



# Oakville School



Dec. 2021

'Together We Achieve'

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## Principal's Message

I would like to extend a big thank you from the staff and students for all the support that our parent community provides to our school. I know some of the rules and changes are tough to navigate, but parents have been excellent. With the break fast approaching, I hope everyone has time to relax and enjoy time with family.

### Covid Update

With case counts on the rise in Portage, and in the division, we are reminding everyone in our building to use masks properly, sanitize frequently, and wash hands. We are also creating as much space as we have in our eating areas. Students who are able to return home for lunch are encouraged to do so. If someone in the household is sick, please keep the children home and call Health Links for further direction.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you for all your patience during another virtual parent teacher night. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher(s), please reach out to them and they will set up a time to connect with you.

### Attendance

Our school team will continue to encourage and support our families on the importance of regular attendance. We understand the difficulties families are facing with students displaying Covid-19 symptoms and having to keep them home. Please remember to call or email the school if your child will be missing a day.

### Bus Cancellation mid-day

The days are rare when busses run in the morning and not in the afternoon. If you are a bus family, please make sure you have arranged a storm billet within the town of Oakville. Your child will go there if you are unable to pick them up from school on days where busses are cancelled mid-day. If you have not already done so, please let the school know who your storm billet is. Please email Mrs. Mekkes.


### Covid Vaccination Clinics for children 5-11-years of age.

**Public Health will be using our school to host a vaccination clinic for our school community that will focus on children aged 5-11 years of age. It will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. No appointments are necessary for the Oakville clinic. Information and consent forms will be sent home to parents very soon. There is also a vaccination clinic at PCI on December 11 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Call 204-595-1666 to book an appointment for the PCI clinic.**

Sincerely,

Darryl Patterson

## Important Dates

Dec 08	Wed	Pizza Lunch
Dec 17- Dec 22	Fri- Wed	K- 8 Spirit Week ( see page 2 for details )
Dec 17	Friday	Report cards emailed
Dec 21	Wed	Last day for Hamper Donations *see more info below and on page 2
Dec 22	Thursday	Last Day Fall Term *Virtual Christmas Concert Release
Dec 23- Jan 05		Christmas Break Schools Closed
Jan 06	Thursday	First Day Spring Term

### Stacking for a Cause (For Xmas Hampers)

We would like to start the initiative of collecting cans and boxes of food for Christmas hampers for the upcoming holiday season. Our Oakville families are so very caring and have BIG hearts when it comes to events like this at our school! Starting next week we will be cup stacking in some of our Phys.Ed classes, so how about we kick this off with Stacking For A Cause? I will have a couple bins outside the gym where kids can drop off some boxes and cans. Whatever you feel you can donate, will be most welcome!



The grade 5 musical theatre club has been hard at work preparing a song from "Matilda The Musical". Ms. Allan wants to thank them for all of their effort and enthusiasm!

**We will be doing our Christmas Bingo again this year. All classes will receive bingo cards in exchange for a donation to a yet to be determined charity in a lesser developed country ( \$1/card, maximum 2 cards – however, all donations are welcomed . There will be prizes for all the winners! The XMAS bingo will be taking place during period 4 on the last day of school prior to the Christmas Break ( Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> ).**





Anyone wishing to  
volunteer to coach  
boys or girls  
Basket Ball this season  
please call the school  
If interested.  
204-267-2733/  
cscott@plpsd.mb.ca

Emergency/Storm Weather

With winter upon us again we would like to remind parents of our school procedures in the event of inclement weather. **CFRY 920AM & 93.1 FM & MIX 96.5 FM radio stations** will announce if buses are running in the Portage la Prairie School Division in the event of a storm. This is generally announced at approximately 6:30 a.m. and **if the buses are not running Oakville School is closed**. In the event a storm comes up throughout the day, and buses would be not be able to pick up the students at dismissal, students would dismiss as usual at 3:30p.m. and bus students would go to the designated location in town as per student registration form on bus billet or they would contact their parents. In the event that the school must evacuate during school hours to the Community Hall, buses would not pick students up any earlier than 3:30 p.m. School would officially be in session at the Community Hall site.

Parents can also check the PLPSD website for busses not running.



OVS Clothing  
Orders can still  
be ordered (just  
not for Xmas-Deadline was Dec.  
01)



Orders are due **Dec. 3rd**  
Delivery Date will be:  
**Wednesday  
December 15th**

Mrs. Sawchuk's Grade 1  
Class showing off their art  
skills...wonder what they  
are singing???

Winter Swimming Lessons

Posted on September 17, 2021 by marketing

Winter Swimming Lessons

Lessons begin January 2022

Registration begins Wednesday December 8th at 9am [online](#)  
& Thursday December 9th in person or by calling 204-857-7772

< [Red Cross Lesson Information](#)

< [Winter Lesson Brochure](#)



Staff and Student Dress up Days

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - Dress up like it's Christmas Concert

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Red and Green Day - Wear anything red and green

Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Wear any Christmas clothes you have or red and green again!

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - PJ Day!

Christmas Hampers

Oakville School along with the help of Parent Council will be collecting non-perishable food items and toys for Christmas Hampers. These items can be dropped off at the office until Dec. 21st. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

*Merry Christmas and let us have a Joyous New Year!*

*From the staff of Oakville School*


Merry Xmas and Happy New Year  
from all the Staff at OVS



Nov. 9 2021  
Dear John McCrae  
Thank you for risking your life,  
and leaving your family and friends  
to fight for our safety and peace.  
You have lots of empathy and bravery  
because you went into war.  
I remember when you wrote a  
poem that we read every year.  
It is a really nice poem.  
Sincerely Dylan !!

Nov. 9 2021  
Dear Canadian Soliders  
I just wanted to take some  
time to say, thank you, for risking  
your life for the world, keeping my  
family safe, having empathy, for  
being strong and for being soooo  
kind. I remember when you were  
sooooo kind, that you fought in  
the war to save the world like  
superman, to help and save  
families.  
From a complete  
Stranger named  
Kierra Minty

DAD  
November 9, 2021  
Dear Dad,  
Thank you for keeping families safe.  
You have saved alot of lives being in the  
Army. You are brave for fighting other country's,  
kind for keeping me and mom safe, and last but  
not least you showed empathy by saving another  
person in the army from a bomb. I hope you stay healthy.  
Love your daughter Caylen

Love 

**This week, the grade 5 class spent time listening to songs written by Canadian artists about Remembrance Day. After, they had meaningful discussions about the message behind each song, and why they are thankful for Canadian Soldiers and Veterans. To show their appreciation, each student wrote a thank you letter to a Canadian Soldier or Veteran. Some even wrote to members of their family, or a historical figure who had served. Ms. Allan wants to thank and recognize the grade 5 students for the meaningful and respectful discussions had this week on why it is so important to remember.**