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May 2018 Newsletter

Howe Happenings



Bicycles/Skateboards - When bringing your bicycles and skateboards to school, please carry your skateboards and walk your bicycles on school property. Make sure that you securely lock your bikes. Please remember that students need to be responsible for their property.





Grade 8 Grad Trip

We are anxiously counting down the days to our trip to Camp Olympia on June 20, 21 & 22, 2018. Our TDSB swim test will take place at Mowat CI on May 23rd for those students who want to take part in water activities while at camp.



Graduation—It's tradition at Joseph Howe that Grade 7 students and parents help put on the celebrations for the graduating Grade 8 students. On June 26th, the ceremony will be held at Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate with a dance to follow in their cafeteria. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your student's teacher or give us a call in the school office. More information from the School Council/Grad Committee, on how you can help, will follow. School Council will be requesting $10.00 from each graduating student to purchase decorations and food. Parent volunteers will be at our Heritage Fair Parent Night on May 3rd to begin the Grad collections.

Remind 101

Sign up and receive short weekly texts from the Principal! This is a one-way text that reminds parents/guardians of events that are happening in our school each week.
Text 437-800-2358 with the message @josephh and you will be a member of Remind 101!



For students:

Stressed out? Lonely? Being bullied or abused? Feeling anxious or sad? Worried about a friend? Young people from all over Canada reach out to Kids Help Phone in different ways when they don't know who to talk to. We offer free, professional, anonymous and confidential counselling, in English and French, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.
Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868. To report a crime, call Toronto Crime Stoppers - 416-222-TIPS. (8477)
Student Safety Line, call 416-395-SAFE(7233)

Home Work Club—The library is open after school until 4 p.m. every day except it will be closed on Monday May 7th as well as June 4th for our monthly staff meetings.

Parent School Council

Parents, staff and members of the Community are the components of our council. All are welcome to come out to the monthly meetings. The Parent Council meets from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Joseph Howe Staff Room. Our next Parent Council meeting is Monday May 7th.

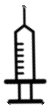


Pizza Lunch Fundraisers
Friday May 25th + June 15th

The cafeteria food services will be closed on the above dates. Students will have to bring their own lunch to school if they did not choose to participate in the Pizza Fundraising days.

Immunization
Monday, May 28th

The following vaccines will be given:



* second dose of hepatitis B vaccine to Grade 7 girls
*second dose of human papillomavirus vaccine to Grade 7 students and Grade 8 female students
*nurses will also immunize Grade 7 and 8 students who missed their hepatitis B, meningococcal, and human papillomavirus at earlier scheduled clinics

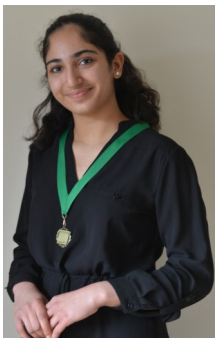
Message from Toronto Health:
We ask for your cooperation in accommodating the clinic date scheduled for your school. If changes are necessary, please contact us directly at 416-338-1331 or by email at *vpdschoolscheduling@toronto.ca*

Spring Concert

The 2018 Spring Concert is just around the corner. We are looking forward to celebrating a night of Classical and Pop music. Please join us in the gym on Tuesday, May 8th @ 7pm. Tickets will be sold, at the door, for $5 to support the music department.

- Mrs. Hanson, Ms.Lu and Ms. Boyd

Concours d'art Oratoire



Félicitations to Ilhaam Dawood who participated in the East Concours d'art Oratoire (French speech arts). She represented Joseph Howe in the Extended French category with her speech about her passion for "Le patinage artistique" (figure skating). Ilhaam wrote, revised, edited and practiced her speech throughout February and March. On March 21st she presented her speech to the French judges and won in her category. She will move on to present her speech at the provincial level at Glendon College on Saturday May 5th. We are extremely proud of Ilhaam and wish her luck in the next level of competition. Bravo et bonne chance Ilhaam.

Gentle Safety Reminders for Parents & Students

PLEASE SIGN IN & OUT HERE

Students signing out require a note that is dated, signed and indicates a time for sign out. ***If your child does not have a note, the parent is required to come into the office to sign their child out personally.*** Students signing in late also require a note or phone call from parent for student safety. Please bring all notes to the office at time of sign out or sign in.

