



# Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School

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*"Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly, With our God"*

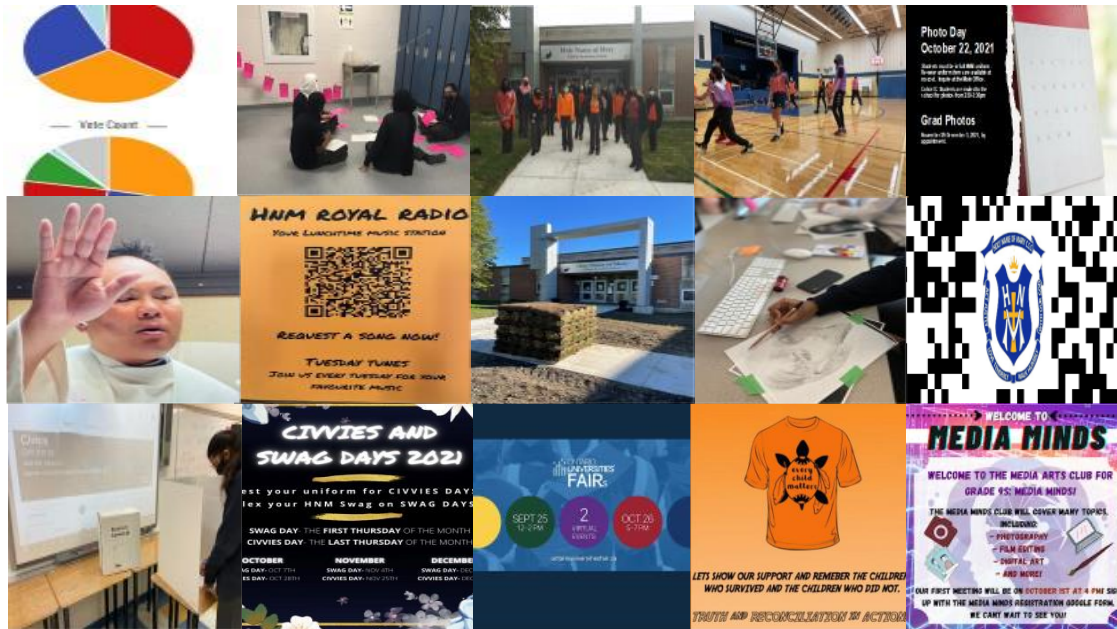


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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### OCTOBER

- Oct 7: Swag Day
- Oct 11: Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 13: School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm (Via Zoom)
- Oct 21: Virtual Awards @ 3:00pm
- Oct 22: Photo Day
- Oct 28: Civvies Day
- Oct 31: Halloween

### November

- Nov 10: Quad 1 Ends
- Nov 12: P.A. Day
- Nov 15: Quad 2 Begins

### December

- Dec 3 & 29: Grad Photos

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# VIRTUE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER EMPATHY



# PRINCIPAL

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Hello Holy Name of Mary Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well! We are having a great start to this school year. Our classes are almost at the midterm of Quadmaster 1, with in-person and remote students actively learning and enjoying new subjects. “Quad” 1 ends on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day. Quad 2 starts on Monday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to be in our newly renovated building, enjoying the technology enhancements and fresh space it provides. The landscaping is coming along, and we will continue to develop our school grounds for increased student use. It is great to interact with the students both in-person and on-screen. We have recently been given the green light to begin in-person teams and clubs, maintaining our Covid protocols. Student involvement is robust at HNM, lead by our Executive Student Council, our Athletic Council Executive, and various clubs that have eagerly launched their meetings. Be sure to check our Twitter/Instagram page for daily updates, @HNMCSS.

We welcome all parents/guardians to participate on our Catholic School Council. Our first meeting will be Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm on Zoom. Please submit your nomination form to the school by October 8<sup>th</sup> for any of the formal roles and informal participants roles. A school messenger invitation was sent to your email last week. I have included the Zoom link here.

<https://zoom.us/j/98315694845?pwd=bFJEQlVHVkY3Rklyb29WQkU0TU5tdz09>

Our priority at HNM is to support the mental and physical wellbeing of our students. We are blessed to have layers of support for your child to reach out to if they begin to feel overwhelmed and need assistance, including administrators, teachers, guidance counsellors, child and youth worker, social worker, chaplain. Please encourage them to reach out. The CYW can be reached by students using the QR code she has posted throughout the school.

We look forward to honoring our Academic Award Recipients on October 21, hosting our Gr. 8 Open House on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, and many more events as the year unfolds. Please call the school if you have any questions.

God Bless

Remember to:

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Claudia Kline

Principal

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## Holy Name of Mary Celebrates National Tree Day (September 22, 2021)

National Tree Day is recognized through a Federal Act of Parliament as the day of the year to acknowledge and celebrate the role that trees play in our lives such as: help us live longer, healthier lives; reduce the effects of climate change, naturally cooling cities and beautify our communities. The Fall season arrived on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and it coincided with National Tree Day. Autumn is known to be the best time for planting and although we did not plant on site on National Tree Day we certainly made great plans to include 10 large trees, lay new sod and increase our curb appeal.



