

WELCOME 2023

Welcome back HSS students. We hope that you had a wonderful Winter Break filled with family and friends. We hope that you were able to take time for yourself and relax before coming back to school. It is a new year (2023) lets make the best of it. We have some important dates to mark on the calendar.

Welcome to HSS

Please welcome Mrs. Hoskin to our HSS family as our new Office Coordinator, Mrs Damant will now be our Attendance Secretary.

Stay up to Date!

Follow us on
Facebook **@hagersvillesecondary**
Instagram **@hagersville_ss**

Potential Graduates!

You are required to have 40 hours of community/volunteer service to graduate this year. Sheets are available in Guidance office. Please hand in ASAP

GRAD PHOTOS

Photo Days **Feb 23 & 24**
Retake Day March 30
\$35 Sitting Fee

****Please read attached Flyer****



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School Code is **HAG**

VOLUNTEERS

Information on how to be a volunteer is on the Grand Erie District School Board's website. Click on community at the top, in the drop down click volunteers. This page will give you all the information on how to be a volunteer.

EXAMS

Less than 2 weeks left in semester one, Exams and Student Support days will begin January 27,30,31. Grades 9 and 10 will have Student Support days and grades 11 and 12's may have Exams. On January 27th Exams/Student Support days will be held for periods 1 and 2 classes and on January 30th Exams/Student Support days will be held for periods 3 and 4 classes. If a snow day happens on the Exam/Student Support day it will be held the following day. Professional Development days are February 1st and 2nd, there is no school on the PD days.

Second Semester will begin on Friday February 3rd, Timetables will be posted in your homeroom and in the foyer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 22	January 23 Regular Class Schedule	January 24 Regular Class Schedule	January 25 Regular Class Schedule	January 26 Regular Class Schedule	January 27 Student Support/Exam Day Per 1 Classes - AM Per 2 Classes - PM	January 28
January 29	January 30 Student Support/Exam Day Per 3 Classes - AM Per 4 Classes - PM	January 31 Student Support/Exam Day (IF required)	February 1 Professional Development Day	February 2 Professional Development Day	February 3 1st Day of Semester 2 Classes	February 4

A Message from Guidance Department:

The deadline for equal consideration for to applying to college is February 1 , 2023.

Students can contact the Guidance Department if they require any assistance in applying.

For the safety and well-being of all students and staff, dogs will no longer be allowed on school property during school hours. Trained and certified service animals, on a leash, are the only exceptions. Dogs on a leash, and after school hours, continue to be welcome, provided their owners clean up after them. Thank you for your support as we work to make our school safe and welcoming for our whole community.

Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

*Sit fee details available online when you book your session.



More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses, casuals, and Vintage Hollywood poses. **View details on all your sitting options at bookmygrad.ca**

B.Y.O.P

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

*Poses and backgrounds may vary.



Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.

*Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.



Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca and enter your school code and student number to get started.

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Senior Graduation

Book Your Portrait Session



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Congratulations on Your Graduation

You've worked hard and it's time to celebrate.

Edge Imaging will be coming to your school to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best for you.

Check out the FAQs at

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edgeimaging.ca/graduation



HSS Arts Show

**Celebrating
The Achievements of Our
AVI4M Students
for
2022-23**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
(Snow day Thursday, Jan. 19)

6:00 – 7:30 pm

In the Cafeteria

All Welcome

Frequently Asked Questions

SafeArrival for Families FAQ

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.com

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**

Interactive Toll-free Phone

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.

Why do I need a SchoolMessenger app account?

A SchoolMessenger app account is not required to use the toll-free phone line to report absences. However, we strongly recommend that you provide your email address to the school and set up your SchoolMessenger app account. This allows you to review and update absences, review your contact information and communication preferences and more.

Please see related SchoolMessenger app documentation for setting up your account, resetting your password, reviewing contact information, and specifying communication preferences. Once you have set up your account, choose ATTENDANCE from the menu.

If you cannot set up your account, you do not see the ATTENDANCE option, or you do not see your child(ren) listed in your account, please contact the school directly to check that your correct email address is associated with your child(ren).

How do I use the toll-free phone line?

When you call the toll-free phone line, follow the instructions for reporting an absence.

If the phone number you are calling from matches a phone number on file with the school for your student(s), you will hear your student'(s) name(s). If the system doesn't recognize your caller ID, you will be asked to enter the student's home phone number.

If you have difficulty using the toll-free phone line, please consider using the SchoolMessenger mobile app or website. Otherwise, contact the school directly.