of being an Ally, and the way in which support is shown for various members of the LGBT community can differ. It is important to seek information and have conversations to support your work.

September 23 also marks Bi-visibility Day.

Source: <https://www.glsen.org/allyweek>

Lessons: <https://www.glsen.org/educate/resources/lesson-plans>

Also, for more information on **starting a GSA in your school**, please contact the Equity Department and/or see: <https://egale.ca/portfolio/mygsa/>

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day (First Nations Canada) Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Ghislain Picard is encouraging people across the country to mark Orange Shirt Day each year on September 30, as a day to recognize the experience of former students of Indian Residential Schools and affirm a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day is an outcome of the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC in May 2013. It stems from a story told by former residential school student, Phyllis Webstad, who had her new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, taken from her as a six-year old girl. She spoke powerfully of how it seemed to her that nobody cared and, in this personal way, it speaks to the many harms experienced by children in the residential schools. The AFN asks all Canadians to join First Nations in wearing an orange shirt on September 30th in the spirit of healing and reconciliation.

Source: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>





2019/2020

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 21 & 28

HENRY STREET HIGHSCHOOL
600 Henry Street, Whitby
(Double Gym)



SCHEDULE ON BACK

TRYOUT FEE: \$25

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WWW.WHITBYSAINTS.COM



Thickson's Woods Nature Reserve

18th Annual

Birds, Beavers & Butterflies Nature Festival



More Festival Fun!

Silent auction
Yummy bake sale
Refreshments for purchase
Nature art & gifts



For Kids 2 to 92!

Face painting
Wishing tree
Hawk Watch
Lunchtime Nature Concert

Learn about nature from the experts!
Enjoy exciting activities - fun for all the family!

Saturday, September 21
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adults \$5 Kids \$2 Families \$10 (Cash only)

Please note that for the protection of wildlife, dogs are not allowed in the nature reserve.
(Please lug-a-mug / water bottle.)

Special Events!

- ❖ Hammer with Home Depot
- ❖ Wildlife Shows at 10:00 a.m. Noon and 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ Max the Magnificent 11:00 a.m.

All proceeds support Thickson's Woods Nature Reserve.

Directions: from Hwy 401 in Whitby, take Thickson Road south to the Waterfront Trail.
Follow the signs.

Info: 905-433-7875 or www.thicksonswoods.com E-mail: nature@thicksonswoods.com



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A LOOK AHEAD ...

SEPTEMBER

- 3 First Day of School
- 17 Book Fair Begins ; S.C.C. Elections @ 7:00 p.m. All Welcome !
- 19 Curriculum Night 5—7:00 p.m.
- 27 Book Fair Ends; Terry Fox Run
- 30 Orange Shirt Day / Terry Fox Run raindate

OCTOBER

- 1 S.C.C. Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. All Welcome !
- 10 Chocolate Bar Fundraising Assembly / S.C.C. Healthy Hunger Lunch / S.C.C. Movie Night
- 11 P.A. Day—No School for Students
- 14 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 18 S.C.C. Pizza Lunch
- 21 Federal Election—gym closed all day
- 22 STEM for Girls (Gr. 7 & 8)
- 24 Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony at Sinclair S.S.
- 25 S.C.C. Healthy Hunger Lunch

NOVEMBER

- 5 S.C.C. Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—All Welcome
- 11 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 a.m.
- 13 Gr. 7 & 8 Fall Immunization Clinic; Progress Reports go home
- 14 MADD Smart Wheels—Gr. 4—6; Parent / Teacher Interviews begin
- 15 P.A. Day—No School for Students; Parent / Teacher interviews continue (a.m.)
- 21 Math James Presentation (K—3)
- 22 S.C.C. Pizza Lunch
- 28 EQAO Parent / Guardian Information Session @ 5:00 p.m.
- 29 S.C.C. Healthy Hunger Lunch

DECEMBER

- 10 Winter Concert (K—3)
- 11 Winter Concert (4—8)
- 13 S.C.C. Pizza Lunch
- 20 Regular Dismissal before Winter Break Begins



PARENT'S CORNER				
In an effort to cut down on paper, we'll be using this space to advise you of activities within our community. Please visit the Information Display located in the office or contact the numbers outlined below.				
ACTIVITY	AGES	WHEN	WHERE	CONTACT
Station Gallery	Various Ages	Various Times	Whitby Station Gallery	whitbystationgallery.com 905-668-4185