

James Morden November 2019



INTEGRITY

November's focus is on *STRONG HEARTS*. For James Morden students, we like to demonstrate strong hearts through caring, empathy, kindness, selflessness, co-operation, and courage! We look forward to celebrating students that demonstrate *ISTRONG HEARTS* at the *Mustang Assembly* on *Friday, November 29th at 1:40 pm*.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Thursday, November 7th. Although it looks much like a Report Card, Progress Reports have a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills. It is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school on Thursday, November 14th from 3:45 – 8:00 pm. This year, you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. You will be able to make appointments November 4th at 12:00 noon until November 13th at 11:00 pm.

PD DAY

There will be a Professional Development (PD) Day on Friday, November 15th, which means no school for students.

GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSES

Our grade 8 students are invited to attend their high school open house on the following dates:

Westlane—Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:00pm

Stamford—Wednesday, November 28th @ 6:30pm

We encourage all our grade 8 Mustangs and their parents to attend, where all of your questions can be answered about high school. Students will be completing their intention sheets shortly after the open houses.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Students from grades 4 to 8 will be traveling by bus to the Gale Center for their Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th. A note will come home with more details.

PIZZA DAY

We will be having our first Pizza Day on **Wednesday, November 13th**. Pizza slices will be available for **pre-order only** via SchoolCash online. Paper order forms are available at the office. All orders will be due on Monday, November 11th. Pizza and milk will be delivered on 2nd break.

Highlights and

Dates to

Remember:

- ◆ *Remembrance day assembly Nov 11th, 11:15 am.*
- ◆ *Parent-Teacher interviews Nov. 14th 3:45 to 8 pm.*
- ◆ *Mustang Awards Assembly: Nov. 29th , @ 1:40 P.M.*
- ◆ *Milk Order is Due Nov. 22nd.*
- ◆ **PIZZA DAY— WEDNESDAY Nov. 13th**

BINGO

Every year, the school raises money through BINGO that pays for a variety of things for students (eg. almost all bus costs for field trips, presentations to the school, uniforms, etc.).

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

If you are available to volunteer even just one afternoon it would be extremely helpful for our school community.

If you are available or interested in finding out more, please contact the office at 905-358-5011. There will be a 1 hour training session at the Gale Centre Wednesday, November 22nd @ 6:30pm. If you require transportation please call the school.

OUR STUDENTS THANK YOU!



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please access the school website at www.jamesmorden.dsbm.org. There are useful links to classroom websites, helpful resources, calendars, and newsletters. Also, there are a number of class websites that have now been linked to the school site with information about events in classrooms, homework, and updates on student progress.

PARKING

A reminder, that the right lane in front of the school is reserved for buses and taxis. If you require parking, Caltonia St., Douglas Dr., and Adams St. are all good alternatives, if the parking lot is full. Please remember that you are at risk of being towed from the plaza parking lot next door as it is a private lot.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the official end of the World War I hostilities on November 11, 1918. World War I was a massive conflict that was played out over the whole globe, but particularly in Europe, where troops from Canada supported the Allied forces.

World War I resulted in the loss of huge numbers of lives amongst both civilians and military personnel. Many more people were badly injured. The war left great emotional scars in the servicemen, who had experienced it, and in the communities, whose sons, brothers, fathers, uncles and even grandfathers had died. Remembrance Day commemorates those who died in armed conflicts, particularly in and since World War I.

In Canada, November 11 is officially called Remembrance Day, but it is also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day.



STUDENT SAFETY

When you are picking up students at 3:10 pm, please wait at the front or south side of the building until the bell rings. **Please do not go beyond the end of the fire lane (end of the gym wall).** The backyard and tarmac are often used for instructional purposes and teachers need to be able to identify safety concerns.

Please note, only service/therapy dogs are permitted at DSBM schools. All other animals are not permitted on school property. Thank you.

A reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere on school property (including in vehicles). There is a \$350 fine for smoking on James Morden premises.

