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# GLYNN A. GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin the New Year, at school we will be finishing the assessments and evaluations for the first term. Students will be working hard to demonstrate the knowledge and skills and teachers will be working to document their learning.

Glynn A Green is undergoing some office changes. We wish Mr. Halliday a healthy and happy retirement. As of January 9, 2023 we will have a new Vice-Principal joining our staff. We hope that you will join us in welcoming Mr. Thompson to Glynn A. Green. Mr. Thompson has been a teacher for several years and brings a wealth of knowledge to our school. He joins us from the Peel Board of Education. He is very excited about the opportunity to work with the staff, students, parents and community of Glynn A. Green and looks forward to meeting you all in January.



We look forward to working with parents, staff and students as we continue to make Glynn A. Green Public School a great place.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

All parents are welcome to join us for our next School Council Meeting. The School Council will receive updates about the school and events that are happening. This is also a great opportunity to meet Mr. Thompson, our new Vice-principal. A reminder of the meeting and the agenda will be sent out to families shortly.

### OUR NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Learning Commons/Library

All Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend.

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# DENTAL SCREENING

Niagara Region Public Health will be coming in to do Dental Screening in the new year. Niagara Region Public Health's Dental Program is looking forward to resuming mandatory school-based dental screenings for **ALL** elementary students. They will be screening on **January 17, 18 & 19, 2023**. If you have questions or wish to opt-out of the service, please contact NRPH. Phone: 905-980-6000,

Toll-free: 1-800-263-7215



## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Working together for your child's safety

DSBN's Safe Arrival Program helps families and schools communicate to help ensure our children are safe. Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or another important event, parents can easily schedule and report absences using their choice of three simple channels.

Please report all absences prior to bell time.

**Safe Arrival Option 1:** Call toll-free before bell time to report your child's absence 1-866-606-5567

**Safe Arrival Option 2:** Set up an online SchoolConnects ParentPortal account and login to schedule and report absences.

Create your account or [login in here](#).

**Safe Arrival Option 3:** Download the SafeArrival app to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences.

[Download the app for Apple devices.](#)

[Download the app for Android devices.](#)

Families can also visit the DSBN site to get information and download the app's.

<https://www.dsbn.org/earlylearners/safe-arrival-program>



# ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

To prevent the spread of Germs, we encourage all children to wash their hands frequently during the school day or use the hand sanitizers. If your child is not feeling well in the morning, please do not send him/her to school.

Normally, we call home to parents regarding an illness if a child has a fever or is throwing up.

**Here are some helpful guidelines to consider when deciding whether to send your child to school.**

It is advisable to keep your child at home if:

- he/she has been up during the night due to illness and, as a result, has not had adequate sleep
- your child has had a fever or was throwing up the night before
- he/she has gone home from school the day before with a fever or other illness
- he/she has an unidentified rash not yet seen by a physician
- your child may pass on an illness to another student.



## HOLIDAY HAMPER DRIVE

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Glynn A. Green community for your extremely generous donations for this years' Holiday Hamper Drive. In addition, we would like to thank the staff for collecting and organizing items, and Mr. Halliday for being our main contact and organizer with three local schools. Bins and boxes were overflowing with items, and over \$1500 in gift cards and online donations was collected. We are very grateful to have such a supportive, caring and generous community. Your kindness helped make several local families' holidays a lot more festive.

Thank you!



# FRENCH IMMERSION

The French Immersion program offered at Gordon Public School is open to all students in Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

## FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;  
 Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;  
 Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;  
 Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;  
 Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12 ;  
 Promotes understanding of different cultures;  
 Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;  
 Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

## Registration is open.

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsnb.org/fi](http://www.dsnb.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

**PD Day**

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**January 20 2023**

**February 17, 2023**

**Report Cards Go Home**

**Family Day**

**February 10, 2023**

**February 20, 2023**

The complete 2022-2023 Elementary School Calendar is available online:

<https://www.dsnb.org/calendars>



# Active Travel Ideas for January

There's SNOW time to walk like the winter! With the cold air and snow, some parents and families may choose to drive their kids to school in lieu of engaging in active travel. But walking in the winter can be fun, as long as extra precautions are being taken.

**Tips for a safe and comfortable winter walk include:**

## Clothing Tips

Keep hands, head and ears covered. Be sure hats and scarves don't block hearing or vision

Wear mittens; they keep hands warmer than gloves

Wear warm, waterproof boots with good treads for better traction on snow and ice

Carry umbrellas for those rainy days

Wear wool or insulating synthetic clothing to help retain body heat

Layer clothing and wear a coat that is waterproof or water resistant and deflects the wind

In extreme cold keep as much skin covered as possible

Beware if the temperature falls below -25 °C or if the wind chill is -28 °C or colder. This is when exposed skin freezes in only a few minutes.

Change wet clothes as soon as possible - tuck extra socks and mitts into backpacks

Keep wearing sunscreen - yes, you can still get a sun burn in winter

## Walking Tips

On dark winter mornings make sure kids are visible to oncoming traffic with reflective tape or tags on jackets, backpacks, boots and umbrellas

Always walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing oncoming cars and stay on the shoulder or very close to the curb

When crossing at crosswalks, wait until cars come to a complete stop before crossing. They may not be able to stop suddenly on icy roads.

Take care near large snow banks that obscure visibility for walkers and cars at street crossings

Stay away from snow ploughs or snow blowers. Blowing snow from these machines can reduce visibility and may include flying pieces of ice and gravel

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

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 report child's absence on Safe Arrival.

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](http://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

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland





# PARENT COUNCIL FAMILY SKATE

On Thursday January 5th, the Parent Council hosted a family skate at the Meridian Centre. It was great to see all the students, families, friends and teachers out on the ice. It was a good time and fun event for all who attended!



## DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE CALENDAR

In building a culture of appreciation and inclusion, where students see themselves valued, respected and celebrated, we need to begin with knowing their stories. When we know the cultures, lived experiences and community/cultural/faith traditions of students, we are able to center and relate to them and understand the systems that support their identities.

This calendar has been created to give educators the culturally-relevant tools to embrace the whole student and cultivate young minds to embrace their genius, appreciate our differences and disrupt oppression so we all can live harmoniously.

*There may be some variance in exact dates and times when days of significance are observed locally.*

*This calendar is not meant to be comprehensive or exhaustive and every attempt has been made to ensure its accuracy. Please note this is a fluid calendar and updates and changes may be made throughout the year.*

**Calendar may be accessed at:**

<https://www.dsbm.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar>