



# NEWS

## 2015

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Fall has certainly been slipping by rapidly. Thanksgiving is behind us and Hallowe'en is only a day away. Usually at this time of year we are talking about progress reports and interviews. However this year is not a typical year and as you already know progress reports have been postponed and parent teacher interviews will not be occurring in their customary fashion. I encourage parents to contact their child's teacher if they have pressing questions about student performance.

Tomorrow, Friday October 30, is our annual Walsh Hallowe'en celebration. Thanks goes to Mr. Blake, his student senate, and all the intermediate students who have been working hard to coordinate this event.

November 11 is Remembrance day and all staff and students at Walsh will be participating in our Remembrance Day ceremony at the school. Walsh will also have representation at the cenotaph in Port Rowan and at the Remembrance Day ceremony sponsored by the Port Rowan Legion on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

In January, the Simcoe, Port Dover, Walsh ARC (accommodation review committee) will commence. This ARC is convened for the purpose of conducting an in depth study of how to best utilize school space in five schools: Walsh, Lakewood, West Lynn, Elgin Ave, and Lynndale Heights. More information about the ARC will come your way as we get closer to the commencement of the meetings. These are public meetings and all are welcome to attend and share their views.

A note on cell phones at school. There is no specific rule about whether students can or cannot have cell phones at school. Many parents like their children to carry a cell phone for safety and security. To ensure proper use of this technology, I ask that you discuss with your child proper use of a cell phone at school. These devices should not be out and in use during instructional time unless a teacher has asked that they be used for a particular purpose. Students found to be texting, or communicating through social media during class or in an inappropriate way will have their device taken away for the day and may be at risk for losing the ability to bring their device to school in the future.

In the next couple of weeks we will begin seeing some pretty frigid mornings. Parents are asked to ensure that children are sent to school with proper clothing. Layers is always the best with a hat and mitts worn or in the backpack. As the weather becomes increasingly colder, all children are checked before they go outside to ensure that they will be warm enough outside.

Wishing you a Happy Hallowe'en. Enjoy the remaining colours of fall.

Mr. D. Matthys, Principal



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**POLICE CHECKS:** Parents or guardians that wish to participate in class/student activities must have a current police check. Police checks can take several weeks. If you plan on participating in school events don't delay. A police check form can be obtained from the school secretary.



*Hot Lunch Program. This program will unfortunately not be starting in November as hoped. Stand by for more news on this. The Hot Lunch program will not begin until all Job Sanctions/disruptions have ended.*

School Staff understand that sending your young children to school can create anxiety for parents. Until now we have been very flexible with allowing parents walk their children to their classes. But moving children towards independence is an important part of our school programming. Beginning Nov. 2 I ask that parents no longer walk their children to their classrooms. If you are dropping your child off or picking them up please sign them in our out at the office and let school staff do the rest.



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**The Children's Aid Society  
of Haldimand & Norfolk**

The Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk works to strengthen and support families so that children and youth are able to remain safely at home. Sometimes, when families experience challenges and are unable to safely care for their children, foster parents open up their home to provide temporary care with the ultimate goal of the children returning home. Foster parents provide stability, love nurturance and a caring home that encourages a child's growth. Foster parents play a vital role in the daily care of children and in planning for their futures. There are opportunities to be a foster parent for a child, youth, or siblings in your community. If you are interested in

learning more about foster parenting, adoption or volunteering please call our office at:

1-888-CAS-KIDS or visit our website at [www.cashn.on.ca](http://www.cashn.on.ca)

We also offer information sessions in the community if you are interested in attending one or hosting one!



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**





Thanks to healthy snack

Lunch program went well. Thanks for growing together with us and supporting the online banking system. Online banking allowed us to expand our lunch program by including Pita Pit lunches.

EQAO was cancelled this year as a result of the job action currently occurring.

Year end assembly. Volunteer appreciation, perfect attendance, Grade 8 grad recognition. Parents welcome

**PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE PACKING YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH THAT WALSH PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A NO PEANUT OR NUT ZONE. DUE TO ALLERGIES IN THE SCHOOL CONSUMING PRODUCTS CONTAINING PEANUTS OR NUTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TO THIS IMPORTANT ITEM.**