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# GLYNN A. GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back. Teachers and students are looking forward to returning to school and to learning and friends. Our goal for the first few weeks of school is to make students feel comfortable returning to school. We will be focusing on safety and well-being as we establish our new routines. We are excited about this school year and look forward to working with our community to help our students achieve great things at Glynn A. Green.

We have number of new staff joining the Glynn A. Green and they and can be found in this year's organization on page 2.

We will be using agendas again this year. Parents are invited to check the agenda regularly and us it as a communication tool. Parents are also invited to email teachers directly or contact them by phone through the office.

Please take some time to review the important information in our September newsletter, **Return to School Protocols** can be found on staring on page 5. There will be some forms shared in School Cash online, see page 9 for information on how to create an account as well in the September packages, that will sent home with students.

Check out other important dates and find a link to the **Elementary School year calendar** on page 9.

## MEDICALLY AT-RISK STUDENTS

If you have a child with a **Prevalent Medical Condition** (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. Forms were sent home with students who had a plan of care last year. You can also download the forms at:

[dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](http://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions)

We have students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products, oils, etc. We request nut-free lunches and snacks to be brought by students and ask that we all exclude these types of products from being brought to school. **Please avoid sending products to school that say, "may contain nuts" as well.**

At this time, Public Health Guidelines do not allow us to share or distribute food brough in from home. Please refrain from bringing in special treats.

Although, we **cannot guarantee a peanut free environment**, we appreciate your continued efforts with this delicate issue.

For more information, please contact the school.



# CLASS ORGANIZATION 2021-2022

As we prepared for the start of the new school year, we considered a variety of student needs as we organized classes and placed teachers.

The following is the current organization for the 2021-2022 school year.

We will be reviewing enrollment and staffing numbers the first week of school.

Changes in either may result in reorganization.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members to the Glynn A. Green family.

## Bell Times

This year our start and end times will remain unchanged. Like last year, we are now dividing our day into 10 periods. Classes have staggered breaks so that there are fewer students on the yard at any one time. Students will have two 40-minute breaks at some point during periods 3-8. Teachers will communicate the time of your child (ren)'s lunch breaks.

9:00	Entrance
9:00 - 9:20 am	Period 1
9:20 -10:00 am	Period 2
10:00- 10:40 am	Period 3
10:40-11:20 am	Period 4
11:20-12:00 pm	Period 5
12:00 12:40 pm	Period 6
12:40-1:20 pm	Period 7
1:20-2:00 pm	Period 8
2:00-2:40 pm	Period 9
2:40-3:20 pm	Period 10



**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. B. Chrastina**

**Mrs. M. Belvedere**

**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. M. Teather**

**Mrs. G. Rossi**

**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. S. Hall**

**Ms. V. Leveille**

**Gr. 1**

**Mrs. L. Kurland**

**Gr. 1**

**Mrs. T. Fairchild**

**Gr. 2**

**Mrs. K. Downs**

**Gr. 2/3**

**Mr. S. Side**

**Gr. 3**

**Ms. K. Moore**

**Gr. 3**

**Ms. M. Bourdeau\**

**Mr. J. Stewart**

**Gr. 4**

**Mr. B. Mako**

**Gr. 4/5**

**Mr. D. Mueller**

**Gr. 5**

**Ms. S. Gamm**

**Gr. 5/6**

**Mr. J. Medhurst**

**Gr. 6**

**Mrs. M. Furtney**

**Gr. 7/8**

**Mr. J. Campbell**

**Gr. 7/8**

**Ms. J. Coote**

**Gr. 7/8**

**Mrs. R. Hyatt**

**French**

**Ms. G. Clavier**

**French/Prep**

**Mrs. K. Hipwell**

**LRT**

**Mr. J. Penner**

**Prep**

**Mrs. K. Burton**

**Kindergarten/Prep**

**Mrs. A. Riley**

**Secretary**

**Mrs. S. Ducroix**

**Secretary**

**Mrs. K. Nelson**

**Educational Assistants**

**Mrs. B. Helin**

**Mrs. W. LaChance**

**Ms. A. Newman**

**Ms. B. Connors**

**Vice-Principal**

**Mrs. C. Garcia**

**Principal**

**Mr. T. Halliday**



## BUSSING

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. **To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.** While signed-in, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child's bus route.

Changes to home, pick-up or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS

Many of the forms sent home at the beginning of the school year will be available on School Cash Online this year. If you are new to the District School Board of Niagara you can create an account and complete these forms on line.

<https://www.dsbni.org/schoolcash/>

There may be some forms that your children will bring home. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up-to-date medical and personal information each year, as well as, an emergency contact number in case we cannot reach you at home or work.



This contact person should be someone who is usually available and lives in relatively close to the school. Please let us know if this information changes during the school year.

