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Mr. J. Poulimenos

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### VISION STATEMENT

Start with a Vision,

Work for your Goals,

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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Message from the Principal

Once again on behalf of the entire staff at Oneida Central Public School, I welcome all students and families to the 2023-2024 school year!

This school year will be another great one at Oneida Central and I look forward to interacting with existing and new families at next weeks' Meet the Staff Night on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

As in previous years updates will be shared with you on an ongoing basis whether via a classroom newsletter, school newsletter, and/or email information. In addition, please consult the introductory pages of your child's agenda for general school information.

I would also like to share some sad news regarding the Oneida Central School family. Earlier this summer Mr. Greg de Waard, the custodian at the school, passed away. Even though Greg was only at the school for a short while, he made a big impact with keeping the school ready to go for all staff and students. Greg was a great staff member and an even better person.

On behalf of the Oneida Central Public School Staff may this school year be the best one yet, filled with growth, learning, and fun.

Yours in Education,

Mr. J. Poulimenos

### SEPTEMBER IS . . .

**\*\*National Recovery Month\*\***  
**\*\*National Suicide Prevention Month\*\***  
**\*\*Childhood Cancer Awareness Month\*\***  
**\*\*World Alzheimer's Disease Month\*\***

*BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!*

## Oneida Central School Staff (2023-24)

K A	Mrs. Snyder
K A (D.E.C.E)	Mrs. O'Hara
K B	Mrs. Hartwick
Grade 1	Mrs. Brohman
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Deppner
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Nketia
Grade 3	Mrs. McKelvey
Grade 4	Mrs. Finney / Mrs. Watson
Grade 5	Mr. McNeice
Grade 6	Mrs. Mattice
Grade 7	Ms. Krueger
Grade 8	Ms. Kula
French	Mme Houwer
Prep	Mrs. McQuay
L.R.T.	Mrs. Zandberg
E.A.	Mrs. Nelson
Custodian	
Secretary	Mrs. Galbraith
Principal	Mr. Poulimenos

### Medication

The staff at Oneida Central Public School must follow School Board procedures for the administration of medication during school hours. If your child requires such medication you are asked to contact the principal and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Authorization to provide such service must be made in writing by the parent/guardian on the appropriate school board form.

Only prescription drugs, with the proper information provided by the pharmacy, or medication that is covered via the board policy will be administered.

The families of students with previous identified medical needs such as by Mrs. Zandberg or allergies will be contacted to update pertinent information.

## Dates To Remember – September 2023

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- First Day of 2023-24 School Year

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- All Kindergarten Students at School

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Meet the Staff Night (5:00pm-6:30pm)

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- PA Day – No School for Kids

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

- Grade 5 Class Trip to Agstravaganza (AM)

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- Hot Lunch Day - Dominoes Pizza (PM)

- Terry Fox Run (PM)

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Intermediate Co-ed Soccer Tournament

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Junior Co-ed Soccer Tournament

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Grades 1-8 Trip to the Caledonia Fair!

### Parents/Visitors Report to Office

We encourage and strongly welcome visits from parents/caregivers and guests. Please be sure to report to the office so we can welcome you. Proceeding to classrooms without office guidance is not permitted.



### Meet the Staff Night

Meet the Staff Night will be held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The event will take place from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This a time to say hello, meet the staff, and socialize with the community. Cake will be provided by the School Council of 2022-23.



## The Old Farmer's Almanac

September 2023 Long Range Weather Forecast for Southern Ontario.

Dates	Weather Conditions
Sept. 1-15	--Rainy periods east, a few showers west; cool
Sept. 16-24	--Sunny, then rainy periods; cool
Sept. 25-30	--Showers, turning mild
September	--Temp. 14.5°C (0.5°C below avg) --Precipitation 135mm (80mm above avg. east, 10mm above west)

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

### Late Or Absent Students

You can report a child's absence from the school in two ways.

1. Calling the school – The attendance voicemail is accessible 24 hours a day. Just follow the prompts when you call the school office to report an absence (905-765-4700).
2. Use any of the following three **SafeArrival** methods to report an absence.
  - The **SchoolMessenger** app on your mobile device.
  - The **SafeArrival** website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>.
  - Call the toll-free number **1-833-557-9420**.

