



January Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! We wish you and your family a wonderful 2026!

It is great to have the excited buzz of students back in the school after the break! In January, the weather and the short days can impact our mental wellness. We encourage families to get outside and enjoy winter activities, when possible, as one way to impact mental wellness in a positive way.

All CMS students go out for recess three times a day. As the temperature can sometimes be cold, please ensure your child has appropriate outer wear along. If you need any assistance with getting winter outer wear for your child, please contact the school (204-346-9644) and we will gladly assist you. Indoor recess will happen when the temperature or the windchill is at -30.

We have noticed that not everyone has opened their child's Term 1 Report Card on Parent Portal. If you are having issues being able to access your child's report, please contact the school so we can assist you.

Basketball season is ramping up! We have six teams in Grade 7 and 8 and have found coaches for all our teams! **All parents/caregivers who have students on our teams have received an invite to a TeamSnap App. If you have not yet accessed that link, please do so ASAP.** Up to date practice schedules and game information will be sent out via that app.

LAST CHANCE to get a 2025-2026 YEARBOOK: Please get your orders in by January 30, 2026 in order to ensure you get a yearbook at the end of the school year. Our yearbook will feature an original hardcover design as well as 80 pages of full colour photos. The cost of the yearbooks is \$35.00 and can be purchased online: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/762237> (please note that Friesen's applies a small processing fee to online orders). All inquiries can be directed to our CMS office at cms@hsd.ca or 204-346-9644. Orders using cash or cheque can be made at the school office.



SAVE THE DATE: We will be hosting a Portfolio Evening on March 25. We would like every child to bring a parent/caregiver/grandparent or mentor to look through their portfolio of learning. Please plan to attend (or arrange another significant adult in their life to attend with them). We will send more information out closer to the date.

Merrilee Plett – Principal

Candace Campbell – Vice Principal

Important Dates:

January 5 First Day of Classes

February 2 PD Day for Teachers – No School

February 9-13 Book Fair

February 16 Louis Riel Day – No School

February 27 PD Day – No School

School Information:

Biking and Walking Safety – We have a crossing guard at the Hespeler/Barkman/Ashford intersection at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your child(ren) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m.

Lost and Found – We have a large collection of outerwear, waterbottles and shoes in our lost and found. Students and parents are invited to check out if any of those belong to them!

Communication – It is always a balance between communicating too much (and filling up your in boxes) and not enough. We try to find the right balance.

You can also find school information on:

Our School Website – www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed – [clearspringhsd](https://www.instagram.com/clearspringhsd)