



Cheetah Chatter



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JANUARY 2012

From The Desk Of Mrs. Baggs

We wish your family a safe and restful holiday. School will begin again on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 8:55am.

Thank you to all our families who donated to Project SHARE. We brought in about \$1200 worth of food for Niagara Falls families. We were the 3rd place school for donations in Niagara Falls. Way to go Cheetahs.

In January we will be focusing on reporting as we finish our Term 1 report cards using the new Provincial Report Cards. Report Cards will come home February 9th for parents. Although we do not have an interview day, teachers will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's report card as needed.



Dates To Remember

Pizza Day

Friday, January 13

Friday, January 27

Commissio's Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, January 18

PA DAY
Friday, January 20

Cherrywood Bingo

Location: Delta Bingo
4735 Drummond Road
Niagara Falls, ON

Time: 11am - 3:30pm

Dates

- Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012
- Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012
- Sunday, April 1, 2012
- Sunday, May 13, 2012
- Sunday, June 17, 2012
- Sunday, August 5, 2012
- Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012
- Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012

Volunteers are always needed to run bingo. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out.



Secondary School Planning

In January, our grade 8 students will meet with the principals from Stamford and AN Myer. Our school area has students going to secondary school at either Stamford or Myer as their home school. Students in Niagara Falls are expected to go to their home secondary school. The open houses for Stamford, Myer and Westlane will be Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm. Registration information about secondary school will come home in January.

High School Open Houses 2012

A.N. Myer SS

Tuesday, January 17

6:30pm-8:30pm

Stamford Collegiate SS

Tuesday, January 17

6:30pm-8:30pm

Westlane SS

Tuesday, January 17

6:30pm-8:30pm

Kindergarten Countdown

We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' Open Houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown Open House. Visit www.dsbn.org and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!



Swim To Survive

The Grade 3 students at Cherrywood would like to send a big thank you out to EFN, The YMCA and The Lifesaving Society for providing our Grade 3's with the "Swim To Survive" Program



PD Day Reminder

**Just a reminder that Friday,
January 20, 2011 is a PA DAY.
NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS!**

Where can I go to find out about school closures?

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, social media, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

Websites/Social Media:

www.dsbn.org

http://twitter.com/D_S_B_N

<http://www.facebook.com/DSBNiagara>

Television:

Cogeco Cable 10
CHCH Television
City TV

Radio:

CKTB 610 am
CHML 900 am
EZ Rock 105.7 fm
Htz 97.7 fm
KLite 102.9 fm
ED FM 105.1 fm
Wave 94.7 fm
Y-108 – 107.9 fm
Z 101.1 fm

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children go to school that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school when transportation has been cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform them of your child's absence.

Winter Outdoor Time

The winter weather is here. Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing and to leave it on when outside. Running shoes are not safe outside on our often icy pavement.

Snowballing is not allowed on school property. Students who choose to ignore this rule will be given written notification to be signed by a parent for the first offence and if ignored a second time, they will be suspended. The safety and well being of all of our students is the number one priority at Cherrywood.

Please remember—if your child is too sick for 20 minutes of outdoor play, they are too sick for school!

An Evening of Family Empowerment

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Do you want more information about supports and services that are available to you and your family in the Niagara Region?

Pathstone Mental Health's Parent Advisory Committee and Parents for Children's Mental Health Niagara are jointly hosting an evening of family empowerment to be able to provide you with this valuable information.

Our mission is to have as many agencies and services from the region in one location at one time so that this information is conveniently available to you.

**Where: Pathstone Mental Health
1604 Merrittville Highway
Welland**

**When: February 29th, 2012 6 to 8 p.m.
(snow date March 7th, 2012)**

We'll provide drinks and light snacks and child care.

We look forward to seeing you!



Christmas Extravaganza

Our Christmas concert will be on Thursday, Dec 22 at 7pm at Glengate Alliance Church (6009 Valley Way) for students in gr 1-8. The door will open at 6:30pm. We ask that students be there at 6:30 pm. Our annual Basket Raffle will be held this evening. We have 10 baskets to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 15 for \$10. The tickets will be on sale at 6:30 pm. The winners will be drawn and announced at the evening concert. (You do not need to be at the concert to win) All proceeds will be used to purchase recess equipment for each class.

A great big thank you to all staff and students for all of your hard work in making this special event possible.



District School Board of Niagara Expanding French Immersion for 2012

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at 5 locations. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the 2012-2013 school year (Grade 7 entry will continue in St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake).



Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBNI website www.dsbni.org. Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online. Application packages will also be available at your child's school starting January 9, 2012. Further program information will be sent home with your child in January.

"The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada's two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. Learning a second language not only strengthens students' ability to communicate, but also develops their capacity to understand and respect other cultures. In this way, second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally." (pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)





Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10th. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.

Prince Philip (NF)	February 1, 2012 6:30pm-7:30pm For students currently in grade 3 and 4 (grade 4&5 in 2012/2013)
John Marshall	February 8, 2012 6:30pm-7:30pm For students currently in SK (grade 1 in 2012/2013)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 	2	3 Happy New Year 2012			5	6 Christmas (Armenian)	7 Christmas (Eastern)
8 Cherrywood Bingo 11am – 3:30pm	9 Day 8 First Day Back To School 8:55am 	10 Day 9	11 Day 10	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Pizza Day	14 	
15	16 Day 3 Dance Unit 6,7,8 Int Boys BB vs Simcoe Street	17 Day 4 Int BB VS KSD Boys First Secondary Open Houses 6:30 pm	18 Day 5 Commisso's Hot Lunch Day	19 Day 6	20 PA DAY NO CLASSES 	21	
22 HAPPY NEW YEAR	23 Day 7 Chinese New Year (Buddhist, Daoist, Confucian) Int BB vs Valley Way Boys First Dance Unit 6,7,8	24 Day 8	25 Day 9 Int BB vs Heximer Girls First	26 Day 10 Junior Soccer Int BB vs Greendale Boys First	27 Day 1 Dance Unit 6,7,8 Pizza Day	28	
29	30 Day 2 Int BB Vs John Marshall Girls First	31 Day 3 Dance Unit 6,7,8	Kindergarten Open House February 2, 2012 4pm-6pm				

Help Cherrywood Be More Environmentally Friendly

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of receiving a hard copy please fill out this form:

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

