



JAMES HILLIER PUBLIC SCHOOL



62 Queensway Drive
Brantford, Ontario
N3R 4W8
519-752-2296

www.granderie.ca/jhi

Principal

Cam MacDonald

Office Coordinator

Jennifer Dalby

Bell Times

9:00 a.m. – School Starts
1st Nutrition Break: 11:00-11:40
2nd Nutrition Break 1:20-2:00
Dismissal: 3:20 p.m.

Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Message from the Principal

Hello March! Lots of exciting things happened over the last month.

During “Pink Shirt Day” on February 25th, our theme was “Lift each other up”; a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique. When we lift each other up, we see past the things that separate us and see instead the things that unite us as people. Students discussed the importance of fostering an inclusive community that celebrates everyone’s uniqueness. Students and staff understand that bullying is a serious issue that requires all of us to work together and “lift each other up!”

On February 20th, we hosted some families of our choir members and some members of Queensway Baptist Church to see our choir perform our national anthem (and another song) ahead of the Olympic Men’s hockey semi-final game against Finland. The choir, led by Mme Sorensen and Mr. Imgrund did an outstanding job!

March break is just around the corner and before you know it, it will be April. Hopefully, the warmer weather will arrive on schedule. We certainly deserve a reprieve from the weather onslaught we’ve received this winter!



Check out our newly launched school
website!

www.granderie.ca/jhi

School Council

Parent Council is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Hot Lunch Program! If you are available on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:25 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes, we would love your help. A Vulnerable Sector Check is requested. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Mrs. Dalby.

We also have exciting fundraising coming up! Candy Clouds Cotton Candy will be available for purchase soon, with orders delivered at the end of the day on a Friday for students to take home for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details!

Basketball

Intermediate girls:

The Intermediate girls played in the Sport for Life division. They were very successful as they won all their games against Woodman, King George and Walter Gretzky. Great job girls!

Intermediate boys:

The Intermediate boys won 4 games against Walter Gretzky, Banbury Heights, Edith Monture and Mt. Pleasant. They will face Agnes Hodge on Championship night. More info to follow. Great job boys!

Junior Co-ed:

The Junior Co-ed team is set to play on March 4th. We're certain they will do their best and have fun in the process!

Attendance

March Into Success

Our March strategy – “March into Success” – encourages students to take an active role in their learning by strengthening relationships, participating fully in class activities, and engaging with school life. When students feel connected, they are more likely to attend regularly and achieve their goals. Every day truly counts.

We're working to build learning environments where every student feels connected, welcomed, and engaged. When students feel they belong, attendance grows – and so does success!

- Let's keep showing up!
- Let's stay connected!
- Let's March into Success together!

Dates of Significance

You can see a list of various dates of significance for February [here on the Board website](#).

Here is just a sample of ones that stand out here at James Hillier this month:

Ramadan continues (Feb 17-Mar 19)
Eid-al-Fitr (Mar 19/20)

March 10th – Gr 8 Grad Photos
March 10th – Kindergarten Milestone Photos
March 10th – Class group photos
March 16th-20th – March Break
March 19th/20th – Eid-al-Fitr
March 24th – School Council

Grad Photos



Take the next step of your school journey in style.

- A white collared shirt with an optional necktie creates a classic look, but we recommend wearing whatever makes you feel great and reflects your unique style! We will provide gowns and props on photo day to complete your look.
- Your photographer will capture 4 photos, and a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to you once proofs arrive.
- Your proof should arrive approximately two weeks after your shoot.
- For more photo days tips, go to: edgeimaging.ca/en/photo-day-tips



Remember the whole class!

Make sure to purchase your Class Composite today! This perfect keepsake will arrive by the end of the school year, preserving your class memories for years to come.

To order, simply head to edgeimaging.ca/order and type in under “Graduating Class Composites”.

Your composite must be purchased before the order due date, which will be listed on your proofs.



KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE PHOTOS



**Capture the magic and
showcase your best smile!**



Take the next step of your journey in style.

- A white collared shirt with an optional necktie creates a classic look, but we recommend wearing whatever makes you feel great and reflects your unique style!
- Your photographer will capture 4 photos, a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to you once proofs arrive!
- Your proof should arrive approximately two weeks after your shoot.
- For more photo day tips, go to: edgeimaging.ca/en/photo-day-tips

Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee
(GEPIC) presents

Thursday, March 26, 2026

From 6 to 7:15 p.m.

**Brantford Collegiate Institute
and Vocational School**

Learning Commons, 120 Brant Avenue, Brantford



Raising Awareness about Digital Dangers (RAADD)

GUEST SPEAKER:

Margot Denommé

Author, Speaker, Parent, and former Crown Attorney

With over 26 years of experience as a former Crown Attorney, Margot witnessed the devastating effects of low self-esteem and diminished confidence in children. As a mother of two daughters, she was deeply concerned about the unrealistic beauty standards set by mainstream and social media. Recognizing the links between poor self-worth, bullying, mental health issues, and future challenges, she embarked on a mission to address these issues.

Parents, teachers and other caregivers are the best role models for young teenagers when it comes to using smartphones safely. But how can you guide your child to make smart choices and stay safe online? How do you start those challenging conversations about responsible smartphone use? Margot Denommé will be sharing her best strategies, discussion prompts and tips for parents/caregivers on keeping the internet safe, with examples of potential threats and the legal consequences of online actions.

