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December 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we look ahead to the month of December, the holiday season, and the end to the year 2020, I find myself reflecting on the year. The year has brought much change to our lives, but it has also shown us how when we work together, support each other, and focus on the positives, that anything is possible! Thank you to our amazing community (parents, students, and staff) for supporting each other during the last number of months, in particular, making our return to school such a success. On behalf of the staff at Cherrywood, we wish everyone a joyous, happy and healthy holiday season!

SCHOOL /PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

I would like to invite all our families to attend (virtually) our next School/Parent Council meeting. We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 2 starting at 5:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.

If currently not a member of our Council and would like to attend the meeting, please email Ms. Cocco. She will be happy to send you an electronic invitation to join the December 2nd meeting.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students will continue to have many gym classes outside during this time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time. Student lockers have been opened for storage of outdoor clothing. Backpacks, lunches, and other personal items will continue to be stored on the back of your child's chair.

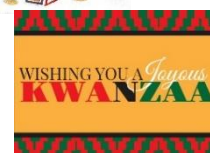


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- School / Parent Council Meeting ... Dec. 2
- Paul Davis Social Media/Online Safety Presentations Dec. 3
- Favourite Team Jersey DayDec. 4
- Happy Hanukkah Dec.10-18
- Blue and White DayDec. 11
- Red and Green Day Dec. 15
- Holiday Sweater/Shirt Day Dec. 16
- Pajama Day Dec. 18
- Last Day before winter break Dec. 18
- Merry Christmas Dec. 25
- Joyous Kwanza Dec. 26- Jan. 1
- School Resumes..... Jan. 4

WINTER BREAK

Winter Break is from Dec. 21 to Jan.1.
 We will look forward to seeing our families on January 4, 2021 after a restful and healthy break!



CHERRYWOOD ACRES & VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL TWINNING

Cherrywood Acres and Victoria Public School have recently been twinned. The twinning of schools allows for maximizing administration in schools that are in geographical close proximity. Ms. Cocco is now principal of both Cherrywood and Victoria Public Schools. Ms. Cocco's prime location will be Cherrywood and a vice-principal is assigned at Victoria School.

DREAMBOX LEARNING

DreamBox Learning Math is an online program with educational games that are individualized for your child, adapting the curriculum just for them. It's a fun, effective math learning environment. Unlike other math games that often sacrifice learning for entertainment, DreamBox delivers a rich, tailored learning experience. All of our students in Grades 1-6 have access to a DreamBox account. Please contact your child's teacher for further information.

PARENT'S ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

Everyone has a role to play in keeping families safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children on a daily basis before sending them to school. We ask parents to use this link: [Ontario Ministry of Education Covid-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool \(https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/\)](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) to screen their child(ren) daily. The screening tool will provide direction and information to determine if students should attend school, remain home, or seek medical advice. Additionally, parents must have a person available to pick up their child right away, should they become sick during school. We thank our parents for being diligent with following the screening guidelines and being available to pick up your child when needed!

PAUL DAVIS: SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS (PARENTS)

A VIRTUAL EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

EMPOWERING PARENTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

DECEMBER 3, 2020

6:30 p.m.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

SNAPCHAT / TIKTOK / INSTAGRAM / FACEBOOK

SMARTPHONES & DIGITAL TRAILS

CYBERBULLYING – TEXTING – IMAGE SHARING

ONLINE GAMING & ONLINE SECURITY

A link to register for this valuable presentation was sent in an email via School Messenger.

PAUL DAVIS: SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS (GRADES 4-8)

Paul Davis is a Social Media and Online Safety Educator who has presented to students and parents across Canada and the U.S. On Thursday, December 3rd, Paul will speak virtually to our students in grades 4-8 to provide them with knowledge and tools to help them safely engage in social media and online platforms.

Visit Paul website to read his bio and watch him on Global News.

<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>

FlipGive

CHRISTMAS MIGHT BE OVER, BUT THE FUNDRAISING IS JUST GETTING STARTED.

Support **CHERRYWOOD ACRES** by purchasing everyday items such as coffee, gas and groceries. A percentage of each dollar spent through Flip Give will go directly to our school.

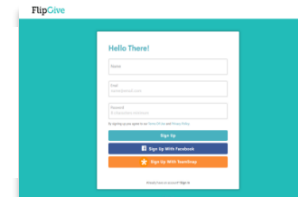
STEP 1:



Go to
flipgive.com
or download

STEP 2:

Create your **FREE**
personal **FlipGive**
account



STEP 3:



Search **Cherrywood Acres Public School**

Join the team using invite code: **TGX5V9**

STEP 4:



Purchase **gift cards** or **shop online** through the website or mobile app.

