SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2020 EDITION

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Walsh Public School – Official Site has more than 400 members. Visit us on Facebook to join.

E-mail: Newsletters will be emailed to families this year. To add an email address, contact: [heather.robinson@granderie.ca](mailto:heather.robinson@granderie.ca)

School Council :

On Thurs. Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., we will be having our first School Council meeting that will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams. If you are interested in joining this meeting to learn more about what is happening at Walsh P.S. please email the principal at: [heather.robinson@granderie.ca](mailto:heather.robinson@granderie.ca). If you don’t have a Microsoft Teams account, there will also be a phone number that will enable you to dial in.



On Friday, October 2nd the staff and students at Walsh will be engaging in outdoor physical activity to support the 40th year of the Terry Fox Run. We will not be collecting toonies this year, but if you would like to donate on behalf of the school please visit our online fundraising page.

Fundraising page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/WalshPSSimcoe>

Principal’s Message

To say that this September has been like no other would be an understatement to say the least. We would like to thank our wonderful school community for the support, patience and understanding that has been demonstrated. Our students are resilient and are adapting to the many new routines and procedures in place. Our educational staff are coming up with creative and engaging ways to teach using outdoor and indoor learning spaces. Our custodial staff have been working tirelessly to keep our school safe for all of us.

WALSH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Principal** Heather Robinson

**Vice-Principal**  
 Missy Blunt

**School Secretaries** Kacie Smith & Judy Weller

We look forward to October and being settled into our new routines.

Again, thank you for being such a supportive school community. We couldn’t couldn’t do any of this without you!

Kind regards,

Heather Robinson

**TRANSPORTATION NEWS**

**My child did not get off the bus. Who do I call?**

Please contact Sharp Bus Lines at (519) 426-0050 if your child did not get off the bus. We do not have office staff to answer phones at Walsh beyond the school day, so it is best to contact Transportation. Staff there will contact drivers to see if your child got on the wrong bus, fell asleep etc. Please note that drivers are not permitted to let off Kindergarten students unless there is an adult at the stop to meet the child. If no adult is present the driver must keep the child on the bus. Sharp have staff available until bus routes are completed.

**My child’s bus is delayed/cancelled. How can I find out how long the delay is?**

The ways that you can be notified of an interruption include:

1) downloading the bus delays app from either the Google Play or Apple store; detailed instructions on setting up the app is available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the last FAQ labelled “Delays and Cancellation App”.

2) register to receive email notifications. To register simply visit [https://transinfobhn.ca/Login](https://transinfobhn.ca/Login?fbclid=IwAR1wPEPEkOnF9Yx-Gf1D_ArpKLV5klPuzqGxLM3tJGBpTihmxp56s0wHswk) and create and account. After your account has been created, connect your child(ren)’s bus service to your email address by logging in and clicking the “Add Student” button. Detailed instructions on setting up your account is also available by visiting [http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs](http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs?fbclid=IwAR358ClPZm3tuwEHjXPE5Zv4lJDSJWkEZrpB8Ji7eZ8Gw-Dw8P4Ix1MV7lg) and clicking on the FAQ labelled “having trouble logging into the Parent/Student portal”. For parents who look up bus information before the start of school, you have already completed this option!

3) visit [https://transinfobhn.ca/Alerts](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Ftransinfobhn.ca%2FAlerts%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1asEK5oBxKXhiDE_lMdiRIWKK9UPLRrH3JNP3SXcT5J85W9UdWjqxgAcM&h=AT2oCB_Anz7VZRa8z_h-OYm06vG8MPWerQ2FN-T0MMtKg3Hcufb402hl1vnMnhPIrHKXbO8u6dchXWSDdEKeT7sgExeAgfSj63kEOv-x5lNL5Eul-K49bL4plzzDGWsBir14-YV3CbjVTmCnZJLMQg) daily to see if your bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled.

If you are having trouble with any of these methods, please reach out to the transportation office by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca) or by calling 519-751-7532.

COVID REMINDERS:

My child was sent home from school because they have symptoms.

I have kept my child home because they have symptoms. What do I do?

Students with symptoms compatible with COVID-19 should be tested. Parents and guardians have three options:

1. Take your child to their health care provider for further assessment. Your child’s health care provider will assess your child and determine whether a COVID-19 test is necessary.
2. Take your child directly to an assessment centre for testing.
3. If you refuse options 1 and 2, then your child (and everyone in your household) needs to self-isolate for 14 days.

Your child needs to isolate while waiting for direction from their health care provider and/or while waiting for test results. Members living in the same household as the sick child also need to self-isolate if the child has had a high-risk exposure – for example: traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days or is a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19. If the sick child has had no high-risk exposure, household members should self-monitor.

Daily COVID-19 Screening

**All Grand Erie staff and students are required to conduct daily self-assessments before arriving at school.** Use the Ontario COVID-19 School Screening Tool here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

COVID-19 FAQs

* For more information about COVID -19, visit Grand Erie’s website at: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
* For Haldimand/Norfolk residents, visit the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit website: [www.hnhu.org](http://www.hnhu.org)

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| Character Attribute  This month’s character attribute is Compassion. Please take some time to discuss the importance of compassion and what it means with your children. | Physician Compassion - Barabara Tatham Memorial Podcast | EM Cases |

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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|  |  |  |  | Terry Fox Run  Custodial Appreciation Day |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| World Teacher’s Day |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| *Thanksgiving Monday* | Final day to indicate a switch of learning models |  | School Council  Virtual Meeting  7 p.m. |  |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|  |  |  |  | Orange & Black Day or  Wear Your Costume Spirit Day |

Coming up in November: Mon. 2nd - First day of new placement for those switching between on-line and in-school learning.

Fri. 13th - P.A. Day - Student Achievement