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### Important Dates

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kindergarten Registration  
Open House

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Student of the Month  
Assemblies beginning at  
8:45 a.m. - Primary  
9:10 a.m. - Junior  
9:45 a.m. - Intermediate

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 8 Grad Photos

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>  
TERM ONE REPORTS HOME  
Rainbow Colour Day

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Pita Day/Sundaes for Kids

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>  
PA DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>  
FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Pink Shirt/Anti-bullying Day

Our next SAC meeting will  
be:  
February 28th @ 6 p.m.  
Everyone welcome!



# Senator Gibson Gazette

## February 2017



## From the Office

### *A message from the Principal/Vice Principal...*

Dear Senator Gibson Families,

It's so hard to believe February is here already...one month closer to spring☺ We are very excited about all the great things happening at Senator Gibson! We have moved our announcements/O' Canada to first thing in the morning. Staff and students are enjoying our new "What I Am" song that can be heard throughout the school each morning. We are hopeful that this will help students to transition to their classrooms promptly each morning. Students are reminded that they need to be in their classrooms before the song ends. We are holding 3 separate assemblies to honour our "I Matter" Students of the Month. It's wonderful to be able to meet with each division to celebrate all the great things that are happening. Thank you to our parent volunteers for organizing and supervising our Primary Dance. A fun time was had by all! Our Grade 6 students enjoyed a day at Walker Living Campus and a fabulous day in class learning with Director's Cut. This month we are looking forward to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, Valentine's Day and Family Day.

A reminder that Term 1 Report Cards will be coming home on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please take some time to review teacher comments/next steps with your child and complete page 3 & 4 with your child. Goal setting is an important skill for all students to practice. All parents are invited to communicate with teachers should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress and achievement. Communication between home and school is valued and encouraged☺

Finally, thank you for your patience and perseverance with our recent changes to our Kiss n Ride procedures. We realize that it can become quite congested during the morning drop off. Yard supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. You may wish to consider dropping your child(ren) off earlier than 8:35 a.m. to avoid delays. We will continue to monitor and be visible outside during these times. As always, we welcome your feedback and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Hancox and Mrs. K. Phillips

## Talent Show Auditions This Month!

We are excited to see such a great turn out for auditions for this year's Junior-Intermediate Talent Show. Over 50 acts will be auditioning throughout the month of February, hoping to fill one of 15 spots in the show. For those of you who do not make it past the auditions - not to worry! You will have an opportunity to be on stage when the school celebrates Canada's 150th birthday with our "Canada Sings" concert.

Good luck to everyone!



A reminder that **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** is a Professional Activity Day and there will be no school for students. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning all day.

Family Day is **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Have a wonderful time celebrating this day together with your family 😊

## Kids Are Sweet Enough Without Added Sugar

The Niagara Healthy Kids Community Challenge ([www.healthykidsniagara.ca](http://www.healthykidsniagara.ca)) has teamed up with communities across Ontario to launch the Water Does Wonders Pledge Campaign. Why Pledge? To be part of the solution! Kids are drinking way too many sugary drinks, which has a negative impact on their health, their teeth, and their minds. We can all help by making water easier to access and by not serving sugary drinks to children. By taking the pledge, you are affirming your commitment to improved health for our kids.

Sign the pledge at [www.waterdoeswonders.ca](http://www.waterdoeswonders.ca)!

If you choose to be recognized, your family will be featured on our Hall of Pledges. Your pledge will also help Niagara earn Top Community status on the Hall of Pledges.



# Gibson Gator Sports

## Senior Boys and Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' basketball team on a great regular season thus far. Boys are 4-0 with one game remaining and will start playoffs as a 1 or 2 seed which begin next week. The Senior Girls basketball team has been working equally as hard, and has shown skill development and great teamwork in their first few games. All team members have been working extremely hard, and have dedicated themselves to improving every day. We are so PROUD of all of them.! Go Gators!!

### TEAM MEMBERS:

**Boys** - Mathijs D., Hayden B., Mike C., Declan M., Ethan P., Dalton H., Ashhad S., Tyler O., Justin D.M., Nathan B., Michael W., Zach V., Anthony B.

**Girls** - Marin G., Hailey L., Jessica E., Jillian L., Hailey V., Chloe S., Karla V., Bianca F.

Thank you to Mr. Bolibruk, Mrs. Grosvenor & Mrs. Christie for sharing their time to provide this wonderful opportunity for our students.

## Congratulations to our January 'I MATTER' Award Recipients!

### Grade 1

Liam S.  
Nora B.  
Taylor H.  
Grayson B.  
Vince B.  
Payton M.

### Grade 4

Scarlett A.  
Katie D.  
Hailey C.  
Alexis V.  
William Y.  
Rachelle L.  
Alex M.  
Olivia S.

**Grade 7** – Marin G., Chloe S., Allison S., Braeden B.

**Grade 8** – Jai B., Bianca F., Justin D.

### Grade 2

Colten S.  
Connor J.  
Roz E.  
Owen W.  
Elijah K.

### Grade 5

Kenny L.  
Graham B.  
Caden M.  
Kyrsten R.  
Abby B.  
Elizabeth S.  
Emma P.

### Grade 3

Minah O.  
Emily B.  
Owen J.  
Jazmin C.  
Hailey B.

### Grade 6

Lindsey A.  
Nolan T.  
Carter M.  
Isaac K.  
Isabelle M.  
Connor S.



**I Matter  
At DSNB**

## West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review

On Tuesday September 27th 2016, DSBN Board Trustees voted to initiate the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review. This decision was made to enhance the learning opportunities and meet the needs for all secondary students in West Niagara. We encourage all parents to visit the link below or visit our school website and click on the ARC button for the detailed report, important dates and where you may electronically submit your input.

Please feel free to contact your school Principal and/or view the link below as we move through this process together.

<http://www.dsbnschools.org/arc/>

Final Staff Report Posted Publicly	Friday, February 10, 2017
Board Meeting: Final Staff Report Presented	Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Board Meeting: Public Delegations	Tuesday, February 28, 2017

## ME to WE at Senator Gibson



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we invite and encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities and online. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school. We would like to thank you for supporting our Pink Shirt Fundraiser. We raised a total of \$81.00 and our Me to We club will be adding to this to make our total donation to Kids Help Line \$250.00.

**PINK SHIRT DAY**

bullying stops here

Next Spirit Day – February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Rainbow Colour Day! Students are invited to wear the many different colours of the rainbow.

**\*\*Reminder that Sundaes for Kids will only be sold on Pita Days. Thank you for your support!**

*The community of Senator Gibson Public School is committed to creating an inclusive environment where students are educated, inspired and challenged to be critical thinkers who contribute in our changing society.*

# French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in 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 program;
- *Promoting understanding of different cultures;*
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

**Registration will stay open until February 21st, 2017 at noon.**

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

**Grade 1 French Immersion classroom visits/tours can be arranged if desired. To arrange, please call Central French Immersion Public School at 905-945-5459.**

## 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 call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.**
- 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.
- 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	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton	