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GLYNN A GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monthly Updates

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Welcome Back!!

Just a reminder that supervision begins each morning at 8:55. This is a change from last year. The yard is not supervised by staff until this time. Entry Bell is at 9:10 and dismissal is at 3:30.

As part of our safe school policy we ask families to release and pick up their child(ren) at the gates.

A reminder that families can use the far end of the bus lane as a kiss and ride for drop-off and pickup. Space in the parking lot is limited and we are asking families to park in a parking space and not in the fire lane or other non-parking

We ask that families that walk, to and from school, avoid bring their pets on property. This can cause anxiety for some members of our community.



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

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

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.**

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

For more information, please contact the school.

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.dsbns.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.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS

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.dsbns.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 or due to appointments, students occasionally arrive late. Students who arrive late will be buzzed into the office and then report to the office for an admit slip.

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/report to the office to wait as we collect your child and 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.

STUDENT 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. If you require further information, you may contact **InsureMyKids at Box 557, Hamilton, L8N 3K9** or call toll free at **1-800-463-5437**.



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Ministry has approved the School year Calendar for 2023-2024. The Elementary and Secondary calendars can be found at:

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

The holidays and PD days are all noted to assist families in their planning.



BUSSING

Please visit 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. **If your child is on a bus list and will not be taking the bus, please call NSTS to OPT out.**

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.

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!

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.

Our September School Council Meeting will take place on **September 26, 2023 at 6 PM in the library.**

An agenda and details about the format will come out as the date approaches.

CLASS ORGANIZATION 2023-2024



The following is the current organization for the 2023/2024 school year.

Bell Times

This year our start and end times have a slight change.

Our day will start at 9:10 am and end at 3:30pm.

We will have a 6 period day with two forty minute breaks. Classes will have breaks at the same time.

The yard is supervised starting at 8:55 am. Please do not arrive before this time.

9:10 am	Entrance
9:10 - 10:00 am	Period 1
10:00 - 10:50 am	Period 2
10:50 -11:30 am	Break 1
11:30 - 12:20 pm	Period 3
12:20 -1:10 pm	Period 4
1:10 - 1:50 pm	Break 2
1:50 - 2:40 pm	Period 5
2:40 – 3:30 pm	Period 6
3:30 pm	Dismissal

Kindergarten	Mrs. B. Chrastina
	Mrs. M. Belvedere
Kindergarten	Mrs. M. Teather
	Mrs. G. Rossi
Kindergarten	Mrs. S. Erickson
	Mrs. J. Ethier
Gr. 1	Mrs. L. Kurland
Gr. 1	Ms. K. Fulford
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. T. Fairchild
Gr. 2	Mr. N. Piva
Gr. 2/3	Ms. M. Alles
Gr. 3	Mrs. A. Filion
Gr. 3	Mr. J. Hiller
Gr. 4	Ms. J. Coote
Gr. 4/5	Ms. A VanderWerf
Gr. 5	Ms. S. Gamm
Gr. 5/6	Ms. R. Gill
Gr. 6	Mrs. N. Pessoa
Gr. 6/7	Mr. M. Last
Gr. 7/8	Mr. J Campbell
Gr. 7/8	Mrs. R. Hyatt
Gr. 7/8	Mrs. M. Furtney
French /Prep	Mr. B. Jones
French/Prep	Mr. J Price
LRT	Mrs. S. Yetman-Turner
Prep	Mr. B. Mako
	Ms. R Carson
Kindergarten/Prep	Mrs. A. Riley
Secretary	Mrs. K. Nelson
Secretary	Mrs. D. Lamb
EA	Mrs. B. Pendlebury
	Mrs. L. McBurney
	Ms. S. Stirling
	Ms. E. Callier-Waye
Custodian	Mr. R. Bujacz
Vice-Principal	Mr. I. Thompson
Principal	Mrs. C. Garcia

RECOGNIZING AND RESPECTING DIVERSITY

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.



