

JANUARY 2021

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Dates to Remember:

Jan. 4 to 8 -
Virtual Learning

Jan. 4 - French
Immersion Regis-
tration Open

Jan. 7 - DSBN
Academy Registra-
tion Open

Jan. 15 - PA Day

Jan. 26 - School
Council Meeting

STAFFING UPDATE

We wish Mrs. Hodgins all of the best as she begins her maternity leave. We welcome Miss Bishop to the Grade 3 class. Miss Bishop has moved from our Kindergarten class and we welcome Ms Bird who will be filling in until Mrs. Irwin returns.

We also welcome Miss McNall who will be filling in for Mrs. Sardo while she is off.

WEST LINCOLN COMMUNITY CARE

What an amazing gift we were able to give to West Lincoln Community Care. Thanks to the generosity of the Gainsborough Community we donated \$2740 to them. As you know we had a friendly competition with Caistor that made our Online Food Drive even better! Between the two schools we donated over \$6000 to Community Care!!! The Gainsborough and Caistor Staff cannot wait to do this again next year and see what we can do together again!

I completed ALL of my challenges for our "Dollars for Dares"!! Some were certainly easier than others!



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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 notify the school through Safe Arrival of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let us know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

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

- Websites:** www.dsb.org www.nsts.ca
- Subscription Features:** DSBN Facebook, Twitter, NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts
- Phone:** Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant
- Radio Stations:** CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines, CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines, CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines, CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

DSBN ACADEMY: VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON



Learn about the DSBN Academy at the Virtual Open House on Monday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.! Join us to find out:

- How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit
- If the DSBN Academy is a good fit for your child

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to

graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

From January 11-29, Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in a Virtual Roadshow during class time to learn more about the DSBN Academy and everything it has to offer. More information about Registration and the Virtual Open House will be shared in January 2021.

Online registration opens On January 7, 2021 at academy.dsbnschools.org/apply. Registration will close on February 15, 2021. Limited spots available.

What are the Requirements to Apply to DSBN Academy?

- student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student is entering Grade 6, 7 or 8 in September 2021
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program (If a sibling has attended post-secondary but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student)
- Student is achieving current grade level expectations or just below
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills
- Student is willing to attend a school that may be out of their community with free transportation provided
- Student understands there are mandatory after-school academic supports and *ENCORE* programs (After-school *ENCORE* options include: Mixed sports, Board Games, Photography, Yoga, Makerspace, Choir, Reading, and many more!)
- Families understand that the DSBN Academy is a single track pathway beginning in Grade 9 (academic level only)

If you have any questions, please contact:
Derek.harley@dsbn.org - Elementary Principal

WINTER REMINDERS



Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities.

Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside.

Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools and if the decision to send children outside is made, yard duty staff have walkie-talkies so that they can communicate with the office to sound the bells to bring students in earlier.

The health and well-being of our students is a top priority at DSBN, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors. Extreme cold weather alerts issued by the Niagara Region are often good indicators that students will stay inside.

Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.



If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website dsbn.org, or contact the school.