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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Remote learning is continuing for the DSBN this week. While we know elementary students and staff were eager to be back to in-person learning, this decision was made to keep students, staff, and our Niagara community safe.

The closure extension means that your child will continue daily learning with their homeroom teacher, engaging in synchronous, asynchronous, and independent learning. You are still be able to contact the office, please leave a message and we will return your call or email me directly, and your child's homeroom teacher is still available to answer your questions.

During this closure, we encourage DSBN students and families to continue to be vigilant with safety protocols such

as frequent handwashing, wearing a mask if applicable, and staying home with family.

We will keep updating you as soon as we learn more. We are continually thankful for the supportive community we have in Niagara, and for the effort you are putting in to help keep each other safe from COVID-19.

Please check out the rest of the newsletter for other important updates and information.

Take Care.



## Get Support for Learners

There is one-time funding to support children, youth and students during the 2020-2021 school year. Eligible applicants will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child or youth up to Grade 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs

You are eligible to apply if you live in Ontario and are a:

- parent or guardian to a child or youth up to Grade 12
- secondary school student over the age of 18
- parent or guardian to a child or youth that is 21 or younger and has special needs

[Find out if you are eligible and how to apply.](#)

**The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021.**

# Report Card Update

Due to the extension of remote learning, the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be issued over two days between **February 18-19**. Families can expect to receive additional information about the Report Card distribution process from their school administrator, once further information about the return to “in-person learning” becomes available.

Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence in order to determine students’ grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.

This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the [math curriculum](#) for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a [four-year math strategy](#) designed to:

- improve student performance in math
- help students solve everyday math problems
- increase students’ employability to attain the jobs of the future

## Updates to Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics (Grades 1-8)

- To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the **Elementary Report Card** as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student’s growth in learning.

The Ministry has provided more information about the new math curriculum for parents on the following website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>.

If you have any questions, please make arrangements to speak with your child’s teacher.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

**February 12, 2021**

**PD Day**

**February 15, 2021**

**Family Day**

**March Break**

**March 15th to 19th, 2021**



The complete 2020-2021 Elementary School Calendar is available online: <https://www.dsb.org/calendars>



## FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

The French Immersion program at the DSBN If your child will be starting Grade 1 in September, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to enroll your child in French Immersion.

The French Immersion program is open to all students who are entering Grade 1. It provides your child with opportunities to develop proficiency in Canada's two official languages and to learn about other cultures.

This information night provides families with information regarding French Immersion. It is intended to assist families in making informed decisions regarding the educational program for and development of their child. Children benefit from learning in two languages - their proficiency with thinking and reasoning skills improve as both languages are developed.

Many families also believe that French Immersion will give their child additional career opportunities. We live in an increasingly global economy, so proficiency in more than one language is considered to be both an advantage for career development and for competitive advantage in the job market.

Registration continues until February 16th at:

<https://www.dsbns.org/programs-services/french-immersion/home>



It is the time of year to start thinking about Kindergarten Registration. The first day of Kindergarten is an exciting day for both you and your child. Prepare for the journey ahead by registering early for our September 2021 start up. Our On-line registration opens January 28<sup>th</sup> and can be found at:

<https://www.dsbns.org/earlylearners/kickstart>

If you know of a family who has a Kindergarten age child, let them know about this registration opportunity with us. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the school at 905-892-3821. We are tentatively planning to have an Open House for our new Kindergarten families this Spring. We will make sure that we communicate this to you as it approaches.

## DSBN ACADEMY REGISTRATION

DSBN Academy is a grade 6 to 12 program designed to prepare and successfully transition students to post-secondary school, with a focus on students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college and university. Eligible students across Niagara may apply to DSBN Academy.

Who can apply to the Academy?

- Student must be entering grade 6, 7, or 8 in September. (Note: spaces are very limited in grades 7 and 8)
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university. If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving “good” or “excellent” learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community. Transportation will be provided for these students.
- Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program that enhances the student experience beyond the classroom. These include enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- Family is aware that only Grade 9 Academic courses will be offered. Applied courses are not available.
- Families agree to the parent engagement requirement. For more information about parent engagement, please visit our website:

<http://academy.dsbm.org/>

## DSBN Academy - Virtual Open House

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

1:00 PM EST



**DSBN Academy**  
empowers students  
to be the first in their  
family to **graduate**  
**from college or**  
**university**

*"We are family at DSBN Academy! We all  
believe and we will all achieve!"*

Student - Graduation Class 2020

# INCLEMENT WEATHER



There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause bus cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available before 6:00 a.m. on the day of the cancellation.

**Please note: Should schools close due to inclement weather, this will include both in-person and virtual schools. Additionally, remote learning will not be available when schools are closed.**

#### Websites:

[DSBN Facebook Page](#)   [DSBN Twitter Page](#)   [Niagara Student Transportation Services Website](#)

#### Television:

Cogeco Cable 10                                  CHCH Television                                  City TV

#### Radio:

CKTB 610 am	EZ Rock 105.7 fm	HTZ 97.7 fm
KLite 102.9 fm	The River - 105.1 fm	More 101.1 fm
KX 94.7 fm	Y-108 - 107.9 fm	

Covering 1,863 square kilometers, the Niagara peninsula is one of the most beautiful and southern-most points in Ontario. Despite this, we occasionally find ourselves dealing with adverse weather conditions.

Whenever possible, we feel it is important for students to be in class continuing their education. However, the District School Board of Niagara serves more than 36,000 students in its 98 schools -- student and staff safety is a top priority. Should weather conditions pose a significant risk to the health and safety of our students and staff, then it will become necessary to cancel transportation services and close schools for the day.

These are extremely difficult decisions that are only made after careful consideration and consultation with staff, local agencies and our coterminous board.

#### **Cancelling Student Transportation - How the Decision is Made**

When adverse weather conditions are forecasted, Niagara Student Transportation Services gathers information on road and weather conditions. From late the night before and beginning very early in the morning (4:00 a.m.), they gather data from a wide variety of sources, including the bus companies, various municipal and regional agencies, and from NSTS staff performing checks on selected routes to experience the road conditions first hand. NSTS considers the actual weather conditions, the forecasted weather, and the road conditions very carefully.

Once all available information has been collected and reviewed, the decision to cancel buses is made by NSTS, in consultation with the bus companies, if it is determined that students cannot be safely transported to schools, as well as transported home at the end of the day.







The decision whether or not to cancel transportation and/or close schools is made at approximately 6:00 a.m., and that information is immediately conveyed to local media outlets and posted on the appropriate websites. **Despite these measures, the final decision whether or not to send your child to school during inclement weather rests with the parent or guardian.**

#### **Closing Schools**

The decision to close schools is separate from the decision to cancel transportation services; however, student safety remains our number one concern. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education.

# February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Black History Month	1 Day 2	2 Day 3 Ground Hog Day 	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6 	6
7	8 Day 7	9 Day 8	10 Day 9	11 Day 10 	12 PD Day	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Family Day 	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20
21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 7 Pink Shirt Day 	25 Day 8	26 Day 9	27
28					March Break March 15th- March 19th	



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