## HNM LIBRARY

Our school library/learning commons is open! We welcome students to come in to read, study, collaborate, and borrow books. Workstations and seats are distanced to adhere with safety protocols.

In honour of Truth & Reconciliation Week, students participated in reflecting on the significance of this important week by contributing inspirational quotes on little, orange shirt cutouts. Students were invited to explore indigenous literary works, and participate in our new reading club, "Chapter Chats," during which we discussed the experiences of some survivors from residential schools. Students can continue to participate in these events which will be posted in our library google classroom. Students can join the library google classroom using the code: hopqtsu



We experienced so much joy, faith and hope during the month of September! It is so good to be together again! Our opening virtual Liturgy of the Word on Teams on Friday, September 10th set the tone for a faith-centred year ahead. Our supportive Pastor, Father Joseph Pham, from St. Anthony of Padua Parish, blessed our staff and students and prayed for our year ahead. Students Devika and Leonela proclaimed the scripture and prayers of the faithful. Our annual feast day of the Holy Name of Mary is annually on September 12th, and so our liturgy focused on our role model and patron of our school, this strong young woman of faith who said yes to being the mother of God-with-us. Thank you to Fr. Joseph for his virtual and video contributions which help us spiritually and emotionally.

## CHAPLAINCY

On September 30, we solemnly observed our first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students and staff spent the day praying for those who died at residential schools and reflecting on the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of 2015. We wore orange in remembrance of families torn apart by systemic racism and genocide, and collected financial donations to support Woodland Cultural Centre, the memorial site of a former residential school on Six Nations of the Grand River territory. We plan to continue listening, learning and becoming better allies with indigenous people.



## MEDIA ARTS



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The Media Arts Program is off and running!! We are pleased to announce that our Mac Lab has been refreshed with the latest iMacs and as a result staff and students are excited to put these new powerful computers to work.

The Grade 11 Media Class has started off with a warm-up Digital Photo Collage and has since moved into our 2-D Animation unit.

Students are experiencing the history of animation, tricks, and techniques, to support their Animation Projects moving forward.

From here we will look at Graphic Design, Video and Audio Editing, with a focus on Illustrator and Photoshop whereby students will turn themselves into a superhero and make a Mini Planet respectively.

The Online **Student Activity Fee 2021-22** link is now open and can be found below and on our website.

Please pay your student activity fee.

[www.dpccsb.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.dpccsb.schoolcashionline.com)

Student Fees \$65 cover the following costs:

Yearbook

Retreats/Faith Formation Activities

Student Council Activities

Grade Specific Initiatives

Charity

Are you thinking about where to apply to university next year? Mark your calendar for the OUFs virtual events, hosted by Ontario's universities in fall 2021:

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/announcements/oufs>

**The Ontario Universities' Fairs (OUFs)  
Go Virtual! – OUIInfo**

Ontario Universities' Info. OUIInfo is a guide to Ontario universities for Ontario high school students and guidance counsellors. It provides information about university programs, admission requirements and more.

[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

## **SCHOOL MESSENGER & REPORTING ABSENCES**

Parents are to report an absence with SafeArrival, in advance using any of the following three options:

1. SchoolMessenger app.
2. The SafeArrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>), or
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-435-3440 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Please use this link to access SchoolMessenger:

[Absence Reporting \(dpcdsb.org\)](http://dpcdsb.org)

These options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time, in advance. This is applicable to all students in Cohort C as well.

### **FAQ'S**

#### **In-Person Learning and Attendance:**

Students are to report to their Period One classroom immediately upon arrival at the school through their designated door. Attendance will be recorded by each classroom teacher by 8:45 a.m.

#### **How do I report a half-day absence?**

If the student will be away for the morning, report a Late Arrival, with the **specific** arrival time.

If the student will be away for the afternoon, report an Early Departure, with the **specific** departure time.

All reports made through SafeArrival will be visible to the teacher. The student will then be allowed to leave the premises under these circumstances.

#### **What happens if I arrive after 8:45 a.m.?**

Students must report to Ms. Montgomery in the Guidance Office before reporting to class. Students should have a note from parent/guardian to support the late arrival. Student will receive an admit slip from Ms. Montgomery to enter class.

#### **What happens if I am not well and want to go home?**

Students should report to their teacher if they are unwell. The teacher will send the student to the main office. The main office will contact the parent/guardian to make further arrangements.

## School Photo Day



School photo Day will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 with Edge Imaging. In-person students will have their photos taken throughout the school day, scheduled by class and Cohort C students will be invited to attend after school between: Gr. 9-10's 2:30 - 3:00 and Gr. 11-12's, 3:00pm to 4:00 p.m. Parents can sign up for photo day reminders and notifications on when to expect to see their child's proofs at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday).

Students are welcome to pick-up freshly laundered uniform items through our Re-wear program. Items such as the HNM white or navy crested golf shirt are available without any cost to the student. We will have these items prepared for photo day for any cohort C student wishing to participate. More information about appointment set-up available through their classroom teachers.

## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Gr. 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All students across the province write this test. As the literacy graduation requirement for all graduating students during the 2021-2022 school year has been waived, **graduating students do not need to take the OSSLT**. The proposed administration of the OSSLT will take place in November 2021 for the Gr. 11 students and May 2022 for Gr. 10 students. More information to come!