EFN TEACHER TRIBUTE

Are you looking to show your appreciation to your child's teacher or school staff member but not sure how to do that during this time? Please consider making a donation in honour of someone through the [EFN Teacher Tribute Campaign](#). All proceeds provide basic necessities for DSBN students.

GYM USE

We are very fortunate that we can begin using our gym for Physical Education when the weather doesn't permit the classes to be held outside. The preference for Physical Education classes will still be to go outdoors whenever possible, as it provides mask relief, fresh air, and far more movement/game possibilities than the gym at this point. Students (Gr. 4-8) and staff will still be required to wear masks in the gym.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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 and Subscription Features

www.dsbn.org DSBN Facebook or Twitter www.nsts.ca 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	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie	WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	Y-108(107.9) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland	

SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL SNEAK PEEK

DECEMBER 7-10, 2020!

DSBN Virtual

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DSBN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

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Stamford Secondary School

Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Start time - 6:00PM

- Welcome from the Principal
- Introduction to our school
- 360° School Tour
- Live Q&A with staff

ON DECEMBER 8 at 6:00 PM:
Click the the Microsoft Teams icon to begin the Livestream!

AN Myer Secondary School

Thursday, December 10, 2020
Start time - 6:30PM

- Words of Welcome – Introduction to the School
- Virtual 360 Tour/Scavenger Hunt
- Live Q&A with Staff and Students
- Virtual Extracurricular Fair

ON DECEMBER 10 at 6:30 PM:
Click the the Microsoft Teams icon to begin the Livestream!

GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION SESSION

DSBN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

At the DSBN, French Immersion starts in Grade 1

Save the Date | **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th 2020**

6:30-7:00PM

Please join us for our Virtual Information Night for families considering French Immersion!

Go to dsbn.org/fi to register!

STUDENT MEDICATION AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

Any prescription medication that is to be administered to students at school must have an authorization form completed by a physician. Forms are available at the office. Medications of any kind must NOT be left in students' backpacks.

If your child requires any medication, please send the medication to the office. We cannot administer medication without an authorized form completed by a physician. Any medical conditions or concerns MUST be brought to the attention of the principal or office.

A form entitled "Plan of Care" needs to be completed for children with highly allergic anaphylactic reactions, asthma, epilepsy, and diabetes. Please contact the office to complete the form.

CONNECT WITH US!

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - <http://cherrywood.dsbm.org>

Please take some time to visit the Cherrywood Acres Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar and bell times.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Using the School Messenger program, important updates and information will be shared through a phone call and/or email as they become available. If you are not receiving these phone calls and emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information and that you are subscribed to receive emails. In order for School Messenger to be its most effective, it is imperative that we have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.

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Mr. H would like to give students another opportunity to shine by designing artisan cards that can be shared with family, friends, and the wider Niagara community.

WHAT'S AN ARTISAN CARD?

DSBN Artisan Cards commemorate what's special about the different months of the year. Each student entering the contest is asked to pick one month and create a piece of artwork about what makes that month stand out. For example, September marks the start of the new school year, in December, many of our thoughts turn to the holidays. Let your imaginations run wild and create artwork that will inspire and delight.

HOW DO I ENTER?

SIMPLE!

- Begin by creating your artwork. It can be any medium you prefer, including digital, mixed media, or traditional drawings or paintings
- Bring it to your school along with a signed permission form

OR

- Take a clear photo of your artwork and permission form and email them to communications@dsbn.org

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the volume of submissions, only winning entries will be returned.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

Mr. H is a big believer in celebrating successes big and small. Students whose artwork is chosen to become Artisan Cards will be invited to be recognized at a virtual Board meeting on January 26, 2021. There, Mr. H and the Board of Trustees will congratulate students. A certificate and a package of printed cards featuring the winning artwork will be sent to each winner.

Take a look at some previous winning art!



PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE FORM

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HOW TO ENTER:

- Create artwork
- Send your artwork to your child's school or email with permission form to: communications@dsbn.org

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

- All artwork must include a signed consent form (below)
- Submissions must be original DSBN student work
- Can be any medium: mixed media and digital artwork will be accepted
- Please note: Due to the volume of submissions, only winning entries will be returned

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Students will receive a set of their own cards that include their name, grade and school
- Students will be invited to be recognized at the virtual Board Meeting on January 26, 2021

Student Name (please print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Artwork: (Optional) _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Consent: I hereby grant the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) permission to use my child's artwork and to take photographs of my child and use their name for use in any and all media publication in connection with the above identified contest for such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, fundraising and web content. I also authorize DSBN to distribute my child's artwork to third parties for the purpose of accomplishing the goals described above.

I have read and understand the above and agree to the conditions outlined above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