## LEGAL DOCUMENTS

When couples separate or divorce, parents generally share custody of the children. Sometimes, however, other arrangements are made and set out in a court order.

The school cannot enforce these alternate arrangements unless we have a copy of the court order on file in your child's confidential Ontario School Record.

Should you have such a court order that we should be aware of, please speak to the principal and share the most current copy with the school office.



## ABSENCES, LATES, SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT...

Your child's safety and whereabouts are very important to us, because of this, it is essential for us to know when your child is absent from school. Please use the Safe Arrival system to report your child's absence. Information about the system and links to the apps can be found at:

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

**If you used the Safe Arrival App last year. Please log out and sign-in again to ensure that it updates appropriately.**

We know that there are some mornings that despite best efforts being made students occasionally arrive late. In the past parents would walk students into the office to get an admit class slip. To ensure the health and safety of students, staff and parents, students who arrive late will buzz the office and wait for an admin assistant to let the student into the building. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the building with the student(s). Please be aware that entry may take some time depending on the number of students who require entry. We appreciate your patience as we work through this new process.

Students who may need to leave the school during school hours must be signed out by a parent or guardian. Parents are asked to please buzz the office and wait as we collect your child and greet you at the door to complete the sign-out process. Notifying the school in advance of the pick-up will help us prepare for your child's sign-out.

If there is a change in your child's normal dismissal procedure (i.e., "not taking the bus today" etc. ) please message your child's teacher or contact the office in advance. The office can be very busy at dismissal time and we would not want to miss notifying your child of any changes to their routines.

## ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for dental damage due to accidents, fracture benefits and other important coverages, which are NOT covered under the Provincial Health Plan.

Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire. Under the Education Act, the Board is not permitted to provide coverage for accidents to pupils, therefore, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

This year we will not be sending home forms but details of these plans are described online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). If you require further information, you may contact **InsureMyKids at Box 557, 100 King Street, Hamilton, L8N 3K9** or call toll free at **1-800-463-5437**.

If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please enroll online immediately, but preferably before the end of September.





## RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

This year the return to school will look similar to last year. We continue to our direction from the Niagara Regional Public Health Department as well as the Ministry of Education. Please take some time to read through this newsletter so you and your child(ren) will know what to expect when you return to school.

You should have already been contacted by your child's teacher about your child's placement. Please see page 10 for a diagram of the class's outside designated zones.

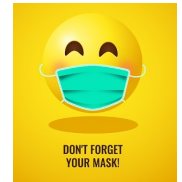
### DRIVING YOUR CHILD

Parents are also welcome to drive their child to school. Please exercise caution in and around the school parking lots. Junior and Intermediate students are welcome to use the far end of the Bus lane as a drop zone. They can use the gate on the lower field to enter the yard and proceed to their designated zones. Please be patient, as we are expecting a busy parking lot! We always encourage students to walk, bike or wheel when it is safe to do so. There will be ongoing construction around the school families are encouraged to continue to monitor the situation.

### SCREENING

All staff and students must self-screen every day before attending school. Here is the updated link to the [Daily Covid-19 Self Screening](#) and can also be found on both the DSBN and school websites.

Anyone experiencing symptoms must not attend school and seek appropriate medical attention



### WHAT TO BRING GRADES 1-8

**MASKS** (labelled with your child's name). The DSBN will be following all mask guidelines as provided by the Ministry of Education and Niagara Region Public Health. Grade 1-8 students will require a non-medical mask each day, we encourage Kindergarten students to also wear a mask. Please send a back up mask or two in a labelled ziploc bag or container, to keep in their backpack. The use of non-medical masks for students in Grades 1 to 12 are required on school vehicles.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We understand that many families like to purchase school supplies. As always, you are welcome to do this. However, the school will provide all necessary learning materials. If you need these items, many of our community partners will be providing supplies. Please let us know.

### BREAKFAST & NUTRITION PROGRAMS

In collaboration with community partners and adhering to public health guidelines, school based nutrition programs will be offered this school year. Special lunch days, such as pizza and sub days, will be possible this year. More information to follow!



## RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

### DO NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL TOO EARLY!

We will need time to set up zones and markings to be ready to greet your children. Due to the need to prevent crowding, and taking up space in the yard, parents will not be permitted on the school yard. There will be designated drop off areas. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students, staff and school community. It is essential we plan for spacing and minimize direct and indirect contacts with staff and other students. Thank you for doing your part to model physical distancing and your help to keep our school community safe.



### 15 MINUTES BEFORE SCHOOL START TIME

- Supervision staff on duty
- Students begin to arrive
- Bus students greeted by staff and taken to class waiting zone
- Parents will say goodbye at the school designated drop off area and staff will direct students to class waiting zones.
- Please note that parents will only be allowed in designated areas on the school grounds.

### MORNING BELL AND FIRST 20 MINUTES

At the bell, homeroom teachers will take attendance.

