

THE ACADEMY TIMES

Elem. Administrator: Mrs. A. Grieve Sec. Administrators Mrs. L. Nazar Mr. B. Daniels
 Administrative Assistants: Mrs. P. Hayward Mrs. L. VanderMolen Mrs. M. Priore

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 holds 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 21st.

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. 3- School Council meeting 6 pm
- Dec 6—Chocolate Bar money or unsold chocolate bars must be returned TODAY
- Dec. 7– DSBN Academy anniversary
- Dec. 7– Spirit wear day
- Dec. 21– Alternate Dress day, Pancake breakfast, Elem. Recognition assembly, Variety show
- WINTER BREAK
- Jan. 7– First day back to school
- Jan. 11– Spirit wear day
- Jan. 15– DSBN Academy open house

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

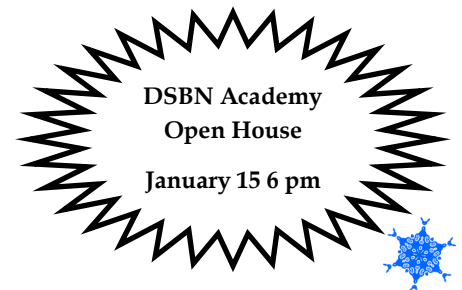
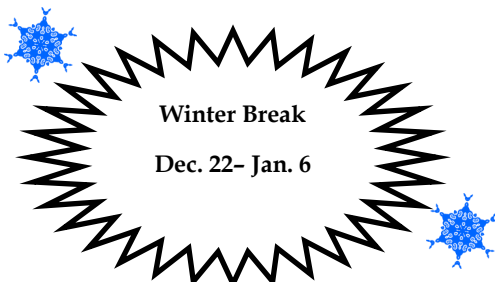
We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe for all!



Students new 2019

Our application form for September 2019 is now available for current **Grade 5, 6 or 7 students**. If you know a student that may be interested in joining our school in September 2019, please have them either call the office or let them know they can access the application form on our website <http://academy.dsbn.org/>

This year we again have our DSBN Academy open house taking place in January. Please encourage families to come hear what our awesome school is all about.



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.dsbn.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.

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball

On Tuesday November 20, the Intermediate Boys Volleyball team played in the DSBN Interschool Volleyball Tournament in St. Catharines. It consisted of many exciting games where each boy had the opportunity to show his skill on the volleyball court. The boys displayed a good sense of teamwork and persevered to win some games against some challenging opponents. It was a fun and rewarding way to spend the day after weeks of practice. Way to go boys!

The boys team this year included: Albert, Ryan, Aidan, Bobby, Matt S., Carson, Matt R, Michael E, Rowan, Jesse.

Sport Stacking Materials

Sport Stacking, also known as cup stacking or speed stacking, is an individual and team sport that involves stacking 9 or 12 specially designed cups in pre-determined sequences as fast as you can. The cups are specially designed to allow for faster times. It is a fun and engaging activity that promotes increased concentration and hand eye coordination. DSBBN Academy currently has a Sport Stacking club that meets during 1st break on Tuesdays. In January Mrs. Yetman-Turner will be hosting tryouts for our competitive team.

Families interested in purchasing Sport Stacking materials can access the link below and place an order. After payment has been made, students are asked to bring their receipts to Mrs. Yetman-Turner to receive the cups they ordered. Orders are first come, first served as quantities are limited. If anyone would like to make a secret gift purchase for their child, please contact Mrs. Yetman-Turner to make arrangements. Please access the following link to make a purchase:

<https://www.speedstacks.ca/go/505-175913/>



I Matter as an Individual

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

Daven T
Stephan F
Aiden B
Chloe P
Ethan H
Ethan LT
Logan B

I Matter as a Learner

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

Briana GH
Jacob J
Briana GH
Camryn H
Kiera W
Savannah C
Yusuf AR
Zach C
Alexis P
Ethan B
Jessica H
Miigaaness S
Reese V
Nolan V

I Matter as a Community Member

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

Victoria B
Shaynesse WW
Adam K
Alida M
Ryan H