About Margot Denommé

Margot writes children's books and visits schools to educate children about the dangers of social media and the impact of online comparisons. Her 'The Celebrate YOU! Tour,' launched in 2013, has reached over 150 schools and community groups across Canada and the US, promoting positive self-esteem through kindness, resilience, courage, self-love, and embracing uniqueness. As an Author, Speaker, Parent, and former Crown Attorney, Margot is dedicated to fostering healthier, more confident youth and mitigating the negative impacts of digital dangers. Her comprehensive approach ensures both children and parents are equipped with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

[Click here to register for this event](#)

Hand washing

Why is it important to wash our hands?

Washing your hands with soap for 20 seconds is the best way to stay healthy and stop germs from spreading.

Be sure to wash your hands:

- Before you touch your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Before and after touching a cut
- After touching garbage, petting animals, or if your hands look dirty
- After playing outside

Helpful tips

- Use regular reminders for your child to wash their hands
- Lead by example washing your hands
- Make it fun by making up your own song or game. There are also videos you can find on YouTube
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available

[Learn more about handwashing steps.](#)

Remember to wash your hands often to stay safe and clean! More information can also be found on [Grand Erie Public Health's website.](#)

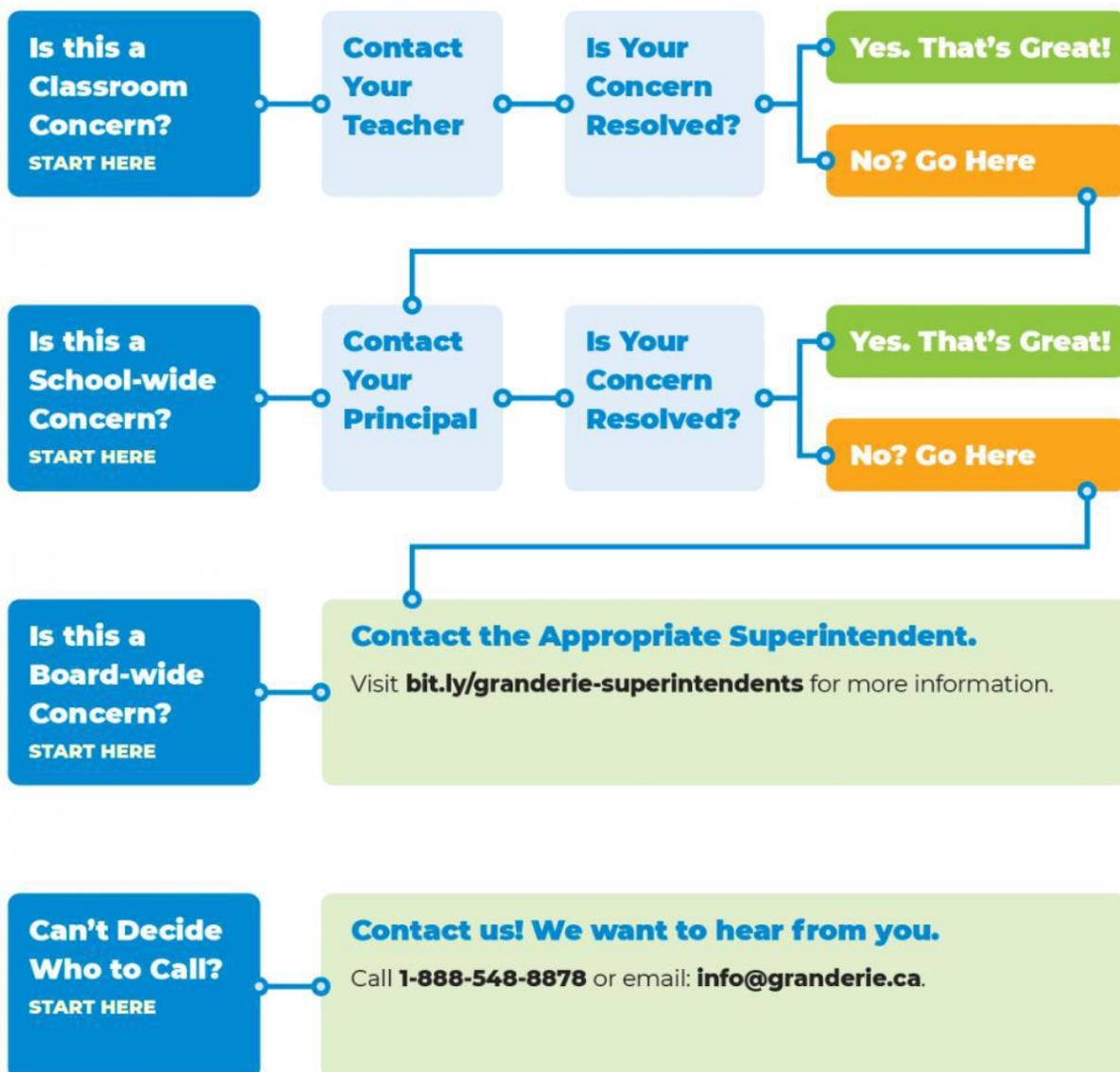


Parent/Caregiver/ Community Member Concern Chart



We're Here to Help

Find out who to contact at Grand Erie using this helpful resource.



Your Trustee can guide you through this process.

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at granderie.ca/board/about/trustees