

The Grove

THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND UPDATES FROM NEWTON'S GROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! There is a renewed sense of energy and excitement in the air as we begin the new year together. The joy was only amplified by our recent snow day, which gave students and families a chance to enjoy the magic of winter and return refreshed and smiling. January also provided an important opportunity for our faculty during our Professional Development Day. Teachers spent the day focusing on wellness - both personal and professional - recognizing its essential role in supporting strong teaching and meaningful learning.

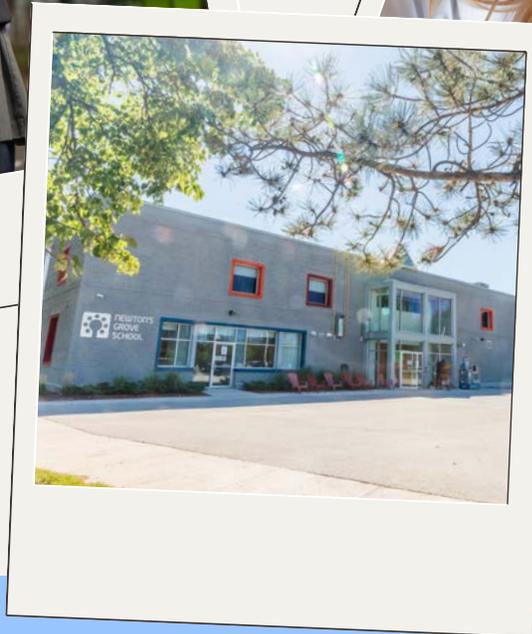
In addition, staff engaged in in-depth discussions and learning around enrichment in our classrooms, exploring ways to deepen student engagement, curiosity, and challenge across all areas of the program. As we move forward into the winter months, we are excited to build on this momentum and continue creating a joyful, enriching, and supportive learning environment for our students.



Re-registration Information

Re-registration for the 2026–2027 school year will be opening soon. You will receive a re-registration letter from me on January 28th, which will outline the next steps and key information to guide you through the process. The deadline to complete re-registration is Thursday, February 12th.

Families who choose to pay tuition in full may take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, with a deadline of April 1st. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in our school community. We are so grateful to journey alongside your family and look forward to another wonderful year ahead.



The Insight Exchange: NGS Parent Book Club Reminder

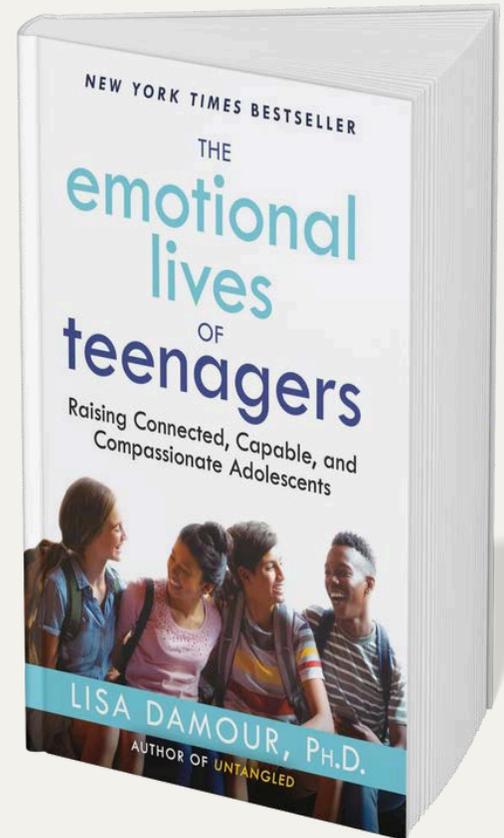
We look forward to discussing insights from Lisa Damour's book: *"The Emotional Lives of Teenagers"* in our 2nd annual parent/staff book club!

Dr. Damour is a renowned psychologist, best-selling author, and regular contributor to The New York Times and CBS News. Her work focuses on adolescent emotional development and offers practical, research-based guidance to help parents better understand, support, and connect with their teens.

