

**DISTRICT  
SCHOOL  
BOARD OF  
NIAGARA**

# Monthly Updates

DECEMBER 2023

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December and winter have begun. Staff and students are working hard towards their academic goals and preparing for the holiday season. Please be on the look out for information for French Immersion.

Glynn A. Green Public School will be participating in the Holiday Hamper program and helping support some of the families in our local community. Information has been sent home to each class.

For families, that would prefer to make an online donation. School cash will be set up to accept donations for our Holiday giving programs.

We hope you are able to support these worthy causes.

We will be hosting a **Holiday Open House on December 20th** from



**5:30 - 7:00 pm.** Families can visit the classrooms to celebrate what is happening at Glynn A Green. There will also be some performances scheduled in the gym, **Marble Slab available for pre-order on School Cash Online** and hot chocolate for the families that join us.

We wish all of the Glynn A. Green School families a very safe and happy holiday. Staff look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday, January 8, 2023. Happy Holidays!**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**The School Council next meeting is on Tuesday January 23rd, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. An agenda will be shared out closer to the date.

Feel free to contact the School Council chair or the office with questions.

Jodie Bartlett  
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## OCTOBER AWARD WINNERS

- Mrs. Chrastina & Mrs. Belvedere** — Ava M, Emily R, Harrison W
- Mrs. Teather & Mrs. Rossi** — Jaxon D, Tessa W, Jameson S
- Mrs. Erickson & Mrs. Ethier** – Kaycen M, Frankie N
- Mrs. Kurland** - Abe L, Clarke H
- Ms. Fulford** - Lilah M, Eleen A
- Mrs. Cere** – Annabel C, Easton V, Isla P, Isla P (PE)
- Mr. Piva** — Gracey C, Jason M
- Miss. Alles** — Cora J, June S (Music/Drama)
- Mrs. Fillion** —Johanna K, Gia T
- Mr. Hiller** — Eddie J, Emily B
- Ms. Coote** — Emmett R, Jaylynn R, Tristan B, Will A
- Mrs. VanderWerf** — Ellis F, Gaïan K, Harlee K, Carter O (French)
- Miss. Gamm** — Riley C (Respect) Colby C and Sam (Responsibility) Raven (French)
- Miss Gill**— Julian M, Charli T, Marlowe S (French)
- Mrs. Pessoa**—Michelle H and Nicholas M (Responsibility), Henley (French)
- Mr. Last** - Samuel M, Tahbeer H, Avery H, Colton C (French)
- Mr. Campbell** — Emily L, Hyoseo K, Conner (French)
- Mrs. Hyatt** — Lauren V, Bentley H, Aliyah (French)
- Mrs. Furtney:** Katie D, Gaby O, Maddie L, Callum M (French)





# mindUP For Life

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school has been chosen to participate in an exciting Social-Emotional Learning Program called **MindUP**.

**MindUP** is a classroom tested, evidence-based program that helps promote social emotional awareness, enhance positive well-being and helps to support academic success.

**MindUP** helps create a classroom environment characterized by optimism, compassion, and engagement through promoting resilience and fostering expressions of gratitude, empathy, and connection to others.

# mindUP For Families

MindUP for Families provides you access to unique learning opportunities, activities and resources that help you create a calm and connected home, as well as, enhance the well-being of the whole family.

For more information on incorporating MindUP into your home, please visit [MindUP For Schools: Bringing MindUP Home](https://ny.home.mindup.org/) or <https://ny.home.mindup.org/> for 10 language options.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school Youth Counsellor.



## Intermediate Boys Volleyball

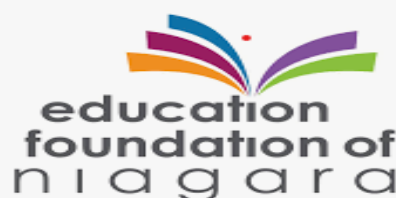
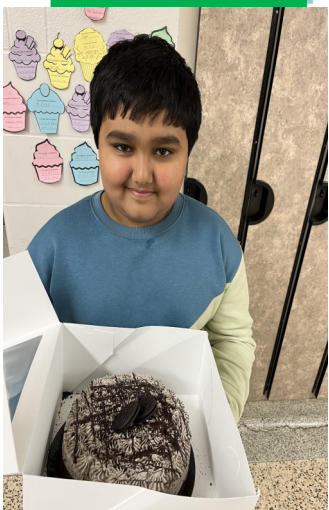
The intermediate boys volleyball season is about to come to an end. After having a strong regular season, where they only lost one game and finished in second place, the team went on to defeat Quaker Road in the semifinals. They did come up a bit short in the championship game though, and lost to a very good Richmond Street team. After winning their play-in game against Smithville, the boys then went on to compete in the annual DSNB tournament. Despite a slow start to their day (a loss to Oakridge), they put together some great rallies and played some outstanding defence. After finishing in second place in their pool, the boys came back to win their quarter-final match-up against Parnell which put them into the semi-finals against top-seeded Nelles. Here, the boys played some of their best volleyball of the season. With outstanding serves and ball control, the boys pulled off the win, narrowly winning the second set by a score of 25-23, in what can only be described as a thrilling and well played game by both teams. All team members should be commended for their continual improvement throughout the year, as well as for their positivity, effort, and hustle. They will now play for the DSNB Championship against Oakridge on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Eastdale Secondary School. Spectators are welcomed to come out to cheer on our Gators. Great job boys!