As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as Glynn A Green recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#)

to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#).

For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Affordable, Convenient Music Lessons!

The NEIM staff is committed to bringing your child instrumental music lessons throughout the 2023/2024 school year!

Our music program runs from the **3rd week of September** until the **last week of May**. Each student will receive approximately 60 lessons (two per week): one group lesson during school hours and one after-school band/orchestra rehearsal.

- **In-school lessons:** held in the student's home school and can be scheduled anytime during the school day.
- **After-school rehearsals:** held at a centrally located school. Regular attendance is equally as important as attendance at the in-school lesson.

After-school band/orchestra rehearsals are an integral part of our program, drawing students together from a number of different home schools to learn, practice, and perform together. This experience is like no other music program!

More information can be found on their website.

<https://www.neimusic.com/>

All beginning and returning students must complete and return the following registration form.

[Registration Form Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

Open House—Sept 20, 2023

PD Day—October 6, 2023

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 9, 2023

PD Day— November 24, 2023

Winter Break

December 23, 2023

-January 7, 2024

March Break

March 9– 17, 2023



Eyes Ready for the School Year!

Proper vision is important for a student's learning and social development. A full eye exam by an eye doctor (optometrist) is the best way to ensure a healthy eyes and good vision.

The Eye See...Eye Learn® program is for students in junior and senior kindergarten to have a full eye exam (covered by OHIP) with a participating optometrist. If a child needs glasses, they will receive a free pair donated by Plastic Plus, Modern Optical Canada and the participating optometrist. For children aged 19 and under, OHIP covers the cost of a complete annual eye exam and any follow-up assessments that may be required.

Safely Packing Lunches

1. Clean

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water before preparing any meal
- Make sure you sanitize countertops, utensils and any lunch boxes or lunch bags
- For surfaces and lunch boxes/bags: mix 2.5 ml (1/2 tsp) of bleach with 1 L (4 cups) of water.
- Apply to surface and let stand briefly.
- Rinse with clean water and air dry or use a clean towel.
- Wash raw fruits and vegetables before eating

2. Keep Cold Food Cold

- Meat, chicken, seafood, eggs, and dairy products must stay cold to stay safe. Use frozen packs to keep food at or below 4°C (40 F).
- Use an insulated lunch bag and place freezer packs between foods that need to stay cold. Refrigerate the night before to get your lunch bag off to a cool start.

3. Keep Hot Food Hot

- Hot food must stay hot at above 60°C (140°F). Use insulated containers and keep them closed until ready to eat or take your food cold and reheat it



For more information visit https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/food-safety/default.aspx



Grade 7 Immunization Campaign

Niagara Region Public Health's school-based vaccination clinics will begin in September for the following publicly funded [routine school vaccinations](#):

Meningococcal

- Single dose
- [Required for school attendance](#) under the Immunization of School Pupils Act

Hepatitis B (HB)

- 2 or 3 dose series – depending on age and health history

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

- 2 or 3 dose series – depending on age and health history

Parents/legal guardians of grade 7 students will receive an information package and instructions on how to submit their completed consent form. Parents/legal guardians must complete the consent form whether their child is receiving **all**, **some**, or **none** of the vaccines. More information will be provided through your child's school.

Active School Travel

Back to school means restarting morning drop off and afternoon pick up routines. This year take the stress out of driving and consider active school travel instead! Active school travel is any mode of transportation that is powered by humans – walking, biking, and scootering for example. There are several benefits of active school travel for your children:

- More people walking means fewer cars and cleaner air around the school
- Kids who walk, bike, or roll to school arrive alert and ready to learn
- Active transportation to school counts towards daily physical activity needs for your children
 - And much more!

To help build confidence and participate in active transportation safely, consider reviewing the resources below:

- [Blue the Butterfly](#) – a pedestrian safety video for families
- [Cycle Safety Virtual Bike Rodeo](#) – education and training for safe cycling featuring skills like putting on a helmet, using hand signals, and doing shoulder checks