The dates of the Insight Exchange Book Club are:

- Monday, January 26th** at 12:30pm via zoom
- Tuesday, February 10th** at 6:30pm via zoom
- Wednesday, March 4th** at 12:30pm via zoom
- Tuesday, March 31st** at 9:00am in person with a "Special Guest"

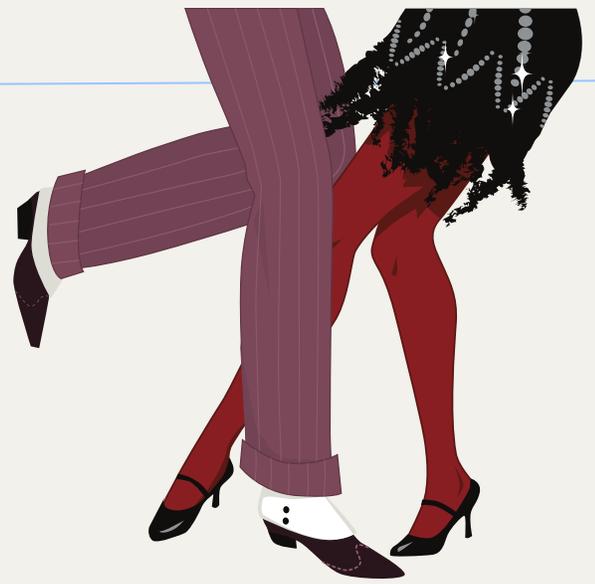
It is NOT too late to register! Even if you want to join and just listen (and not read the book)! The link to register is: [The 2nd Annual NGS Parent Book Club: "The Insight Exchange" – Fill out form](#)



FLAPPER! THE MUSICAL

JOIN US! FEBRUARY 12TH AT 11AM & 6:00PM

Don't miss it! Our Middle School production, Flapper! The Musical, is coming up soon, and tickets are still available. With great music, energy, and a talented cast, it's shaping up to be a fantastic show. Be sure to grab your tickets and come support our middle school performers.



Pink Shirt Day

The school will be recognizing Anti-bullying pink t-shirt day on Wednesday, February 25th. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 after two Nova Scotia high school students took a stand against bullying. When a younger student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, the students organized a simple but powerful response - encouraging their peers to wear pink in solidarity. The movement quickly grew across Canada and around the world, becoming an annual reminder of the importance of kindness, inclusion, and standing up for one another. Should you wish to order a pink t-shirt through InSchoolwear (our uniform supplier) please [click here](#) for the details on how to order your child's shirt.



Global and Local Camps: Inspired Education Webinars

We are excited to invite you to attend one of two webinars, exclusively for NGS families, to learn more about Inspired Education's Global Camps and the support they are providing for our Local Summer Camps. Inspired Education hosts 12 Global Camps in 6 different countries! These camps offer unique opportunities for our students to explore, learn, and grow in extraordinary environments. [Click here](#) to view a short video clip of the Global Camp Offerings.

The webinars are:

1. **Wednesday, January 21st @ 1:00pm**
2. **Wednesday, January 21st @ 6:00pm**

[Please click here to register](#) for one of the two webinars. A zoom link will be sent prior to the event to those who register. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the exciting possibilities both local and global that have been made available through our new partnership with Inspired Education!



Valentine's Day: “Bingo Be Mine!”

Students are invited to participate in “Bingo Be Mine” on Thursday, February 12th. The links to the three permission forms are embedded below and are also attached in PDF. Please sign the permission notes and return them to Ms. Shoemaker by Friday, February 6th.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Who: JK to Grade12

Cost: \$2.00 per student for Grade JK - 8 and \$5.00 for students Grade 9 - 12 partnership with Inspired Education!



TEDx: 2nd annual TEDx event on Thursday, January 29th!

We are excited to share that our 2nd Annual TEDx Event will take place on Thursday, January 29. We are incredibly proud of our NGS students who have been selected to take the TEDx stage and share their original talks responding to the powerful question: “What will the future look like in 10 years?”

This year’s speakers will explore thought-provoking topics including:

- **Ariana** – Eyes Up
- **Harvir** – Why Growing Up Isn’t a Straight Line
- **Rita** – The Future Is What You Make of It, So Make It a Good One
- **Bella** – The Quiet Loss of Choice
- **Dilan** – The Hidden Cost of Instant Everything
- **Sfiyah** – The Commodity of Time
- **Hala** – Be Bored, Not Boring
- **Kismet** – 2035: A Story We Write

We warmly invite our community to celebrate these students as they share their voices, ideas, and visions for the future. Please click on the link here to register for either the morning event at 9:30am – 11:00am or the afternoon event at 1:00pm – 2:30pm on January 29th! It is an event that you will not want to miss.

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Connection

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What's up in the Junior School?

JK - Grade 5 Author Visit: Sommer Knight

We are excited to welcome children's author Sommer Knight, who will visit our Junior School to speak with students about mental health, belonging, and the importance of celebrating Black History Month. This will be a meaningful and engaging experience for our students. Please stay tuned to your child's Edsby page for highlights from the visit!



