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Principal's Message

March Break is just around the corner!

As with any school break, this will be a week to find balance between structure and freedom for your children. Before long, they'll be asking "what can I do now?". I encourage families to plan ahead for the March Break, spending some time talking about the possible activities that could be pursued during the week. An emphasis on balancing indoor and outdoor activities will help to avoid the "video game trap".

Whatever plans you do make, I hope you find some time to include reading for pleasure. A trip to the book store or library is always a good way to break up the week, while promoting literacy as a family.



Parent Council Meeting March 4

March Break March 16-20

Family Easter BINGO April 3

There will be no hot dog day
in March.

SAVE THE DATE ... EASTER BINGO IS NEXT MONTH!!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

FAMILY EASTER BINGO

Friday, April 3rd

Spend a fun evening with your family and other Cherrywood Acres families playing Easter BINGO! Play FREE BINGO and you may hop your way to a prize of chocolate Easter eggs!!



Join us on Friday, April 3rd for our
4th Annual Family Easter BINGO
hosted by our School Council.



Reserve your seat tickets will be available following March Break!

SCIENCE 'MATTERS'

Scientific Inquiry came alive at our Annual Stayzer Science Fair!

Students in our grade 7 & 8 classes showcased their inquiry projects to parents, grandparents and younger students on a variety of topics ranging from the effectiveness of sporting equipment to factors affecting our environment!

Projects were judged by teachers and senior science students from A.N. Myer!

Congratulations to the following students who received special recognition:

Top Overall Projects

- 1st **Sierra D-O (Colour & Memory)**
- 2nd **Grace M (Plant Growth & Music)**
- 3rd **Gabby V (Juice & Memory)**
- 4th **Marc V (Melting Ice with Salt)**
- 5th **Logan L-P (Laundry Detergent)**

Honourable Mentions

- Isabel B (Microplastics)**
- Jaiden G (Regrowing Plants)**
- Emily D (Effects of Microwaves)**
- Thomas M (Invisible Ink)**

Teacher Awards for Presentation

- William B (Hockey Shot)**
- Jaiden (Regrowing Plants)**
- Isabel (Microplastics)**



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ... IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Do you know a child who will be turning 4 year old before December 31, 2020 and lives in the Cherrywood School boundary?

If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is here!

If you missed our open house, please come visit Mrs. Desilest at the office to register and get ready for Kindergarten! We have gift bags full of fun learning resources and information to help children get ready for Kindergarten!



DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE!

Are you in need of before and/or after school childcare? Let Niagara Region know by registering through the Niagara Region's OneList (<https://niagara.onehsn.com/>) by March 13.

The Niagara Regions uses this information to determine the viability of childcare in schools. If you would like to register but need some assistance, please stop by the office and we would be happy to help get you registered.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: OLDER KIDS

Did you know?

Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.

Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.

By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.

Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.

Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

What can you do?

Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.

Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.

Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.

Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

If you require some assistance improving your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. This information is used with permission of Attendance Works.

PROM PROJECT NIAGARA

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

Prom Project is a one-day, fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys! Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

If you know of a student who could use this program, please save the date: Saturday, April 4th, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. Catharines Collegiate.

For more information, phone 905-641-2929 extension 37710

