



Orchard Park Public School

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November 2023

HOME OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE.

Milk Program: Tickets are \$23.00 for 20 tickets; payment must be made via School Cash Online. Please see Ms. Verberne to pick up tickets. Proceeds to grad.

Pizza Days
Pizza lunches are available every Wednesday. To order, click on the LunchBox link in your School Cash Online account or go to lunchboxorders.net; order by noon the Sunday before. Proceeds to Home & School Association.

Upcoming Dates
Sun, Nov 5 – Daylight Saving Time Ends, Turn Clocks Back

Mon, Nov 6 @ 6:30pm Home & School / School Council Meeting

Fri, Nov 10 @ 10:50am Remembrance Day Service; Progress Report / Interview Form Go Home

Thur, Nov 16 – Yogurt Delivery

Thur, Nov 16 Evening and Friday, Nov 17 Morning – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Fri, Nov 17 – PA Day

Tue, Nov 21 – Sub Delivery

Dec 12 – Seasonal Concert

Dec 11-15 – Book Fair

When Calling the School
519-452-8450

Press 1 – Address & Hours

Press 2 – School Office

Press 3 – Learning Support Teacher

Press 4 – Library

Press 5 – Principal

Bell Times

9:00 am School Begins
10:40 – 10:55 AM Recess
11:45 – 12:45 Lunch
2:25 – 2:40 PM Recess
3:30 pm School Ends

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Basketball season has started, and our team has been playing fiercely under the coaching expertise of Mrs. Corsaut. Good luck to our team! We are cheering you on from the sidelines!

Thanks to Ms. Morris, Ms. Da Silva, and Mrs. Ayres for all the work with our school Colour Cup activity day. It was amazing to see the leadership from our senior students and all the children having so much fun. Kudos to our student council for organizing the pumpkin decorating activity, and for making the daily announcements.

Friday, November 17th is a PA Day to support conversations with our families about progress reports. Reports will be going home on Friday, November 10th along with the parent-teacher interview form (see below). Looking forward to another busy month of learning ahead!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our Remembrance Day ceremony will take place on Friday, November 10th commencing at 10:50 AM in the gym. Students are reminded that if they are cadets, girl guides or scouts they may wear their uniform to school to demonstrate their respect for those Canadians for whom this day is dedicated. Poppies (stickers) will be available for students to wear on the 10th. Thank you to Mrs. Gorbasesw for organizing this service.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please take advantage of the upcoming parent / teacher interviews on **Thursday, November 16th from 3:45 to 6:30 PM & Friday, November 17th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon**. These interviews enable you to use the reports to guide your conversation with your child's teachers to understand important next steps for improvement in all areas of growth and academic development. Please know that beyond these formal conferences, other channels of communications (e.g. student planners, School Messenger, Google Classroom, emails, phone calls) should be used throughout the school year for you to share or request information from your child's teachers. Be sure to complete the form that is being sent home with your child's progress report and return it to the school on **Monday, November 13th**.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Once again, Orchard Park will be sponsoring families for Christmas who attend a school within the Thames Valley District School Board. Christmas can be a very stressful time for some families who do not have the means to provide basic needs as well as Christmas gifts for their children. Orchard Park families would like to show how much we care by providing some of those gifts. Come pick up your "angel" in the office.



SEASONAL CONCERT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1:00 & 7:00 PM

This year, we are planning a Seasonal Concert on Tuesday, December 12th at 1:00 & 7:00 PM. Our primary choir, junior / intermediate choir, and grade 8 band will be entertaining the audience. All are welcome to attend!



KERNELS POPCORN FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 8 JUNE TRIP

Grade 8 students are planning several fundraisers to raise money for their June field trip to Camp Onondaga, Minden.

Every Friday, for the next five months (mid November 2023 to end of April 2024) they will be selling Kernels popcorn. There will be four delicious flavours available: Buttersalt Salt & Vinegar Low Fat Caramel White Cheddar.

