



THE ACADEMY TIMES

Elementary Administrator: Mrs. A. Grieve

Secondary Administrator: Mrs. L. Nazar

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. P. Hayward

Mrs. L. VanderMolen

Ms. C. Rees-Nelles

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE DSBN ACADEMY

14th Sept—School Photos

16th Sept—Early Release Day

19th Sept—Encore starts

22nd Sept – Meet the teacher BBQ
4:30-6:30

26th Sept—Terry Fox Run

28th Sept—School Council Meeting

28th Sept— Gr 7/8 Hep B and HPV

30th Sept– Alternate Dress Day

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 would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs. Anderson and her 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.

We're Going Back To School



School Uniforms

We have the following uniform items for sale -

Khaki Pants

Youth sizes 08, 16, 18

Adult sizes 26, 28, 30, 34, 38, 42

Khaki Shorts

Youth sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

Adult sizes 24, 26, 38, 46

Zip Up sweaters

Youth sizes **only** small, medium

Hoodies

Youth sizes **only** small, medium.

Each item is \$20.00 cash only.

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

ABSENCES

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. 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.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday, September 16th, will be an Early Release Day for our students. There will be no school in the afternoon. Buses will be here to pick up students at 11:05am

STUDENT PHOTO DAY



On Wednesday, September 14th, Edge Imaging will be at DSBN Academy for student photos. 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 Wednesday, September 14th!

SCHOOL AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

For everyone's safety, parents and visitors are reminded to ALWAYS check in at the office when entering the school during instructional time. Please do not go into the hallways or the classrooms before checking in to the office. All guests will be provided with a name tag. We must monitor all individuals in our building.

The front bus zone is a very busy section of our school during the day, especially at arrival and dismissal times, and every attempt must be made to keep this section safe and clear of all vehicles and pedestrians.



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 Brian Nesbitt, at NSTS (905) 346-0296, to provide him with the address change. Also, please contact the school in order for the transportation changes to take effect. It's important to notify both to facilitate and adjust busing needs.

NEWSLETTER NEWS



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.dsbm.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. School Council elections will be in early September with our first meeting of the school year on September 28th, 2016 at 6:00pm. School Council plays an important role ensuring the success of all students and communicating school successes to parents and community members.

Serving on your School Council will give you the opportunity to provide meaningful input on school life and become a voice for parents and DSBN Academy community members across the DSBN. Come out, be part of our great team. You can also be part of School Council via the internet through our website academy.dsbm.org, under the parent engagement tab.

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
Custodian	Mrs. M. Anderson
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. C. Cortina
French Teacher	Mme H. Roe
French Teacher/Prep	Mrs. S. Clutterbuck
Homeroom Teacher 6-1	Mrs. J. McAuley
Homeroom Teacher 6-2	Mrs. J. Conway
Homeroom Teacher 6-3	Ms. A. Riel/Mrs. L. Herbert
Homeroom Teacher 7-1	Mr. J. Eckhardt
Homeroom Teacher 7-2	Ms. S. Yetman-Turner
Homeroom Teacher 7-3	Ms. C. Hoffer
Homeroom Teacher 8-1	Ms. S. Minor
Homeroom Teacher 8-2	Mr. I. Hannigan
Homeroom Teacher 8-3	Mr. S. Young

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:

- 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
PERIOD FIVE	12:35 - 1:20
PERIOD SIX	1:20 - 2:05

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

GRADE 6—8 DRESS CODE

Did you know we often provide breakfast to over 100 students each and every day. Funding is provided by Niagara Nutrition Partners but the task of preparing, serving and clean up is "US". If you can help Serve breakfast the time to be at school is 7:45am—8:30am with cleanup afterwards. If you can only cleanup (we have a dishwasher) then be at school anytime in the morning. If you feel you can help, please call Ms. Rees so she can schedule you in. Some of the menu items offered are scrambled egg mornings, bagels, English muffins and cereal.

LUNCH TIME, CAFETERIA & SNACKS

Lunch Time—Students will have 2 nutrition/fitness breaks and are restricted to the cafeteria or library during this time unless they are in grade 9. 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!

Pants—Khaki pants. Uniform shorts will also be permitted during warmer weather. Uniform shorts are not to be rolled up

Polo—Navy polo shirts (long and short sleeve) provided by designated uniform suppliers (can be un-tucked)

Oxford—White oxford shirts (long and short sleeve) (must be tucked in)

Footwear—Crocs, flip-flops, open back shoes, high-heeled shoes and sandals are not allowed due to safety concerns. Fashion and weather boots are not permitted on regular uniform days. Athletic shoes and other flat shoe wear not mentioned above are suitable for school.

Hoodies—Hoodies provided by our designated supplier are permitted. Hoodies must remain in good repair. Students may be asked to replace torn clothing.

