

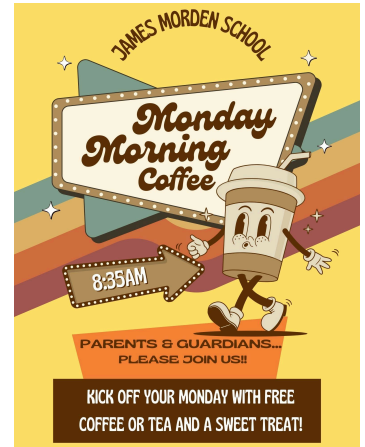
# The Mustang Minute

January 16th, 2025

## From the Office

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place in our school library from January 21 to 23. Students can visit daily and purchase their books during the second nutrition break. On Wednesday, January 22nd, parents are invited to bring their children to buy items from our book fair from 4 to 6 p.m. during our Winter Wonderland. We will be accepting cash, debit, or credit cards. A percentage of all purchases helps us earn new resources for our school.

Our Monday Morning Coffee Cart has returned! From now until Spring Break, on your walk to school, enjoy a coffee with us every Monday!



[Halt the Haze](#) The Lung Health Foundation, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Education, is offering a valuable opportunity for parents and caregivers: a free online webinar titled "**Building a Vape-Free 2025**" on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 7:30–8:30 PM**. Community members can [click here](#) to learn more about the program and register for the event. This webinar will help parents and caregivers understand the dangers of vaping and how to support teens in starting their quit journey. Scheduled midway through the school year, it will address the role of stress in vaping decisions and provide tools for judgment-free, empowering conversations.



## WINTER WONDERLAND

Don't forget to hold the date for our Winter Wonderland- **Wednesday, January 22 from 4 to 6!**

There will be free cookies and hot chocolate in the gym, our annual Book Fair in the Library and many activities throughout the school. We will even have a photo station set up for you and your family to have a picture taken, we will print it and send home for you (for free)!



## DSBN ACADEMY

Is your child in Grade 5? Are you interested in the DSBN Academy? Our Grade 5 students had the opportunity to attend a presentation from the DSBN Academy. The Academy will be hosting an Open House on February 4th in St. Catharines. If your child is in Grade 5 and you'd like more details, be sure to visit their website: [DSBN Academy Admissions](#).

## KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

February is Kindergarten Registration Month in DSBN! Families with children turning four in 2025 are invited to visit [www.dsbm.org/kindergarten/](http://www.dsbm.org/kindergarten/) to learn more about Kindergarten programming and online registration. Families can also contact our school office to book a time for in-person registration.

We look forward to hosting our new students and their parents/guardians at an Open House on May 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Further details about the Open House will be emailed directly to registered families in late April. If you live in the Thundering Heights area, please register at your current homeschool (James Morden or Kate S. Durdan). Both schools will keep track of the registration for the new school. Please help us spread the word with friends and neighbours!

## REMINDERS

**Lost and Found-** *items will be set up in a classroom during Winter Wonderland and will be donated at the end of that week.*

**Kiss and Drop off Lane-** To keep this lane moving efficiently, please make sure your child(ren) is/are ready to exit the car quickly and that adults stay in the vehicle so traffic can continue moving. We thank all our Mustangs for using the crosswalks and being safe during drop-off! Please don't park in the drive-through lane at the end of the day as it blocks traffic, and prevents people from pulling out of their parking spots.

**Class Celebrations-** We ask that treats for birthdays/celebrations be saved for at-home parties. Please don't send anything to share with the class. When classes are having a celebration (Movie Day) staff will notify families if any treats would be helpful!

## ATTENDANCE and SAFE ARRIVAL

*To ensure the safety of our Mustangs, please report student absences promptly. Key points:*

*You can report or schedule absences in three ways:*

- 1. Call toll-free before bell time: 1-866-606-5567*
- 2. Log in at: [SchoolMessenger Web Portal](#)*
- 3. Download the SchoolMessenger app for smartphones and tablets.*

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE [School Cash Online](#)

**Why Sign Up? Convenience:** No more searching through backpacks for forms or carrying exact change. **Efficiency:** Simplifies organization for teachers and office staff.

### **How to Register:**

- 1. Visit Our School Website:** Click on the "School Cash Online" icon.
- 2. Register:** It takes just five minutes.
- 3. Explore:** Find more information, registration links, and support on the site.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January	<a href="#">Days of Significance</a> - Overcoming Obstacles- Disrupting Racism & Prejudice
Jan. 20	Pasta Day Monday Morning Coffee Cart
Jan. 20-23	Scholastic Book Fair (late night January 22)
Jan. 22	Winter Wonderland
Jan. 27	Sub Day Monday Morning Coffee Cart
Jan. 30	Fresh Falls Market
Jan. 31	Spirit Day- Cozy (PJ) Day
February	<a href="#">Days of Significance</a> - The Ways We Love
Feb. 3	Pizza Day Monday Morning Coffee Cart
Feb. 10	Pasta Day Monday Morning Coffee Cart
Feb. 13	Reports home
Feb. 14	PD Day- no school for Students Valentine's Day
Feb. 17	Family Day- No School
Feb. 18	Int. Girls Basketball Tournament
Feb. 19	Gr. 7 & 8's to Lion King
Feb. 20	Gr. 8 Grad photos (morning)
Feb. 24	Sub Day Monday Morning Coffee Cart

## KEEP IN TOUCH!!!

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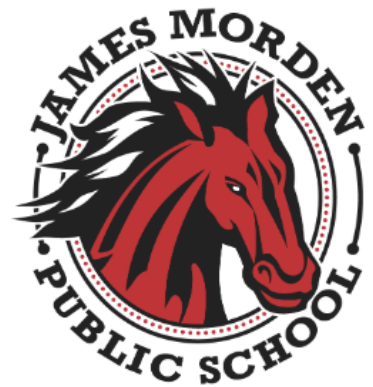
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And Mustangs, remember to always,

*DO YOUR BEST & DO WHAT'S  
RIGHT*

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