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### Important Dates

**Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29**  
School Spirit Wear days

**Jan. 26** SAC Virtual  
meeting @6pm  
Everyone welcome!

# Senator Gibson News

## January 2021



### **Happy New Year to our Senator Gibson families!**

We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing winter break! We have many exciting learning activities to look forward to in 2021. Please remind your child(ren) to listen to the morning announcements and check our “live” school calendar online for events and school spirit days. Thank you to our amazing staff at Gibson for their hard work and dedication in ensuring all students feel important, welcome and successful.

A reminder that the colder weather is here and all students are expected to be outside for 20 minutes, twice daily during our fitness breaks, during physical education, and for Kinder Outdoor learning. Please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Hats, coats, boots and mitts are essential 😊

Term One Reports will be coming home on February 6 . We appreciate your continued support and communication through email, phone calls and meetings. We are truly thankful for the wonderful Senator Gibson community that we work in!

**Our best wishes for a happy 2021 😊,**  
Ms. P. Spero, and Mrs. A. Woodland

## School Advisory Council Corner

A BIG thank you to our SAC for cost sharing the purchase of 20 chromebooks with the school. We now have 2 carts of chromebooks for each division. This means that every class has the option of accessing these devices for a 40 minute period each day.

Our next SAC Virtual meeting will be January 26 @ 6PM  
If you are interested in attending please let the office know and we will invite you to the Teams meeting.



### Tips to remember for using Dreambox at home: Gr. 1-6

- If your child is stopping to talk to someone or perhaps going away from the computer to visit the washroom, be sure that he/she pauses the game he/she is playing. If the game is not paused, the program determines that your child required that much think time to solve the problem and will adjust the programming to a lower level as a result.
- Time on Dreambox does not count unless a game is completed. Be sure that your child doesn't bounce from game to game but completely finishes one before moving onto another.

Login : 42cv/senatorgp

**Remember... It's okay for students to struggle a little bit with lessons 😊**

*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.*



If you have a child or know any children living within the Senator Gibson area, who will be 4 years old on or before December 31, 2021, please mark this date on your calendar! Your child is eligible to attend Kindergarten.

You will be required to register your child online.

Kindergarten Open House is being moved to the Spring. The rationale is we are hopeful that in the Spring, we will be able to have a modified Kindergarten Open House where families can safely visit the school in-person.

Kindergarten registration will still occur in January and the DSBN Communications team will begin a marketing campaign on social media outlets in early January. The online registration will open on January 28th.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak with our secretaries: 905-563-7431

*gearing up for*  
**Kindergarten**

## A Message From Our School House Nurse...



Here are some ideas to promote active travel in January:

- **Twitter message for Jan 28** -- Today is #BellLet'sTalkDay and we want you to Walk the TALK! Walking your child to school is a great way to connect and TALK about all things that are important to them. Experience greater connections with #ActiveSchoolTravel @NiagaraParents @OntarioAST @niagarasts
- **Walk to school theme** – Polar Walk or Penguin's Winter Waddle – a great way to show the relationship between walking and the environment. Feature an animal that is endangered from climate change.
- **Activity ideas**
  - Students can walk to school with polar bears or other arctic animals they can make or bring from home.
  - Ask if your librarian or students could create a "Polar January" display table featuring books, pictures and facts on polar bears and climate change.
  - Here are some [sample announcements](#) and [activity ideas](#) created by York Region Public Health.
  - There is even a cute YouTube video featuring a [song about polar bears](#) with some climate change messages you could show at an assembly

Please follow @NRPublicHealth and @niagarasts and share, comment, re-tweet and repost #ActiveSchoolTravel.

## **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	