



Newsletter


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Admin Team Message

February is shaping up to be an exciting month of learning! Please check out our event calendar below with various fundraising activities added as well. Don't forget about student conferences on Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8th with early dismissal at 2pm on both days. The Parent Advisory Council is pleased to announce that the PAC Winter Fair raised \$8500! Thank you to all families for their incredible support!

February Calendar

February 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Conferences Early Dismissal 2pm	8 Conferences Early Dismissal 2pm	9	10 Lunar New Year
11	12	13	14 Market Day Valentine's Day	15 PAC Family Game Night 5:30pm in the library PAC Meeting 7pm in the library	16 ProD Day Students not in attendance	17
18	19 Family Day School is Closed	20	21 Pizza Order Cut-off	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day Pizza Day 	29		

Hudson Market Day

Divisions 1, 2, and 15F are putting on a Hudson Market Day on **Wednesday, February 14**. Each class will have a 20-minute time slot to come and visit the market in the gym to look at and buy products made by the students. The students will be donating 90% of their profits to the Hudson Technology Fund. All items will range from \$1-\$5. Some items for sale include bookmarks, stickers, fidgets, jewelry, slime etc. The Market Day will be **cash only**. Parents are welcome to shop the market from 9:40am-12:10pm.

Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2024 theme for Black History Month is: “Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build”. This theme celebrates the rich past and present contributions and accomplishments of Black people in Canada, while aspiring to embrace new opportunities for the future.

The theme aligns with the 10th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent and recognizes that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected.

No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about Black Canadian communities, and how they continue to help shape Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Pink Shirt Day

In 2007 in Nova Scotia, Grade 12 students David Shepherd, Travis Price and a few friends saw that a Grade 9 student was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. They knew they had to do something to show that this kind of behaviour was not OK. They decided to go out and buy a bunch of pink shirts and hand them out to other students to wear. By the end of that week, most of the students in the school were wearing pink shirts to show support for the Grade 9 student who was bullied. Wednesday, February 28th students throughout Canada will come together to celebrate Pink Shirt Day. Students will learn about conflict vs. bullying and other anti-bullying messages. Please celebrate by wearing an article of pink clothing!

Cell Phone Update

Update: Provincial government announced restrictions on cell phones in schools for September 2024.

On Friday, January 26, the provincial government announced measures to improve student safety online. This included information about restricting cell phones in schools to be put in place by the next school year.

Currently, in the VSB, several measures are in place to guide appropriate use of cell phones and other devices. These including the District Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of Technology administrative procedures. Staff will work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure that any necessary changes are implemented ahead of September 2024. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Learn more about the provincial government’s [announcement](#).

Parent Advisory Council Information

PAC Meeting

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on **Thursday, February 2 at 7pm** in-person in the library. All Hudson parents/guardians are welcome! Please check the PAC website for more information on updates. hudsonpac.ca

PAC Family Game Night

Henry Hudson Families!

Let's start the Family Day Long Weekend off with a **Family Game Night** at Henry Hudson on Thursday, February 15th from 5:30-7:00 PM. No Cover Charge. We will have a variety of game stations set up to please all ages, a concession stand, and maybe a few surprises;-) ****Parents or an adult are required to accompany their children****

Don't worry about dinner, we will have food options available for purchase via SchoolCash Online. Keep your eye out for the pre-order email.

The PAC will be holding its monthly meeting from 7-8PM in the library. Please stay tuned to hear about current happenings at Henry Hudson Elementary. ***Free babysitting will be provided during the PAC meeting only***.

Full details coming soon!

Are you able to volunteer? Do you have Board Games you want to donate? Please reach out to Angela at hudsonpac@gmail.com

Henry Hudson PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)