



THE OXFORD SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



JANUARY SUCCESSES!

Junie B Jones & the Non Super Heroes

Students from JK – G8 enjoyed the musical comedy production at Woodstock Little Theatre where they had the opportunity to watch and support two of our own students, Howie and Emma, who have worked very hard since September performing their roles in the play.

Optimism Spirit Day Challenge

Students spent the week understanding and learning about “Optimism”, to see the opportunity in every difficulty. They ended the week with an inspirational video from our Team Champion Chris Hadfield followed by house team challenges.

Family Skating Day

Our annual family skating day was a

huge success. Thank-you to parents and volunteers for helping on the ice and with tying skates etc. Thank you to the WCC for providing the yummy hot chocolate and helping with covering some of the expense of this wonderful tradition.

Junior Basketball Team Updates

This past month our Junior Boys and Girls Basketball teams have competed in our local Oxford County league. Both teams showed great determination and have represented The Oxford School very well. Our boys and girls have come a long way in a short period of time, working well with one another, and becoming stronger as a team. Although the score board might not have resembled our season very well,

every individual on both teams has been able to drastically increase their basketball skills, and have had fun doing so.

3 on 3 Basketball

The Grade 7 and 8 Boys and Girls 3 on 3 Basketball teams enjoyed a day full of competition and fun with their teammates. It was a great skill development day for all the players. Our boys teams were voted The Most Sportsmanlike teams. All 8 of their players scored baskets throughout the day. Both boys and girls teams played with intensity and enjoyed friendly competition with the other schools in the tournament. Well done!



A ROUND OF A-PAWS GOES TO...

Ryerson, Grade 1

Cleaning up the classroom instead of playing during choice time.

Benson, Grade 1

Helping another student get her lunch out of her backpack.

Dylan, Grade 4

Checking up on another student after he was hit in the ankle with a hockey stick.

Nevan, Grade 4

Loaning her gym clothes to another student.

Rayn, JK

After being hurt accidentally he was quick to forgive and comfort the student who hurt him saying it was just an accident.

Daphne, Grade 2

Helping another student clean the classroom.

Helping another student when they dropped their book bin.

Miss Garside, Grade 7

Always offering to help with tech related issues and even gave up her own laptop for an entire afternoon.

James, Grade 1

Offering his mittens to another student.

Thijs, Grade 4

Holding the door for Ms Solilo.

Grace, Grade 8

Taking time to sit and chat with JK/SK students at break without being asked to and always staying behind with Owen to clean up from Friday tea.

Emerson, Grade 3

Taking the initiative to start a fundraiser for Australia and raising over \$2000 towards helping injured and sick animals taken to Australia Zoo that were saved from the bushfires.

Lending another student her mittens when she forgot hers.

Willem, Grade 3

Helping another student clean up after she spilled her water bottle.

What's Happening In FEBRUARY

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBER

During the Before & After School Program there may be instances where children will venture outside, to the gym or library. At these times, emergency phone calls from parents or guardians who need to contact the school can call **519-469-3434**. Please add it to your contacts! Rest assured the staff always ensures the safety and supervision of your children until you arrive. Please continue to use our regular school number for any other school related issues.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Hickson & District Lions Club will be holding an Effective Speaking Competition

for students in Grades 7 & 8. The contest provides an opportunity for competitive effective speaking and to encourage self-expression and independent thinking.

The competition will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at The Oxford School at 7:00pm in the Oxford Hall. Parents and family members of participating students are welcome to attend.

ANTI-BULLYING DAY

This year, Pink Shirt Day, or Anti-Bullying Day, is on February 26. It's a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to show they are against bullying. Although wearing a pink shirt on Pink Shirt Day is a great way to show you are against bullying, it's important that we all stand up against any kind of bullying every day, all year long!

Students are encouraged to participate, however those who choose not to are asked to wear full uniform.

WINTERFEST

On February 28 TOS will hold our annual Winterfest! Students are asked to dress in their house colours as the houses compete against each other in winter challenges. Parents are invited to join their child's house for a fun afternoon outdoors.

We will complete the day with our monthly Parent Tea - with a twist! Hot chocolate will be served and we will hold a point awards ceremony. Event details will follow.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date! TOS will hold a golf tournament on Saturday, May 30 at Woodstock Meadows. Proceeds will go towards purchasing equipment for our STEM initiatives (iPads, tablets, math manipulatives and other supplies). Registration forms will be sent out soon to be returned back to the school.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Groundhog Day 		WCC Meeting Resource Library 7:00pm	School Clubs 2:30pm-3:20pm			
		Gr 7/8 Effective Speaking Competition Resource Library 7:00pm	School Clubs 2:30pm-3:20pm		Spirit Day Valentine's Day	
	Family Day 	Sr Girls Basketball at Woodstock Christian School 4:00pm	Sr Boys Basketball at Woodstock Christian School 4:00pm	Sr Girls Basketball at Monsignor O'Neil 4:00pm		
	Scholastic Book Fair					
	Sr Boys Basketball at Monsignor O'Neil 4:00pm	Sr Girls Basketball at St Jude Ingersoll 3:45pm Sr Boys Basketball at St Jude Ingersoll 4:45pm	School Clubs 2:30pm - 3:20pm Anti-Bullying/ Pink Shirt Day 	Sr Girls Basketball at St Patrick Woodstock 4:00pm	Winterfest!	
	Scholastic Book Fair					

THE EVENT CALENDAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THEOXFORDSCHOOL.CA/CALENDAR

dates to remember

FEBRUARY/MARCH SR BASKETBALL

Senior Boys and Girls Basketball League games commence the second last week of February. See ctaasports.ca, the [TOS online calendar](#) or the Information Centre for schedule details.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 WCC MEETING

Everyone welcome.

TOS Resource Library - 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

TOS Oxford Hall - 7:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY & SPIRIT DAY

Wear red, pink or white to celebrate Valentine's Day. Those who choose not to participate are asked to wear full uniform.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FAMILY DAY

School will be closed for the holiday.

FEBRUARY 18-24 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Open before and after school.

TOS Resource Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 ANTI-BULLYING/PINK SHIRT DAY

Wear pink shirts to support anti-bullying. If students choose not to participate, we ask that full uniform is worn.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 WINTERFEST/PARENT TEA

Annual Winterfest and Parent Tea with a Twist!

WEDNESDAYS SCHOOL CLUBS

2:30pm - 3:20pm

LOST PROPERTY

Is your child missing their blazer or perhaps a pair of shorts?
Please check our lost property to retrieve items which are not labeled.

DON'T LOSE IT - LABEL IT!
Ensure your child's gear stays out of the lost & found with Lovable Labels!
20% of every order supports The Oxford School when ordered through our Lovable Labels link!
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