Daily outdoor instruction will begin, including: expectations, education and reminders about:

- Mask protocol
- Handwashing
- Physical distancing
- Hallway flow and directional arrows
- Washroom use
- Cough and sneeze protocol and reporting illness
- Other school specific expectations

At times, teachers may choose to extend the outdoor learning time.

### ATTENDANCE

Please note that due to starting our days outside, attendance calls will start a bit later.

### ENTRY

Enhanced health and safety protocols will be in place.

From the class waiting zones, there will be a staggered entry.

Students will be reminded to physically distance and put on masks.

Students will go directly to the homeroom classroom where they will wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer provided.



# RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

## TIMETABLES

Each homeroom teacher will provide a 10-day timetable for every student. Please note, our lunches will be staggered this year.

## CLASSROOM SETUP

Classroom sizes vary across the DSBN, but schools have already removed unnecessary furniture and will be setting up desks with as much distancing as possible, and to allow teachers as much instruction space as possible. Desks will be faced forward rather than in circles or groupings and staggered.

## CURRICULUM

As always, teachers will be focused on delivering the Ontario Curriculum. The school day will be divided into seven 40 minute periods with all subjects being taught. The majority of your child's subjects will be taught by their homeroom teacher. Classes with desks will be in staggered rows. We will also be including expanded outdoor learning opportunities this year.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our staff, including Learning Resources Teachers and Educational Assistants will be supporting your child during the 2021/2022 school year. This includes meeting their needs as outlined in the accommodations and modifications in their Individual Educational Plan (IEP).

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

An important part of transitioning back to school is to focus on students' social-emotional learning skills so they can build resilience, manage their stress, and build positive relationships. Our mental health and well-being staff have provided classroom based activities to help school staff support students for a smooth transition.

## WASHROOM BREAKS

Students will have access to washrooms as needed and during nutrition and fitness breaks. All washrooms have age specific signage to coach students on handwashing expectations. Each school will develop guidelines to monitor capacity. The DSBN is committed to ensuring a clean and healthy washroom environment with enhanced cleaning.

## NUTRITION AND FITNESS BREAKS

Students will:

- Have two 40-minute breaks each day supervised by staff. You will receive a class specific schedule for each child from the homeroom teacher.
- Engage in 20 minutes of mask free outdoor time, in their designated classroom community zone. For health reasons, students will not be permitted to bring personal sports equipment to use during fitness breaks.
- Not be allowed to share food.



## RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

You may decide to have your child go home for lunch. Each school will send home information regarding this process. Due to staggered lunches, we can not guarantee that crossing guards will be available during lunch hours so please keep this in mind if you are planning to have your child go home for a lunch break. To start, we will not be having any hot lunch or special lunch days. Please do not send treats in for classmates.

### DISMISSAL

In a staggered manner, all students will be escorted by their teacher to their classroom zone for dismissal to parents and caregivers. Teachers will walk their students back outside to the appropriate and designated areas at the end of the day. They will be dismissed by their teachers to either walk home or meet an adult/guardian. Please be sure that you exit the school grounds immediately upon dismissal as the playground is closed as per Health regulations.

### Parents/Visitors Entering the Building

At this time the Public Health Department has mandated that parents and visitors not enter the school building. Please contact the office to set up a virtual appointment if you need to meet.



### Chromebooks & Library Book Returns

Please return all technology that was borrowed from the school in the spring as soon as possible so we can begin disinfecting and deploying to student classrooms again. All library books should be returned to your child's teacher upon return as well.

### Dressing for the Weather

We will be spending more time outdoors this year with the new Covid19 protocols so we ask that you send rain boots and a rain jacket with your child(ren). It is our hope to remain outside as often as possible. This includes starting the day outside, even if it is raining.





## SCHOOL COUNCIL

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation can make a difference!

Meetings will be virtual to start the year. At our first meeting, we will look for members to take on executive rolls ( Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) as well as individuals looking to take on voting member rolls.

We hope that you will consider joining the School Council this year. Our **first meeting for this year has been scheduled for September 28, 2021 at 6:30pm.** An agenda and details about the format will come out as the date approaches. Feel free to contact the School Council co-chairs or the office with questions.

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## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online enables you to use your debit or credit card to make quick and easy payments. We also use School Cash Online to obtain permission for school events. To access the system, click on the "School Cash Online" button on our school website. We encourage all of our new families to register and create accounts. Forms can also be requested through the office.

<https://www.dsb.org/schoolcash/>

PLEASE NOTE: Many of the forms in the usual Welcome Back to School package can be completed through School Cash Online this year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

### Thanksgiving Day

October 11, 2021

### Winter Break

Friday, December 24, 2021 to

January 9, 2022

(Last day of Classes is Dec. 23)

### March Break

March 14th to 18th, 2022



The complete 2021-2022 Elementary School Calendar is available online: <https://www.dsb.org/calendars>