Science Fair Planning

Students will soon begin brainstorming ideas for our upcoming Science Fair, and the excitement is already building in the classroom! This project gives students the chance to explore their curiosity, think creatively, and bring their scientific ideas to life through hands-on learning. We can't wait to see their hard work and creativity showcased at our Open House + Science Fair on Saturday, March 28th!

Junior School Skating Program

Skating sessions have been going wonderfully, and it has been a joy to see our students build confidence on the ice! Our final sessions will take place on January 21 and January 28. Parents and guardians are warmly welcome to pop in, help tie skates, and cheer on our skaters!

What's up in Middle School?

Welcome back, families!

2026 has been off to a great start in Middle School - students returned energized and ready to learn. Below are key dates and happenings this month.

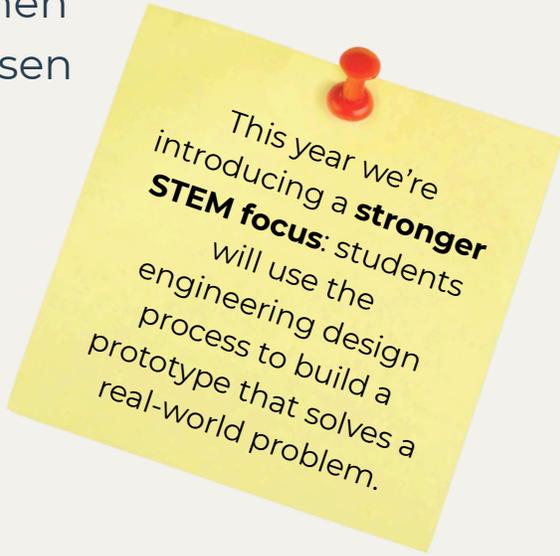
Science Fair

Students are beginning work in class on their science fair projects. They will develop clear success criteria to measure their prototype's effectiveness and then design a scientific experiment to test one chosen success criterion. Expect to see creativity, collaboration, and hands on problem solving throughout the month.



Student Led Clubs

We are now accepting applications for Term 2 clubs. We already have some exciting proposals in the running; the science behind slime, theatre club, and a ninja obstacle course club, but we still need more. Please encourage your children to consider this valuable experience in student leadership. Our goal is to launch the first club of term 2 on January 27th. If your child is interested in running or joining a club, please have them apply through the application package posted on Edsby in the Middle School News group.



This year we're introducing a **stronger STEM focus**: students will use the engineering design process to build a prototype that solves a real-world problem.

Grade 8 Graduation Photos

Grade 8 graduation photos will take place January 23rd (all day). Students should come to school dressed in a white shirt and tie, grey slacks or skirt, black or navy socks/tights, and black shoes. Please ensure students arrive in the proper attire on that day. Students not in uniform may not be allowed to take their picture.



Advisory Events

Class representatives work with their teachers and classmates to plan and run one Advisory event each year. This month, on January 28th, 7B will lead our "Welcome 2026" Advisory with a focus on goal setting, perseverance, and growth mindset; designed to help students set clear goals and build strategies to keep going when things get challenging. In February, to honour Black History Month, our Advisory event will be "Black Excellence", led by 8C, exploring how Black culture and contributions shape our lives across science, athletics, the arts, and more.

Stepping into Senior School

On January 30th we will host "Stepping into Senior School" for Grade 8 students. To give students a preview of what lies ahead, the morning will include visits to senior classrooms, meet and greets with senior staff, demonstrations, and Q&A sessions with senior students.



What's up in Senior School?

Welcome back, families. It's been a strong and positive start to 2026 in the Senior School, with students settling back into learning with focus and momentum. Below are some important dates and updates for the weeks ahead.



Grade 12 Graduation Photos

will take place from January **19th to 22nd** (all day). Grade 12 Students should come to school dressed in a white shirt and tie, grey slacks or skirt, black or navy socks/tights and black shoes. Please ensure students arrive in the proper attire on that day. Students not in uniform may not be allowed to take their picture.



Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a productive and joyful month ahead.

Ms. Diab, Ms. Santiago, Ms. Burke and Ms. Mehra

MAJOR DATES FOR THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Grove Gear Day



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13-MONDAY FEBRUARY 16

Family Day Long Weekend
(no school)



FEBRUARY- ALL MONTH

Black History Month



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Parent-Teacher Interviews (all day)



FEBRUARY- ALL MONTH

Kindness Month



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Parent-Teacher Interviews
4-8 pm



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Term 1 Report Cards Distributed



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Fashion Friday



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Wear Red / Pink / White Day



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Pink Shirt Day / Anti-Bullying
Awareness Day



Cheri Grogan
HEAD OF SCHOOL

Should you have any questions or suggestions,
our doors are always open to you!

