



JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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BELL TIMES

Morning bell: 9:00 AM

Please note that staff supervision begins at 8:50 AM. Students should not be arriving early on the yard in the morning.

1st Nutritional Break: 10:40 – 11:20 AM

2nd Nutritional Break: 1:00 – 1:40 PM

Dismissal: 3:20 PM

December News

School Cash Online provides a convenient fee payment option that will save time, reduce paper, maintain a focus on instruction in the classroom, and limit cash and cheques in our school. This improved efficiency also aligns with the Grand Erie District School Board's strengthened accounting practices. We have approximately 90% of our families already using School Cash Online. As you have noticed, our lunches, field trips, fundraisers, and other payments are now moving exclusively to the online payment option.

It is **VERY** important that all payments for school programs are made prior to the due date (expiry date) in School Cash Online. Once the offer expires, we cannot re-open the option if you have missed the payment deadline. For trips and events that are past due, late orders may not be accepted, as teachers have already called in the order numbers, booked tickets, pre-paid vendors, and requested the quantities needed. Although at times even with our best efforts, things happen, please do continue to make every effort to complete payments by the due date. This practice also helps our students learn important life skills such as staying organized, meeting timelines, and developing responsibility by planning ahead!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4, 2017 – Last Day for Spirit Wear sales
December 4 – 8, 2017 – Cereal Drive
December 4 – 15, 2017 – Toy, Mitten and Hat Drive at JH
December 7, 2017 – School Council Cookies with Santa event for students
December 20, 2017 – Christmas Concert – 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 6:30 PM
December 22, 2017 – Last Day before Christmas Break
January 8, 2018 – First Day back

Volunteers Needed: School Council still needs some helping hands for our hot lunch days (Tuesdays and Fridays). Please call the school office if you have an hour to spare (12:30 - 1:30 PM)



Reminders and Information...

Please do not
forget...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers, including field trip volunteers, must have a valid and approved Police Check on file in the office. These forms are available in the office, and are good for 2 calendar years from the date of issue. At times, parents are volunteer drivers taking students to events and trips. Please ensure that you complete the Volunteer Driver Form annually when driving students in your personal vehicle.

NEW this year, all volunteers must complete the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Declaration (A.O.D.A), mandatory training available at: <http://www.granderie.ca/board/elementary/parent-portal/volunteers>

When you complete the training, please print out the certificate, and **send a copy to the school office.**

Communication Tools:

We are proud to introduce some new tools for linking our school community and giving you convenient access to news, dates and details:

We invite you to follow our school website linked with Grand Erie at

www.granderie.ca/schools/jameshillier

LIKE us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/JamesHillierSchool/>



Follow us on Twitter:

James Hillier School @JH_Jayhawks

Message from the Principal

As the calendar year draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the positive contributions of our staff, students and parents that make James Hillier an amazing place to work, learn and play.

I feel privileged to work with a staff who are highly capable, dedicated, and committed to supporting students to always be their best. Today, more than ever teachers face many challenges and daily demands in their work. Even on a difficult day, I consistently see the James Hillier staff remain positive, enthusiastic, and always patient and compassionate in their support of students.

Not a week goes by that a student's success is not celebrated and applauded by their teachers, no matter how great or small. I am often amazed at the talents, level of achievement and progress of all our students as they visit the Principal to share the joy of their learning. Students are actively engaged whether in the classroom, sports field or during presentations and events...and especially at recess!

Last but not least, the school cannot be successful without the positive engagement and work that parents do alongside their children to help them be successful. "The greater the support that families provide for their children's learning and educational progress, the more likely it is that children will do well in school, and continue their educational journey." (*Ontario Parent Engagement*).

I would like to wish all our students, parents and families a wonderful Christmas season, and a safe and restful break!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marry

