



# THE ACADEMY TIMES

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**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. P. Hayward Mrs. L. VanderMolen Ms. M. Priore

All faculty of DSBN Academy would like to welcome back our students to a new school year. We would also like to welcome our new students and their families to our school community. We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer, and have come back refreshed ready to once again focus on our journey of academic excellence.

## We're Going Back To School



We would like to extend a big thank you to our crew of caretakers for working so hard to get our school in such great shape over the summer.

We are committed to providing an environment of high expectations where students are encouraged, supported and empowered to distinguish themselves academically and take pride in their academic achievements. Our values of Commitment, Optimism, Respect and Excellence are what we all believe and will model and reinforce these throughout the year.

We are excited to welcome some new faces to both our Elementary and Secondary faculty.

As always, the strong home school connection is imperative to the educational success and growth of all students. We look forward to working with you throughout the year, through volunteer opportunities, our school council, parent meetings, and regular contact about your child's progress. If you have any questions at all regarding your child or our program please do not hesitate to call the school.

### REMINDER

#### Staggered Dismissal for September

**Week 1– 2:05**

**Week 2– 2:45**

**Week 3– 3:45**

### September Forms

We thank all parents in advance for reading, completing and returning promptly all of the forms that have accompanied your child/ren home. These forms are very important to ensure we have accurate information in case of an emergency situation. Please return pertinent forms ASAP. Thank you

### Early Release Day

**Friday September 14th, will be an Early Release Day for our students. There will be no school in the afternoon. Buses will be here to pick students up at 11:05 am.**

### What's Happening This Month

- Sept. 14- Early Release Day
- Sept. 17- First Day of Encore
- Sept. 19- Elementary Photos
- Sept. 20- Secondary Photos
- Sept. 20- Meet the Teacher
- Sept. 20- We Day
- Sept. 25- Gr. 7 Trip @ Brock
- Sept. 27- Terry Fox
- Sept. 28- Secondary University Fair
- Sept. 28—Alternate Dress Day

### Absences from School

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to contact the school, if your child/ren is going to be absent from school. Please call the school office at (905) 684-8708 on the morning of the absence, or text our school phone at (905) 328-0273. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day for your convenience. When calling please leave the name of the student, grade and reason for absence. It helps immensely when doing our attendance. The safety of your child is our main priority, please ensure you call in all absences.

## School Photo Day



Edge Imaging will be at DSBN Academy for student photos on Wednesday September 19th and Thursday September 20th. Elementary students will have their photos taken on Wednesday and secondary on Thursday. These photos will be taken in a room in the school. Please be advised that our photos will be sent to the school a few weeks after they are processed and sent home with the students. You will then have the option of purchasing a package. Please ensure your child is ready to be photographed on the 19th or 20th.

## Bus Transportation

We are very fortunate to have the ability to transport students to our school from across the Niagara region. All students are required to travel only on their designated bus. If a student needs to ride on another bus the office must receive a written request from both guardians (host student and guest student) including the date of travel, the bus numbers and contact numbers, **3 days prior to the requested change**. Students are also required to adhere to all guidelines directed by the bus company in order to maintain the safety of all passengers. While on the bus, students must also adhere to all policies set forth by the DSBN. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. We would be glad to discuss this matter at your convenience. If you are moving or have moved, please contact the school in order for the transportation changes to take effect.

## Elementary Break/Food Information

**Lunch Time**—Students will have 2 nutrition/fitness breaks and are restricted to the cafeteria or library during this time. During the fitness breaks, students will be able to use the grounds behind the Academy.

**Cafeteria service**—Cafeteria service will be available for both nutrition breaks. At that time, students can purchase a variety of items including: bakery and dessert selections; “On the Go” salads. Sandwiches, snacks; hot lunch entrée “items of the day”; beverage; and luncheon combos.

**Snacks**—Students are advised to pack an extra snack to eat prior to Encore (Monday to Thursday).

**Breakfast Club**—Continues every morning for all students!

## Newsletter Information



Continuing this year, no hard copies of the newsletter will be sent home, unless you have specifically requested this in writing. The newsletter is a vital communication link between the home and school as it will outline activities planned each month. Our newsletter will be posted at the beginning of each month on our website at <http://academy.dsb.org> under the newsletter tab. Our monthly calendar will also be provided this way. If for any reason you are unable to access our newsletter online, please let us know and we will be more than happy to send home a hard copy home with your child. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and in helping us become more environmentally friendly.

## School Council

We are looking forward to continuing the great work of our School Council. Our elections will be held at our first meeting on Wednesday October 3rd at 6 pm.. School Council plays an important role ensuring the success of all students and communication of school success to parents and community members.



Serving on the School Council will give you the opportunity to provide meaningful input on school life. All parents are welcome to join us in person or via our live feed through the internet.

## Lockers

Lockers will be assigned and combination locks are required for all students. Locks can be purchased at the school for \$5.00 or maybe purchased elsewhere. A record of the combination must be kept by the homeroom teacher. **DO NOT CHANGE LOCKERS FOR ANY REASON!**

## WELCOME TO DSBN ELEMENTARY FACULTY MEMBERS

Elementary Principal	Mrs. A. Grieve
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. P. Hayward
Learning Resource Teacher	Mrs. M. Brewster
French Teacher	Mme H. Roe
French Teacher/Prep	Mrs. S. Clutterbuck
Homeroom Teacher 6-1	Mrs. J. Conway
Homeroom Teacher 6-2	Mrs. K. Barton
Homeroom Teacher 6-3	Mrs. L. Droppert
Homeroom Teacher 7-1	Ms. C. Hoffer
Homeroom Teacher 7-2	Ms. S. Yetman-Turner
Homeroom Teacher 7-3	Mrs. A. Rose
Homeroom Teacher 7-4	Mr. T. Manella
Homeroom Teacher 8-1	Mrs. A. Heinmiller
Homeroom Teacher 8-2	Mr. I. Hannigan
Homeroom Teacher 8-3	Mr. B. Ott

**“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:

- Logging onto or attend School Council meetings
- Volunteering at School events or Activities
- Volunteering in classrooms or our nutrition program



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

***We are in need of Breakfast Program Volunteers.***

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE	
MONDAY / THURSDAY	
ADVISORY	8:30 - 9:00
PERIOD ONE	9:00 - 9:45
PERIOD TWO	9:45 - 10:30
NUTRITION BREAK	10:30 - 11:05
PERIOD THREE	11:05 - 11:50
PERIOD FOUR	11:50 - 12:35
NUTRITION BREAK	12:35 - 1:15
PERIOD FIVE	1:15 - 2:00
PERIOD SIX	2:00 - 2:45
ENCORE	2:45-3:45
TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY	
PERIOD ONE	8:30 - 9:20
PERIOD TWO	9:20 - 10:10
NUTRITION BREAK	10:10 - 10:45
PERIOD THREE	10:45 - 11:35
PERIOD FOUR	11:35 - 12:25
NUTRITION BREAK	12:25 - 1:05
PERIOD FIVE	1:05 - 1:55
PERIOD SIX	1:55 - 2:45
ENCORE	2:45-3:45
FRIDAY	
PERIOD ONE	8:30 - 9:15
PERIOD TWO	9:15 - 10:00
NUTRITION BREAK	10:00 - 10:25
PERIOD THREE	10:25 - 11:10
PERIOD FOUR	11:10 - 11:55
NUTRITION BREAK	11:55 - 12:35
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