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Important Dates

Feb. 12 PA Day - No School
for students

Feb. 15 FAMILY DAY - All
Schools are closed

Feb. 23 SAC Meeting
Virtual at 6pm

Feb. 24 Pink Shirt Day



Senator Gibson News

February 2021



Hi! I'm Barkley. Your child's Kindergarten sidekick.

**I'm here to tell you that it's time to register
for Kindergarten!**

Normally I'd invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms so you and your child could look around with me, but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another time. What I can do is help you find all the information you need to register your child for Kindergarten at the DSBN! I put it on www.dsbnschools.org/kindergarten for you. It has important information like:

- How to register your child online
- A video about a typical day in Kindergarten
- A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour
- An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears



Register today at dsbnschools.org/kindergarten. I can't wait to meet you and your child at school!

School Advisory Council

A BIG thanks to our School Advisory Council for cost sharing the purchase of chromebooks for our students. Thank you to all who attend our meetings! All parents are welcome to join us at our next meeting (Virtual) Feb. 23 @ 6 p.m. to have a voice, as we work to set goals for this school year. Our 2019-20 Executive Members:

2020/21 Elections - Nominations

Chair: Stacey Tallman (*acclaimed)

Vice Chair: Marietta Hopkins (**acclaimed)

Secretary: Janelle Wood (**acclaimed)

Treasurer: Marietta Hopkins (**acclaimed)

Executive Members: Liz Timleck, Cheryl Behrozzi, Heidi Talukdar, Erin Accadia, Rob Accadia, Tracey Godin



Registration for the French Immersion for the 20/21 school year is still open until February 18. Please go to www.dsbn.org/fi to register for your SK student to attend Central French Immersion in the fall.

If you would like to speak with someone about French Immersion, please call the office at Central Public School at 905-945-5459. Leave a voicemail and your call will be returned.

West Niagara Secondary School – Coming September 2022

It's official! The DSNB was given the green light from the provincial government at the end of December 2020 to make West Niagara Secondary School a reality. The brand new, state-of-the-art school will open its doors in September 2022 to over 1,500 students. The school is confirmed to have a beautiful greenhouse, a synthetic turf field with an 8-lane running track, two double gyms, modern classroom learning spaces, and much more for students to benefit from.

The land has been remediated, the excavation and filling required to build WNSS is complete, and we are ready to begin construction this spring! We can't wait to welcome students and families to WNSS.



Meet the WNSS Mascot



Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CzHRWnCYX8>

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

Register Now

Grades 5-7 Registration is Now Open

Click Here. Limited Spots Available!

Please go to the DSBN Academy website
<http://academy.dsbm.org> and register now.

Term 1 Report Card Update

Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning

On February 11, 2021, your child will receive either the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) or the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning.

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 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.



**I Matter
At DSBN**

A reminder that **Friday, February 13** 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 15**. Have a wonderful time celebrating this day together with your family 😊.

Virtual Open House

Is DSBN Academy a good fit for my child?

- Learn about the program
- Tour the school - virtually!
- Ask questions & more!

**Monday,
February 8, 2021
6:00 PM**

Remind Me

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.dsbn.org/inclementweather/>

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

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara

Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

Chicken Pox	For mild illness (low fever, less than 30 spots) – no exclusion as long as your child is well enough to participate normally in all activities; for moderate to severe illness (fever over 38.5 °C and/or many new spots) – exclude until rash has crusted over or five days from the start of the rash.
Diarrhea	Until 24 hours after diarrhea stops. This may vary depending on the cause of illness, number of cases and source of the infection.
Fifth Disease	Your child may continue to attend school if feeling well enough to take part in activities.
Hand/Foot/Mouth Disease	Until your child is feeling well enough to participate normally in all activities. Those with fever, mouth sores or oozing lesions should not attend school.
Impetigo	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Influenza (flu)	Until seven days after the start of symptoms.
Pink-eye (bacterial)	A child should stay home until he/she is seen by a doctor. If it is bacterial, child can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. If viral, child can return with doctor's approval.
Pinworm	Until the medication prescribed by a doctor has been taken.
Strep Throat	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Until antibiotic treatment has been taken for at least five days. If no treatment is given, wait three weeks from when cough began.



FEBRUARY 2021

TRACK THE PACK

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON WNSS NEWS & INFORMATION.
OPENING SEPTEMBER 2022!

Basic School Information

- Opening September 2022.
- Expected enrolment approximately 1500
- Sports teams will be the Wolfpack - 3 wolves representing 3 towns playing, working and competing together
- Click to watch the Welcome to the [Wolfpack Video](#)

Programs Offered

We will be gathering student voice to determine additional courses and programs to be offered!

- French Immersion - ten or more different course offerings taught at school, by our teachers
- Specialized School to Community (SSTC)
- Specialized School to Work (SSTW)
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs in Construction, Manufacturing/Welding, Sport, The Arts, Hospitality, Food Processing, Horticulture, Health Care

Building Layout and Features

- State of the art classrooms
- Synthetic turf field and 8 lane rubberized track
- Two modern double gyms
- Fitness centre • Greenhouse
- Specialized tech shops: transportation (auto), manufacturing/welding, construction (wood), cosmetology (hair and esthetics), hospitality (student run cafeteria and bakeshop), computer tech, design tech, health care

Sports Offered

Teams are routinely started when we have the students that want them!

- Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Field, Badminton, Field Hockey, Rugby, and Ultimate. Rowing, Swimming, Baseball, Three-Pitch, Tennis, Golf, Curling, Cross-Country and Ice Hockey will continue off site.

Extracurriculars Offered

- Student Council, Music Council, Athletic Council, Camp Leaders, Tech Skills, Robotics Club, School Reach, White Pine Reading Club, Concert and Jazz Bands, Vocal Ensemble, Drum Line, Percussion Ensemble, Social Justice League, Positive Spaces Project, DECA, Floral Club, Environmental Club, Intramural Sports, University Math Prep, Math Club, National Theatre School Productions, improv, Cabaret, One Acts, Grade 9 Play, Prefects, Art/Anime Club, Yearbook, Grimsby Parade Group, Prefects, Student Mediators, Dance Team, DELPH Prep, French Club, Talent Shows, Open Mic, AV support team, Musical, International Food Fair, Tutors, Holiday Cards for Seniors, Morning Announcers, Cardboard Boat Competition and more!

FAQ's

- Remediation of the land is complete - the site is safe for students and staff
- Transportation information (NSTS data based on simulation) - Average bus ride time overall is 13 minutes and, overall, 92% of rides are 30 minutes or less. Average ride times by municipality: Grimsby 9 minutes, Lincoln 11 minutes, West Lincoln 25 minutes.
- Eating lunch: the WNSS cafeteria will be a student run cafeteria linked with the Hospitality program and a cafe for snacks and socializing

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT

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Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6

Visit your public library regularly.

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

7

Encourage your child to write -

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think the character made that choice?
- Why did that happen?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

9

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same