ABSENCES / LATES

Regular and punctual attendance at school is extremely important. If however, your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at (905) 358-5011 prior to 8:40 am. Voicemails regarding your child's attendance can be left 24 hours per day. Thank you to those parents that do call regularly.



When to Keep Your Child Home from School

With the winter coming and cold and flu season upon us, please review the following guidelines when deciding whether you should send your child to school. Do not send them to school if they exhibit the following symptoms:

- * A temperature of more than 100 degrees
 - * Nausea or vomiting
 - * Stomachache
 - * Diarrhea
 - * Persistent cough
- * Thick yellow or green discharge from nose or eyes
 - * Red or pink eyes
 - * Sore throat
- * Rash or infection of the skin
 - * Earache

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms when its time for school, it is best that he/she stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Practicing regular hand washing and teaching children to "cover their cough" are great ways to prevent the spread of illness.

Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors



Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.



Inclement Weather Policy

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. **Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform us of their absence.**

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be posted as soon as its available through the following channels:

Websites: www.dsbn.org and www.nsts.ca

Bus Delay or Cancellation Phone: Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) 905-346-0290

Radio Stations: CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines, CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines, CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls, GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland



Popcorn Day

Every Wednesday on first
break in Mrs. Bell's office!

\$1.00

Pizza Day

Wednesday, November 13th

\$1 per slice



Pre-orders only

Available to order on SchoolCash
Online

(If you require a paper order form please
request one from the office)

All orders DUE Mon., Nov. 11th.

Head Lice Information for Parents

Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with clean or dirty hair, or the cleanliness of your home. Head lice do not spread disease but can cause a lot of frustration.

You may notice signs that your child might have head lice such as itching, complaining of a tickling feeling in the hair or sores on the scalp due to scratching.

Or, you may get a call from school letting you know that your child has been checked and has head lice.

How to Check for Head Lice:

Lice are tiny grey/brown insects that crawl quickly but cannot jump or fly. Finding them can be difficult, and you might only find eggs glued to the hair shaft.

Use a bright light and look for lice at forehead, crown, around ears, and nape of the neck.

The **best way to check for head lice** is to look for them in hair that has been soaked with conditioner. If there are head lice, the conditioner will slow them down making them easier to find. This is called the wet combing method.

If you find lice:

- Check all the people that live in your house, including yourself
- Tell those that have been in contact with your child such as relatives and babysitters so that they can be checked for lice
- **Inform the school so that classmates can be checked**

Treatment Options:

- Only treat those who have live head lice. Everyone in the home with lice needs to be treated at the same time or the lice will spread back from an untreated person.
- If you have already used a head lice product in the last few days, speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about what to do next.

Wet Combing:

1. Seat your child near a sink with good lighting. Cover his or her shoulders with a towel.
2. Soak hair in conditioner and use a wide-tooth comb to untangle hair
3. Divide hair into small sections. Use hair clips to keep hair in sections
4. Using a lice comb (available at a pharmacy), place the comb at the scalp and comb through the same section of hair several times
5. Rinse the comb in the sink and repeat until all hair has been combed

Repeat the web combing method every four days for two weeks to break the cycle of head lice.

Cleaning:

- Wash clothes, towels, bedding used in the last three days in hot, soapy water. Dry at high temperature for 15 minutes.
- Soak combs and brushes in hot, soapy water for 10-20 minutes
- **Clean your home - vacuum carpets, furniture and car seats. Sprays are not necessary.**

NOVEMBER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6  Grade 7/8's to Westlane	7	8	9
10	11  Gr. 4-8 Remembrance Day Celebration at the Gale centre.	12	13  Pizza Day 	14 Parent teacher Interviews	15 PA DAY- No School	16
17	18	19	20 	21	22 Milk Order due 	23
24	25 Westlane Open House 6-8 pm.	26	27  Flu clinic @ Our Lady Mount Carmel 3:30-6:30	28	29 Mustang Assembly @ 1:40 pm STRONG HEARTS	30