The cost will be \$2.75 per bag. Payment for popcorn is via School Cash Online only; there will be no cash sales. The payment system is like our milk program in that you will purchase a sheet of five tickets for \$13.75. Grade 8 students will ensure your child receives their popcorn.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Monday, June 24, 2024, in the Orchard Park School Gymnasium



TVDSB GRADE 8 VIRTUAL FAMILY NIGHT

On November 16th from 7:00-8:00pm, TVDSB will be offering an information session for grade 8 families to outline the secondary school registration process and graduation requirements. We are excited to share this information with families as they prepare for the transition to grade 9.

The poster below promotes the live event, which will include a Q&A session at the end of the presentation. Families will be able to join through the link that will be available on the tvdsb/transitions site, where a recording of the presentation will also be made available for families who are not able to attend.

Information Session:
Welcome to High School Information Night for Grade 8 Families

November 16, 2023 at 7PM

Link to join the live event will be posted prior to the event at: www.tvdsb.ca/grades7-8

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 6:30pm Home & School and School Council

Please join us if you are interested in joining our Association. All are welcome to attend both meetings. Home & School Contact: Email ophomeandschool@outlook.com; Facebook 'Families of Orchard Park Public School'



PIZZA FROM DOMINOS, GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET

We are offering Domino's Pizza every Wednesday; you must sign up by noon the Sunday before to receive pizza. Marina Djuricic is coordinating volunteers.



FROZEN YOGURT FROM MARBLE SLAB, GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET

The next frozen yogurt delivery date is Thursday, November 16th. You must order by noon the Sunday before to receive yogurt. This will come pre-sorted and labeled by classroom. We must have at least 50 orders of Marble Slab for them to deliver, so place your order now!



SUBS FROM SUBWAY, GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET

We are now offering subs from Subway once a month. The first Subway delivery will be Tuesday, November 21st. You must order by noon the Sunday before to receive subs.



ORCHARD PARK SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear is coming! We have contracted with a new vendor this year. Details are being finalized and we will let you know as soon as we have the online link for you to place your orders.



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE, DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Once again, Orchard Park will be holding a White Elephant Holiday Sale. Students only will have an opportunity to shop for gifts in the gym during school hours. Proceeds will support the music program.

Beginning December 4th, we need your new and gently used items to resell at our sale; items can be dropped off at the table by the front door. *We also need donations of gift bags / boxes, tissue, wrapping paper, bows, tape, and gift tags.* Donation ideas:

- Scarves, socks, household items, costume jewelry, toys, games, puzzles

LESTER B PEARSON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS: AN ARTS-ENRICHED OPPORTUNITY, GRADES 3-7

Lester B Pearson School For The Arts is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year!

Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts holds a Selections Workshop for Admission into our school, which starts in Grade 4. If your child is currently in Grades 3-7 and is thinking about coming to our Selections process, we will hold an in-person Information Night on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2023 @ 7:00 PM, starting in the Pearson Gymnasium. <https://pearson.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/registration.aspx>

ATTENTION: GRADE 8 STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Ideal University Preparation

- ✓ High Standards
- ✓ International Qualifications
- ✓ Advanced Standing Credits

Contact:

Jeff Kunder, IB Coordinator and Department Head of Guidance
519-452-2750 ext. 61706

Mike Phillips, IB Head of School and Principal of Oakridge S.S.
519-452-2750 ext. 61684

Scan this QR Code for more information



You are invited...

Join us to learn more about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme within TVDSB at Oakridge Secondary School.

LIVE Both, In-Person and Live Streamed

Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:00 to 8:30 PM EST

This in-person meeting will also be live-streamed and recorded. The recording will be shared on TVDSB and Oakridge websites.

For more information

Go to www.tvdsb.ca/IBOakridge to find the link to the live and recorded information meeting, and to learn more about the IB Diploma Programme.



An in-person IB Family Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th from 7 to 8:30 PM in the auditorium at Oakridge Secondary School. This information session will also be recorded so it can be viewed from home and shared on Oakridge's website for future viewing. <https://oakridge.tvdsb.ca/en/programs/international-baccalaureate---diploma-program.aspx>