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**JANUARY IS . . .**

**~Tamil Heritage Month~**

**JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

**Monday, January 8th, 2024**

**Message from the Principal**

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Oneida Central Staff, we would like to wish you all a new year filled with happiness and joy.

Thank you to the school staff that hosted our Winter Wonderland on December 20th and the School Council for the Festive Luncheon on the 21st.

Term 1 Report Cards and IEPs will be sent home on Monday, February 12th, 2024. If you require more than one copy for your child(ren), please contact the teacher or office.

Our entry bell rings at 8:45 a.m. and students arriving after the bell are to enter the building through the front door. It is important that students arrive at school on time as classes begin right away.

Students are reminded to come to school ready to learn with all the necessary items including lunch, water bottle, proper outdoor gear, and learning items. This helps to eliminate the need to interrupt student learning by calling them to pick up items forgotten at home.

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| ***Is your child’s information up to date???***   * **Have the medical needs of your child changed?** * **Have you moved to a new address?**   **If any of the above two points have recently changed, please immediately notify the office.**  **Having correct health and residential information is a must for the school.** |

Yours in Education,

Mr. J. Poulimenos

Principal

***BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!***

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Mrs. M. Galbraith

**VISION STATEMENT**

Start with a Vision,

Work for your Goals,

End with Success.

GEDSB

www.granderie.ca

**Kindergarten Registration – 2024-25**

If you have a child who will be four years old by the end of 2024, online registration continues to be open for Kindergarten. Earlier Kindergarten registration allows us to plan and implement programming and resources so your child can make the most successful transition as they start school.

Parents/Caregivers of soon-to-be Kindergarten students can visit Grand Erie’s Kindergarten webpage ([www.granderie.ca/kindergarten](http://www.granderie.ca/kindergarten)) to register, and find information about transportation, before-and-after care, and resources to ensure the best start to school. Our office is also available to answer any questions you have about the process. We can’t wait to welcome your child in September 2024!

**Dates To Remember – January 2024**

Monday, January 8th, 2024

* Grade 8 Little Caesars Fundraiser Start Date – All students can buy and sell

Friday, January 12th, 2024

* Hot Lunch Day – Dominoes Pizza (PM)
* Jersey Day or Favourite Shirt Day – School Spirit Day

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

* Grade 8 Grad Meeting (4:30pm)
* School Council Meeting (6:00pm)

Friday, January 19th, 2024

* Hot Lunch Day – Subway (PM)
* Black and Red Day – School Spirit Day

Monday, January 22nd, 2024

* **P.A. DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

* HNHU – Vision Screening – SK
* HNHU-Dental Screening – JK, SK, Gr. 2

Friday, January 26th, 2024

* Hot Lunch Day – Dominoes Pizza (PM)
* Backwards Day – School Spirit Day
* Grade 8 Little Caesars Fundraiser End Date

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**Reminder – Inclement Weather (GEDSB)**

Grand Erie’s Inclement Weather Procedure allows for the option to cancel transportation services when there is extreme cold weather. In this case, student transportation services would be cancelled, but all Grand Erie schools would remain open to students and staff. Extreme cold weather is defined as -30 degrees Celsius (without windchill) at 5:00 a.m. or a high risk of frostbite (10 minutes or less) as of 5:45 a.m.

The decision to cancel school or student transportation services for the day is made by 6:30 a.m. Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will communicate closures on X (Twitter @STSBHN) and share information via its phone line (519-751-7532).

Grand Erie has four zones:

Zone 1 – Norfolk County;

**Zone 2 – Haldimand County**;

Zone 3 – Brant County;

Zone 4 – City of Brantford.

**Oneida Central Public School**

**is located within Zone 2.**

**School Bus Drivers Wanted**

Are you or anyone you know interested in part-time employment supporting education, schools, and students?

The organization that manages student transportation in Grand Erie connects friendly, positive individuals who enjoy children and might be interested in becoming a bus driver (free training provided) with the bus companies that serve students in our district.

It’s an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in your community through a flexible but regular part-time role.