Please remember to sign-in if:

1.Student arrives after 8:45 a.m. or 12:25 p.m (late from lunch).
2.It is the student`s first arrival at school for that day.
3.Student has signed out for an appointment and is returning to school

Please remember to sign-out if:

1.Leaving the building for any reason during the school day

Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the school office if your child will be absent. When you reach our safe arrival answering machine, please give us the student`s name, home form (ie.7A, 8E), who is calling and reason for absence. Please call **416-396-6405** and follow the prompts for safe arrival.



Going on Vacation?

Whether for a few days or more, please stop by the office and pick up a vacation form. If you have written a detailed letter, please ensure the main office receives it attached to the vacation form.

Religious Holidays

If your student is going to be absent for a religious holiday, please make sure that you call the absence into the office and specify the reason. Your student will be specified as a G-day, which is not shown as an absence.

Information Change?

If you have changed your address, phone numbers, email addresses or contact information, please inform the main office. FYI: a change of address requires three new proofs of address to be brought in to be copied.

Are you moving? If you have moved this school year and haven`t notified the office or if you are moving this summer, please pick up the forms from the office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

In addition to required credits to graduate from high school, students must also have completed 40 hours of community service by the end of Grade 12. Note that a student can receive his/her community service from the start of Grade 9 *(including the summer between Grade 8 and 9)* until the end of Grade 12, with summer break and weekends included. Each student is required to fill out a Community Involvement Passport. Grade 8 classes will receive this passport and detailed information about this graduation requirement in May/June.

http://www.volunteertoronto.ca

Getting a Summer Job?

If you are between the ages of 12 and 14, you are allowed to have a job working as a delivery person, clerk, or messenger for up to two hours on school days and up to 8 hours a day on non-school days. However, student need their parent's permission to work past midnight.

In order to work, you must first apply for a social insurance number. To get your social insurance number contact Human Resources Development Canada.

Howe Green Team - Our Eco Club continues to work hard to ensure a green and more sustainable environment. Students are also reminded to support our Trashless Tuesdays, Walk/Wheel Wednesdays and Power Down Fridays. Please encourage your child to walk or ride their bike to school and by packing lunches using reusable containers.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRADE 7 CONFERENCE

On June 20th, Grade 7 students will participate in the 5th annual Health and Wellness Conference at Joseph Howe Senior Public School. The students will participate in mental health awareness and physical activity workshops throughout the day, while our Grade 8 students are away on their grad trip.



Red Maple Book Club

Ms. Downey was very pleased to announce that the book club has been a resounding success. Thirty-two students, read, discussed and voted for their favourite book at lunch time on Day 4. **Unspeakable** by Caroline Pignat was voted number one with **We are all made of molecules** by Susin Nielsen and **Shooter** by Caroline Pignat tied for second place. It is great to see so many avid readers at Joseph Howe!

A Review by Sarah Wong

One of the books I read for Book Club is called **Bent Not Broken: Madeline and Justin** by Lorna Schultz Nicholson. It's about a girl named Madeline who suffers from a brain injury and her friend Justin from their school's Best Buddies program. They both go to the barn to care for miniature horses to distract themselves from their dysfunctional home lives (Madeline's divorced parents and defiant twin sister, and Justin's mother who is still grieving from his sister's death.). Together, Justin and Madeline help each other re-establish bonds and come to terms with their family members.

I liked this book because it shows what it's like to live with a disability and be seen as different from other people. It gives a perspective on how it affects your close friends and family. The prominent themes of the book are disability, family bonds and troubles, friendship, grief, and facing your problems in life. I really recommend this book to anyone who would like to gain a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with a disability and how it changes your life and the lives of your friends and family.



http://www.commandesparcs-parksorders.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/en/parksb2c

Free 2018 Parks Canada Discovery Pass

With the 2018 Discovery Pass, you will have unlimited opportunities to enjoy National Parks, National Marine Conservation Areas and National Historic Sites across the country**!**

- **You only need one pass for your group or family if you are travelling together. The 2018 Discovery Pass is valid for any group of visitors entering a National Marine Conservation Area or Historic Site together or arriving in the same vehicle at a National Park.**

The Discovery Pass ensures free entry only to places managed by Parks Canada. It does not apply to provincial, municipal or private parks, nor to the many historic sites not managed by Parks Canada.