Accessories—Dangerous accessories, such as studded jewelry and chains are not appropriate for school. Accessories which are deemed distracting to the learning of others are also not appropriate for school

Jackets, Coats, Bags and Backpacks—must be stored in student lockers

MORNING EDITIONS		SIMMERS		SWEET TEMPTATIONS		DAILY LUNCHEON FEATURE	
ENGLISH MUFFIN	1.00	SOUP	2.10	MUFFINS	1.10	PRICE INCLUDES ENTREE, FRESH SIDE, 237 ML MILK OR 175 ML JUICE	5/25
BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE	1.95	SOUP COMBO	2.55	FRESH FRUIT PARFAIT	1.40	MEAL SELECTIONS	FRESH SIDES
ENGLISH MUFFIN BREAKFAST SANDWICH	2.50	FOUR SEASONS		FRESH FRUIT	.90	- PASTA W/ TOMATO SAUCE	- SALAD
HASH BROWN	.75	HAMBURGER	2.10	FRESH FRUIT CINNAMON BUN	1.60	- MACARONI WITH CHEESE	- VEGGIES W/ DP
OATMEAL W/ MILK	2.00	CHEESEBURGER	2.65	LF BROWNIES	1.20	- MEATBALL SUB	- FRESH FRUIT PEICES
ON THE GO		CHICKEN BURGER	3.40	PLUDDING	1.10	- INDIVIDUAL PIZZA	- BAKED POTATO SELECTIONS
PASTA	2.75	VEGGIE BURGER	3.40	COOKIES	85-1.35	- TEX MEX BOWL	- TO GO COOKIE
GARDEN SALAD, SMALL	2.70	ITALIANO		RICE KRISPIE BAR	1.20	- PEROGIES	
CEASAR SALAD, SMALL	2.70	CHEESE AND TURKEY PEP. PIZZA	2.40	CEREAL/YOGURT BARS	1.91	MADE TO ORDER STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THREE DAYS PER WEEK AT LUNCHTIME AND FEATURE "THE BURGER BAR", "THE FAJITA BAR" AND "BIG PITTA" WITH OR WITHOUT SIDES	
VEGGIE BAG W/ DP	1.65	GARLIC FINGERS	3.50	BEVERAGES		PRICES RANGE FROM \$3.60 TO \$5.95	
DELI		FRESH VEGETARIAN PIZZA	2.40	WHITE MILK	1.05	ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE MENU BASED ON STUDENTS' NEEDS AND PREFERENCES MAY BE MADE BY CHARTWELLS FROM TIME TO TIME	
SLICED ROAST BEEF OR TURKEY	2.55	FRESH GOURMET PIZZA	2.55	CHOCOLATE MILK	1.35	LIMITED TIME OFFERS AND NEW MENU ITEM PROMOTIONS MAY BE INTRODUCED FROM TIME TO TIME	
CHUNKY TUNA SALAD	2.25	BAKED POTATO SELECTIONS		FRUIT JUICE PURE	1.00		
CHICKEN SALAD	2.55	REGULAR	2.55	FRUIT JUICE	1.40		
EGG SALAD	2.10	CRISPY WEDGES	2.55	BOTTLED WATER	1.05		
SPECIALTY HAM/TURKEY/ROAST BEEF WITH CHEESE	2.85	FRESH SAUTEED	2.55	DAILY COMBO			
				SOUP, HALF WRAP OR WHOLE SANDWICH ON WHOLE WHEAT, MILK	1.05		

Our Uniform Supplier for 2016-2017



175 Queenston St., St. Catharines
905-397-0705

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

DSBN Academy requires its students to dress in a manner appropriate to a productive educational environment. Our uniform reflects the students' commitment to excellence and success, and creates a positive atmosphere for learning which becomes increasingly important for teens. Beginning in grade 9, students are able to add additional items to their uniform collection to distinguish themselves as they mature.

This past school year, families have struggled to find appropriate navy and khaki pants which meet our guidelines. Our effort to provide flexibility for students to purchase bottoms at various vendors has resulted in many students who are not following our existing dress code with their pants and shorts.

How do you know if your child's existing pants and shorts adhere to our dress code?

- No jean like material
- No capri pants
- No jeggings
- No pants with elasticized bottoms
- No skinny legged stretch pants/shorts
- No cargo pants/shorts
- Khaki colour should resemble uniform pant

UNIFORM PLAN:

Our plan is to return to an official uniform pant and shorts. In September 2017, only khaki uniform pants and shorts from the uniform supplier will be permitted for Elementary Students. This change has been reviewed by School Council, Faculty and Student Voice.

As you replace your uniform items, pants and shorts should be purchased from our uniform supplier in preparation for September 2017. There is unisex and ladies cut available.

For this school year ONLY, your existing pants and shorts, which strongly resemble those provided by the uniform supplier, and within the colour range below, will be permitted.

Please note that KHAKI pants should STRONGLY resemble the khaki colour of a school uniform pant. There is a colour guide to assist you with determining when it's time to purchase khaki pants or shorts for this September that adhere to our uniform policy on our website under the uniform tab.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our school and with this new uniform plan.

Mrs. A. Grieve

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS will be STRICTLY ENFORCED