Team members include: Dima B, Nate B, Brady F, Nathan F, Blake H, Kellen P, Liam S, Callum S, Myles V



### Cupcakes for Kindness

Congratulations to Ahyan S. for winning the jumbo cupcake following our Cupcakes for Kindness campaign for Education Foundation Niagara. As a school, Gators raised nearly **\$400** for EFN! Amazing support from our school community! Thankyou!





## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbm.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations is posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and remote learners. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school web-sites, DSBM social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

**Elementary Schools:** Snow Day activities for kindergarten to Grade 8, will be available on the DSBM website on days when schools are closed due to inclement weather.

**Secondary Schools:** When secondary schools are closed, students are reminded they may access their course's online platform (D2L or Google Classroom) to review classroom notes, lessons, and complete any outstanding assignments or projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

### Winter Break

**December 23, 2023**

**-January 7, 2024**

**Classes Resume**

**January 8, 2024**

### Graduation Photos

**January 29, 2023**

**PD Day (no school for students)**

**January 19, 2024**

**March Break**

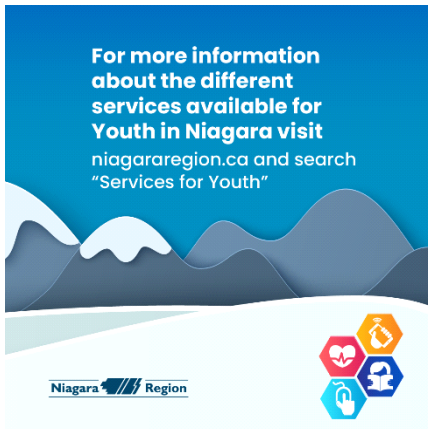
**March 9– 17, 2024**

# Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

## December 2023

### Holiday Expectations

The holidays may be a difficult time for your child. A change in routine and different holiday expectations can be stressful and isolating. Here are some tips and resources to share with your child throughout the holiday season:



- 1. Validate Feelings:** Let your child know it's okay not to feel happy during the holidays. Their thoughts and emotions are valid. Encourage open conversations about any concerns.
- 2. Find Quiet Relief:** When things get overwhelming, suggest to your child that they find a quiet place to take a break. This can help alleviate anxious feelings.
- 3. Explore Support:** Help your child discover available support services and guide them in accessing what they believe will be most beneficial.

For more information about the different services available for Youth in Niagara visit: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/youth-services.aspx>

### Reminder to Report your Child's Vaccines to Public Health

Don't forget to let Public Health know about your child's vaccinations! Sometimes, even if your child is all caught up on shots, Public Health might not have the record.

Every time your child receives a vaccine, be sure to report it:

- [Online](#)
- By phone: 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 or
- Fax: 905-688-8225

[Find out which vaccinations are required and recommended](#) for children attending school.

### Report your child's vaccines

Each time your child receives a vaccine, report it to Public Health.

Health care providers don't do this for you.

If there is a disease outbreak, Public Health uses the vaccine information to:

- Identify children at risk
- Reduce the spread of disease





## Giving Back

Supporting families in need during the holiday season is a wonderful way for a school community to come together and make a positive impact. Here are some charities and organizations in the Niagara region, or those that have a presence in the area, that you can consider supporting:

[Community Care](#)

[Newark Neighbours](#)

[Salvation Army](#)

[Community and Family Services](#)

[Pelham Cares](#)

[The HOPE Centre](#)

[Project SHARE](#)

[Grimsby Benevolent](#)

[Fund](#)

[Port Care Reach Out](#)

[Centre](#)

[Open Arms Mission](#)

[United Way Niagara](#)

[Jammies for Families](#)



## Niagara Parents

[Niagara Parents](#) provides a variety of services to help you raise a happy and healthy family. Individuals can connect with a Public Health Nurse instantly in whichever language they are most comfortable speaking.



Providing supports & services to help you raise a happy and healthy family

### Connect with Niagara Parents

Live chat or speak with a public health nurse in **90 different languages available:**

[niagararegion.ca/parents](https://niagararegion.ca/parents)  
905-684-7555  
or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555

[parents@niagararegion.ca](mailto:parents@niagararegion.ca)

[Niagara Parents](#)

[niagaraparents](#)

Niagara Region

### Services offered:

- Questions or concerns about parenting, your child's health, or pregnancy.
- Parenting classes, breastfeeding support, prenatal appointments and more.
- Postpartum support.
- Links to services within the community.

Connect with a Public Health Nurse Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. through phone, live chat, video call, or email. Live chat is available in 90 different languages.

Find Niagara Parents on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for different activities you can do with your kids, relevant resources and virtual events for parents.



## Educational Resources

### Notice and Identify – ONE CALL

Teachers are vital in helping students who are facing difficulties by connecting them to the resources they need for success. Identifying issues early can prevent future mental health issues. [School Mental Health Ontario](#) has developed **ONE CALL** to guide teachers in supporting their students. The **ONE CALL** process offers educators a clear step-by-step approach to help students showing emotional or behavioral issues.



**School  
Mental Health  
Ontario**

To learn more information, check out the [ONE-CALL desk reference](#) a resource created for educators.

### Jingle Bell Walk!

December's [Active School Travel](#) theme is the annual Jingle Bell Walk! It's a great time to use the holiday spirit to promote Active School Travel!

**Activity Idea:** Host a Jingle Bell Walk by asking parents and students to walk to school with bells or anything that jingles. You can also suggest wearing warm festive hats – or topping their hats off with antlers!