- The Discovery Pass may not cover activities such as guided tours, parking, and other programs and services.
- Camping, backcountry overnight use, and accommodation fees are not included with the Discovery Pass.
- Validity period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Display: The 2018 Discovery Pass must be hung from the rearview mirror of the vehicle facing forward, or placed on the front driver side dashboard facing up. If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact our National Information Service at 1-888-773-8888 or information@pc.gc.ca.

Discover Canada Contest Enter for a chance to win an unforgettable 7 day trip for four to Western Newfoundland, 1 of 3 weekend getaways in a Parks Canada oTENTik, Parks Canada merchandise and more!

CAMP KEARNEY ADVENTURES 2018

Camp Kearney is a residential summer camp set at the scenic Scarborough Outdoor Education School, north of Huntsville (near Algonquin Park) and is owned and operated by the Toronto District School Board.



Engaging programs accommodate campers in Grades 3 through 12. All of the programs incorporate a balance of environmental ethics, wilderness experience and fun!! Camp Kearney is not only a great place to be for the summer, but it can also be a life changing experience.

Some of the great in-camp activities include, canoeing, kayaking, arts and crafts, high/low ropes, swimming, archery, hiking and camping! The canoe and backpacking programs teach the campers how to pack, plan and be trippers for life.

For registration and program dates please visit their website: ***http://www.campkearney.com***

or call (705) 636-5384.

Howe Hornets



Although it's been a very wet start to our Track and Field season, it is underway with tryouts, practices and our first meet Wednesday, May 9th, at Birchmount C.I..



Our co-ed volleyball teams were once again competitive in their respective tournaments. Congratulations to our Grade 7 and 8 teams for doing so well. Both teams earned the school, yet another, banner.



Badminton continues to be a well loved sport at Howe and it was great to see so many kids enjoying the game in gym class. Our Grade 7 and Grade 8 teams improved a lot during our practises. We had another strong showing at our tournament. Congrats to the teams!!

Ultimate Frisbee will be starting in gym classes soon, and try-outs for our Howe team will be shortly after that. We look forward to another successful and competitive season on the field!!

Calling all Superstars... CNE Rising Star

Ages 6 to 21 years old:

Singers *Dancers * Instrumentalists * Actors * Magicians * Comedians & more!

Performing Solo or as a Group

Join us onstage at the 2018 Canadian National Exhibition



Howe Parents' Night for the Incoming Grade 7's

On Thursday, May 15th, at 7 p.m. We will be hosting an Open House Information Night for parents who have a Grade 6 student coming to our school for Grade 7 this coming September. Please join us in the gym.

Topics to be discussed will include:
* Introduction to Joseph Howe
* The Grade 7 Program
* Opportunity to tour the school
* Question and Answer Period

Grade 6 daytime orientation tours will be for Grade 6 students who will be coming to Joseph Howe in September.
June 21 Charlottetown and Davis
June 22 Centennial, West Rouge and Poplar Road

Mowat offering Grade 9 Summer School—July 2018

Students registered to attend Sir Oliver Mowat CI in September 2018 are being given the opportunity to earn a full high school credit this July. Students registered in the program will focus on building literacy and numeracy skills and developing time management and planning strategies. Participating students will also get a chance to engage in drama and experiential learning opportunities. The program will run from July 3rd-July 27th, 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Applications have been sent home with all students registered at Mowat CI for September 2018. Additional applications are available in our main office. **All completed applications must be returned directly to Mowat CI by May 30th, 2018.**

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 3rd	Parent Night—Heritage Fair Showcase
Friday, May 4th	Community Clean Up
Monday, May 7th	Parent Council Meeting—7 p.m.
Tuesday May 8th	Spring Concert Night—7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9th	Track and Field—Birchmount CI
Tuesday, May 15th	Parent Information Night for Incoming Grade 7 students—7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23rd	Swim Test— for Gr 8 students attending Camp Olympia
Friday, May 25th	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, May 25th	High school visit day
Monday, May 28th	Vaccinations



Friday, June 4th	Toronto Zoo Trip—Grade 8 students
Friday June 8th	PA Day—No school
Friday, June 15th	Pizza Day Lunch
Wednesday, June 20th	Grade 8 Grad Trip to Camp Olympia leaves
Wednesday, June 20th	Wellness Conference for Grade 7 students
Friday June 22nd	Grad Trip returns from Camp Olympia
Tuesday, June 26th	Grade 8 Graduation @ Mowat CI - 7 a.m.
Thursday, June 29th	Last Day of School for Students