



Shannen Koostachin News – November 2019



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK..

WOW! November is already here! Thank you to the Shannen Koostachin community for another great month.

A big thanks to the School Council for getting our pizza days up and running. I am sure you can appreciate the amount of work the School Council puts into organizing all of the orders for students in the school.

November brings the opportunity for all parents/guardians to meet with teachers to review progress. This year we are trying an on-line scheduling platform. A pink letter came home with all students a few weeks ago with instructions on booking time to come into the school on either November 7th or November 8th. Please take this opportunity to visit the school. Together, we can do so much to support the success of all children.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. Unfortunately, without a gym at this time, we do not have the space to invite the community into the school for a Remembrance Day Service. We will honour war veterans and service heros by having announcements over the PA system and a moment of silence with students and staff. To join one of the many Remembrance Day services available across Hamilton, please visit the city of Hamilton's Website at <https://www.hamilton.ca/attractions/festivals-events/remembrance-day-services>

Please see the November events listed below and check our website for updates!

Have a wonderful November!

Mrs. J. Anderson

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 1- Grade 1-3 Black and Orange Day
Nov. 5- Grade 3 Trip to Redhill Orthodontics
Nov. 7- Junior Swim Meet- Jimmy Thompson Pool
Nov. 7- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 8- PA Day and Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 12- Final Flag Football Game (Tim Horton's Field 4:00-6:00 p.m.)
Nov. 15- Senior Boys Volleyball Tournament (Dofasco)
Nov. 18- School Council Meeting (6:30 p.m. in the library/learning commons)
Nov. 18- Grade 6 Trip to Warplane Heritage Museum
Nov. 19- Classes 2/3 and 3/4 Trip to Redhill Orthodontics
Nov. 20- Photo Retake Day

Dates Ahead:

Dec. 10- Grade 7/8 Immunizations
Dec. 20- Monthly Celebration Assembly (gym- 9:45-10:45 a.m.)
December will also mark our first annual Toy Drive for McMaster Sick Kids!

Nov. 20- Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament (Dofasco)
Nov. 20- Hamilton Bulldogs Game (Grades 4-6)
Nov. 22- First Monthly Celebration Assembly- Pending occupancy approval of our gymnasium (gym- 9:45-10:45 a.m.)
Nov. 29- PA Day- No School

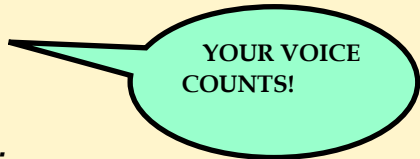
Senior Girls Volleyball Games: Nov. 4th (Tapleystown), 5th (Lisgar)

Senior Boys Volleyball Games: Nov. 13th (x 2) (Mount Albion)

Flag Football Games: Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (4:00- 5:00 p.m.)

School Council

(an open invitation)



How to Get Involved:

If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings please email: shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting:

*Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Learning Commons/Library.*

MATH HELP CLUB

(For Students In Grades 7 and 8)



When: Mondays, 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Dates: November 11, 2019 to June 1, 2020 (excluding school holidays and long weekends)

Where: Shannen Koostachin Elementary School, Room 218

Benefits:

- Support that helps students develop numeracy skills required for success in the classroom
- Engage students through differentiation based on their needs, interests and learning styles
- Certified teachers will help with assigned work and activities
- Students develop study habit and prepare for tests and culminating activities
- Gain skills and knowledge that builds confidence at school
- FREE to all eligible students

How to Register:

- Must be a student in Grade 7 or 8
- Good attitude and attendance are expected
- Register at any time— we welcome new arrivals at any session
- Go online, find and complete easy registration form at: <http://bit.ly/1920-ShannenKoostachinMathClub>
- Please complete the registration prior to attending class
- Child’s school Principal must approve participation. You will only be notified if not eligible

Learn More:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/youth-programs/student-improvement/>

