



THE ACADEMY TIMES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December has arrived, and many of us now look to the holiday season. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or another special event this holiday season, the faculty of DSBN Academy wishes you a safe and joyous time with your family. This time of year is always a busy one for people as they prepare for ways to create wonderful memories. The same hold true for DSBN Academy, as we have a busy month ahead of us. We look forward to seeing our many talented youngsters performing in our traditional end of December talent show. This year our talent show will be held in the morning, right after our pancake breakfast on December 23.

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents/guardians who attended or spoke by phone for parent/teacher conferences. Ongoing communication is important to the success of our children. We believe that parents and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for our children. We are very proud of the positive climate in our school and are committed to working together for even greater success. We believe that good character and good citizenship are integral components of academic achievement and success in life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DSBN ACADEMY

- Dec. 5**– 8:45 am Elementary Awards assembly
- Dec. 6**– Gr. 7 Menactra vaccines
- Dec. 7**– DSBN Academy Anniversary Spirit wear shirt day
- Dec. 7**– 6 pm School Council Meeting
- Dec. 13**– Elementary to see Shrek the Musical
- Dec. 23**– Alternate Dress day
- Dec. 23**– Talent Show
- Dec. 23**– 1 pm Elementary Awards assembly
- Winter Break December 24, 2016 – January 8, 2017**
- Jan. 9**– First day back in class
- Jan. 9**– Spirit wear shirt day
- Jan. 20**– Elementary PD Day
- Jan. 27**– First semester exams begin
- Jan. 31**– Parent information session for potential applicants

"THROW NO SNOW"

Students at DSBN Academy are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school.

Consequences for throwing snow are as follows:

- 1st time: Warning with a detention
- 2nd time: Loss of recess privileges
- 3rd time: In school detention
- 4th or more time: Possible formal at-home suspension

We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe for all!



December

23rd- Last day before winter break

January 9th- First day back

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 call your child’s school to inform them 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 the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

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

Websites:

<http://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or 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	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton	

Spread *joy* this holiday season.



Thank your child’s teacher this holiday with a tribute gift to the Foundation.

All proceeds provide basic necessities for DSBN students!

An acknowledgement holiday card will be sent to your teacher in your child’s name!

Visit efnniagara.ca to donate! Or call 905-641-2929 x 37712 or email efn@dsbn.org



Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors



Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE ACADEMY

"We want YOU at the DSBN Academy!"

Research overwhelmingly states that children whose parents are involved in their children's school and support the culture created at the school, achieve at a higher academic level and are more engaged. As a reminder, our parents are required to volunteer a minimum of 15 hours toward activities and events at the DSBN Academy. There are a number of different ways to make an impact on our young men and young women. Volunteering can take on many different forms such as:

We are in need of Breakfast Program Volunteers.

- Logging onto or attend School Council meetings
- Volunteering at School events or Activities
- Volunteering in your neighbourhood school
- Volunteering in your community
- Volunteering at the Academy (in classrooms or our nutrition program)

If you have volunteered, please call or e-mail the office to log your hours.

Volunteers are paid in six figures...

S-M-I-L-E-S.

~Gayla LeMaire



Texting an Absence

DSBN Academy is now able to offer texting as a way of reporting your child's absence. The number for the cell phone is 905-328-0273. This is for texting only. Please ensure the number you are texting from is a number we have on file otherwise we can't accept the text. When you use this to report an absence we need the following information: - Student name, grade, reason for absence and who you are.

Example: John Smith, Grade 8, ill, Dad



I Matter as an Individual

(shares thoughts, viewpoints and experiences in a respectful, insightful way while acknowledging and respecting the beliefs of others)

Alexis D-B.

Adrina B.

John D.

I Matter as a Learner

(consistently/exceptionally exhibits critical thinking and/or a desire to learn and grow)

Shayla H

Tanner D.

Logan N.

Serena J.

Starr C.

Alyah P.

Fahad A.

Jessica H-F.

Juliet S.

Nevaeh R.

Adam M.

I Matter as a Community Member

(seeks to make a positive impact in the classroom, school and community)

Mason D.

Moony H.

Carson C.

Albert T.

Avery B.

Kitty C.

Emma C.



**I Matter
At DSBN**