For more information and to indicate your interest [click here](https://stsbhn.ca/become-driver) or go to

<https://stsbhn.ca/become-driver>

**The Old Farmer’s Almanac**

| January 2024 Long Range Weather Forecast for Southern Ontario. | |
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| **Dates** | **Weather Conditions** |
| **Jan. 1-12** | --Snowy periods, very cold |
| **Jan. 13-20** | --Snowy periods, some rain south;  --turning mild |
| **Jan. 21-31** | --Sunny, then snow showers;  --turning cold |
| January | --temperature -9°C (2°C below avg.)  --precipitation 70mm  (10mm above avg.) |

**(**[**www.almanac.com**](http://www.almanac.com)**)**

**FlipGive – School Council – Reminder**

The Oneida Central School Council continues to participate in FlipGive. FlipGive is the shopping rewards app for families that unlocks sales and shopper loyalty, which directly returns givebacks to the council.

FlipGive partners with some of the world’s leading brands, using personalized rewards to connect with shoppers and inspire deep-rooted brand loyalty at meaningful moments in the shopper journey. The link to be part of the school’s FlipGive app is as follows:

[https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=3F9YCZ](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=3F9YCZ__;!!Bb7Ypfxp5g!OLfHOfQO-0NhFc20KM0zupsWMigOD9YFIEfgvUa5d66iioYfN-1RoFJeklVarfCxS5HkGAJQBo8iM_rScyWRI6WxWk4lJEagnzk$)

**Community Mental Health Services**

There are several options for accessing community mental health services for children and youth, up to 18 years of age within Haldimand County. For mental

health support, go to the

H-N REACH service menu at [www.reachoutyouth.ca](http://www.reachoutyouth.ca) .

**GEDSB Days of Significance (January)**

1 – New Year's Day

1 – Haiti’s Independence Day (Haiti)

1 – Gantan-sai Japanese New Year (Shinto)

4 – National Ribbon Skirt Day (Canada)

5 – Twelfth Night (Christianity)

6 – Epiphany (Christianity)

7 – Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)

8 – National Day of Remembrance for Victims of

Air Disaster (Canada)

10 – Declaration of North America (North America)

11 – Sir John A. Macdonald Day (Canada)

13 – Punjab Lohri (Punjab)

14 – Orthodox New Year's Day (Julian Calendar)

15 – Martin Luther King Day (USA)

15 – Makara Sankranti (Hinduism)

15-18 – Thai Pongal (Tamil)

17 – Raoul Wallenberg Day (Canada)

20 – Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)

20 – International Day of Acceptance (International)

21 – Pausha Putrada Ekadashi (Hinduism)

21 – World Religion Day (International)

21 – Lincoln Alexander Day (Canada)

22 – PA Day - Elementary (GEDSB)

23 – 100th Day of School (GEDSB)

24 – International Day of Education (International)

24 – World Day for African and Afrodescendant

Culture (International)

25 – Mahyana - Buddhist New Year (Buddhism)

27 – Family Literacy Day (Canada)

27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day (International)

27 – St. Sava Devine Day (Various Countries)

29 – National Day of Remembrance and Action

Against Islamophobia (Canada)

29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec

City Mosque Attack (Canada)

30 – Jashan-E-Sadeh (Zorotarisn)

\*\*Please accept our apologies for omissions of any group or important dates. We make all possible efforts to publish Grand Erie District School Board’s Days of Significance according to a variety of

sources. If there

are any comments

regarding the Days

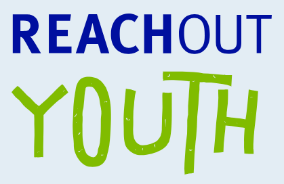
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please inform our

communications

department.\*\*\*

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**Police Services in School Program (PROSE)**

**Grand Erie District School Board**

The Police Services in Schools program PROSE™ (Police Resource Outreach Supporting Education) will be in our schools. The programs will include:

* deliver curriculum-aligned classroom presentations in partnership with teachers
* deliver relevant presentations to staff, parents/caregivers on a variety of topics of interest to these groups
* be present and participate in school events such as track meets, assemblies, school performances, refereeing intramurals, presenting awards at monthly assemblies, open houses, involvement in games clubs, music, and drama clubs
* conduct informal drop-ins during break times to interact with students in a community-building capacity
* participate in/help lead community support drives such as a canned food drives, winter clothing drives, back-to-school supplies drives
* run bike rodeos
* become involved in mentoring programs where appropriate

For further information on the review process and its specific outcomes, the full report, Review of Police Programs and Presence in Schools, June 2023 is available on the Grand Erie website at

<https://www.granderie.ca/application/files/2416/9022/4746/PoliceInSchoolsReview_Report_June2023.pdf>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or principal.