SPORTS DESK



We are off to a great start Kodiaks! Our Senior Girls’ and Senior Boys’ Volleyball teams are working hard on their skills as the season comes to an end. The teams did a great job this season and improved immensely as the season went on. Both teams will culminate their seasons with a tournament at Dofasco Recreation Centre. The Senior Boys’ tournament is on November 15th and the Senior Girls’ is on November 20th. We have also had the privilege of being part of a new Flag Football league that is being piloted by the board. It has been a super fun season and our team is amazing! These Grade 5 and 6’s began the season with not really knowing very much about the game of football and have come to be experts in the game. Their regular season will come to an end on Nov. 6th and then the league will finish with a celebration night on November 12th at Tim Hortons Field. Up next for Shannen Koostachin Kodiaks will be our basketball season.



Our Parking Lot



In order to keep all students and families safe, we ask that you please review the parking and dropping off guidelines below:

- ⇒ Please enter through the IN lane of the parking lot- follow the arrows
- ⇒ Please exit through the OUT lane of the parking lot- follow the arrows
- ⇒ If you are parking, please use the designated parking lot. There is also parking along the streets around the school.
- ⇒ If you are dropping off, please drop off at the back gate at the back of the parking lot and continue through the parking lot and out- follow the arrows.
- ⇒ DO NOT ENTER the main lane in front of the school. This is considered a fire lane and for BUSES ONLY at pick up and drop off times.
- ⇒ Please be patient, drop off and pick up takes 10-15 minutes
- ⇒ During our construction the only gate open to the playground will be off of the parking lot. Once construction has ended, we will have an entry gate at the other side of the playground along Keystone Crescent.

A reminder that our school grounds are open from 9:15 until 9:30 when our instructional bell rings. Teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants are ready to assist and support students during this time. As always, we encourage students who live close by to walk to school, this will cut down on the congestion in our parking lot.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this matter. Student safety is always our number one priority!

Reminders...



Peanut And Nut Safe School!

We have many students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts. **Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks.** Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children!



Smoking is Prohibited

Please be reminded that **smoking/vaping is Not Permitted Anywhere on School Board Property at Anytime.**

Please continue to check the Shannen Koostachin website and follow Mrs. Anderson on Twitter @SHANNEN_HWDSB for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year!



To keep current on upcoming school events, check out our School Website and Calendar www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin/events regularly!



Photo Retake Day is November 20th!

For more information, please call Customer Care at: **1 (888) 416-3343**

To see your proofs as soon as they're ready, sign up at edgeimaging.ca/photoday

Junior Swim Team

The Junior Swim Team has been practicing hard and all students are very excited to participate in the **Swim Meet at Jimmy Thompson Pool on Nov. 7th!**

Student Vote

Shannen Koostachin participated in their first Student Vote on October 16th. Grade 5 students did an excellent job organizing the event. Many students exercised their right to vote in this mock Federal Election. Results of the student vote can be found on the website: <https://studentvote.ca/canada/results/>



Saltfleet High School Grade 7/8 Night

Wednesday November 20th from 6:30-8:00pm

Principal address at 6:30pm in the cafetorium

Then parents and students are encouraged to tour the school and meet teachers from various departments

- Ask questions about courses or programming
- Engage in classroom demonstrations and activities
- View the exciting new school renovations
- See how well Saltfleet students scored on EQAO

Learn for yourself why

"Saltfleet is the Place to Be"

Upcoming Saltfleet events:

November 6th – Grade 8s are invited to visit Saltfleet and experience "A Day in the Life" of a high school student. Students will visit grade 9 classrooms and have the opportunity to meet teachers and ask questions about high school.

November 20th – Saltfleet Open House from 6:30-8:00pm

December 1st – Binbrook Santa Claus Parade. Saltfleet's mascot "Stormy" will be looking be for some helpers to handout candy canes along the parade route. Stay tuned for details!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held at the school on **Thursday, November 7th from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please do not forget to schedule your conference date and time online. You will be able to schedule appointments until November 6th at 11:00 p.m.



"We will be known forever by the tracks that we leave."

~Shannen Koostachin Staff