## GEDSB Days of Significance (September)

- 1 - Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikhism)
- 3-8 – Mennonite Heritage Week (Mennonite)
- 4 – Labour Day (Canada)
- 5 – First Day of School (Grand Erie)
- 7 – Ukrainian Heritage Day (Ukraine)
- 7 – Brazil Independence Day (Brazil)
- 8 – International Literacy Day (International)
- 8 – Nativity of Mary (Christianity)
- 9 – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Day (International)
- 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day (International)
- 11 – Nayrouz/Coptic New Year (Eastern Orthodox)
- 11 – Anniversary of 9/11 (United States)
- 13 – Positive Thinking Day (Various Countries)
- 14 – Holy Cross Day (Christianity)
- 15 – International Dot Day (International)
- 15 – International Day of Democracy (International)
- 15 – PA Day (Grand Erie)
- 15-17 – Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
- 17 – Vishwakarma Puja (Hinduism)
- 17-22 – Gender Equality Week (Canada)
- 17-23 – International Week of the Deaf (International)
- 18 – International Equal Pay Day (International)
- 19 – Ganesh Chaturthi (Hinduism)
- 19 – Powley Day (Indigenous)
- 19 – National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (Various Countries)
- 19 – International IT Professionals Day (International)
- 20 – Kshamavani Parva (Jainism)
- 20 – National Tree Day (Canada)
- 21 – Armenia Independence Day (Armenia)
- 21 – International Day of Peace (International)
- 21-29 – Mabon (Pagan)
- 22 – Terry Fox National School Run Day (Canada)
- 23 – First day of Autumn (Wicca)
- 23 – Harvestide/Fall Equinox (Various Countries)
- 23 – International Day of Sign Languages (International)
- 23 – Bi Visibility Day (LGBTQ+)
- 24-25 – Yom Kippur (Judaism)
- 25 – Franco-Ontarian Day (Ontario)
- 24 – Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day (Canada)
- 27 – Rowan's Law Day (Ontario)
- 28 – Ananta Chaturdashi (Hinduism)
- 29-6 – Sukkot (Judaism)
- 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day Survivors' Flag Raising - Every Child Matters (Canada)
- 30 – International Translation Day (International)



\*\*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 of Significance, please inform our communications department.\*\*



## School Council Meeting @ Oneida Central Public School

Do you know that involvement in your child's education can occur in many ways at the school. By joining the School Council you can support student achievement, equity, and well-being.

The Oneida Central School Council is a team of Oneida Central parents and caregivers who represent all the students and staff. As a council will meet at least four times a year, and everyone is invited to attend meetings and find out how the council works.

The School Council also fundraises money and plans activities to offer our kids and families fun events throughout the school year. There are a variety of fundraisers offered throughout the year initiated from different groups, such as the school, school staff, classes, and the council.

The first 2023-24 School Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.** and will be held via Teams. All other meetings are planned to be held at the school.

If you would like to be part of the 2023-24 Oneida Central School Council please email me at [john.poulimenos@granderie.ca](mailto:john.poulimenos@granderie.ca) so I can include you in the meeting invite. Thank you!



## Concussion Information – Health and Social Services School Health Team

- <https://www.haldimandcounty.ca/health-social-services/>

# Concussions



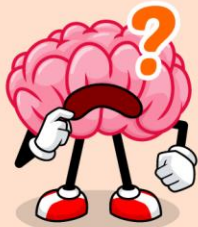
**Did you know that only 1 in 10 concussions result in loss of consciousness.**

**A concussion is a brain injury that cannot be seen on routine X-rays, CT scans, or MRIs**

**Symptoms and complaints that may indicate your child has a concussion.**



Thinking Problems	Child's Complaints	Other Problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does not know time, date, place, details about a recent activity</li><li>• General confusion</li><li>• Cannot remember things that happened before and after injury</li><li>• Knocked out</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache</li><li>• Dizziness</li><li>• Feels dazed</li><li>• Feels "dinged" or stunned; "having my bell rung"</li><li>• Sees stars, flashing lights</li><li>• Ringing in the ears</li><li>• Sleepiness</li><li>• Loss of vision</li><li>• Sees double or blurry</li><li>• Stomachache, stomach pain</li><li>• nausea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poor co-ordination or balance</li><li>• Blank stare/glassy-eyed</li><li>• Vomiting</li><li>• Slurred speech</li><li>• Slow to answer questions or follow directions</li><li>• Easily distracted</li><li>• Poor concentration</li><li>• Strange or inappropriate emotions (i.e., laughing, crying, getting mad easily)</li><li>• Not participating well</li></ul>



If you think your child has a concussion, STOP their activity immediately and seek medical attention

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