



# LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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## [Weather Network – Leslie Thomas Junior High](#)

### LTJH Teacher Change:

We must regrettably inform our school community, that our Teacher Charbel Awwad has moved on. We understand the disruption that this can cause, and we are actively finalizing the process to hire a replacement teacher for Mr. Awwad. Once we have secured the position, we will inform the community.

### Parental Access for YouTube via GNSPES at School

Within HRCE, we have been using Google Workspace for Education (GNSPES) for several years, Google Workspace for Education is a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and more. In HRCE, students use their GNSPES accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills.

In Fall of 2021, Google changed how students can access videos on YouTube and currently students logged into GNSPES cannot watch videos except when shared by their teachers. As this is limiting to students' learning, HRCE would like to change the settings to make YouTube available to students in Grades 7 to 12. Changing this setting would give students logged into GNSPES the ability to search and view YouTube videos that have been moderated (aligned with content rating 13+).

Google has a restricted YouTube experience for students in GNSPES. Students are not able to create channels, upload content, view or add comments, watch or create live stream events or participate in live chat amongst other things. (Full list of restrictions here: <https://support.google.com/a/answer/10651918#zippy=%2Cyoutube>)

Please contact your child(ren)'s school principal, Mr. Ferguson [dferguson@hrce.ca](mailto:dferguson@hrce.ca) with their name and GNSPES username if you **DO NOT** wish your child(ren) to be able to access YouTube to support their learning. If you opted out last year and now wish them to have access this year, also contact me with their name and GNSPES username.

## Calendar of Events

October 20 – School Dance  
6:30 – 8:00

October 27 – Bus Evacuation  
Drills

October 28 – PD Conference  
Day – No Classes

October 31 – Picture Retake  
Day

November 11 – Remembrance  
Day – No School

November 21 – Assessment  
and Evaluation Day – No  
Classes

**Bus Evacuation Drills Oct 27.**

Each year, our transportation service providers lead these safety drills with students during school hours to ensure they know what to do if they need to evacuate the bus in an emergency. School staff will be present during these drills to support students.