



The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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Welcome Back!

Principal's Message:

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It's nice to be back at Simcoe Street! Twenty years ago I started my teaching career at Simcoe Street School, as the Grade 8 teacher. I spent six wonderful years here and I am very thankful and fortunate to be coming back to Simcoe Street, as your Principal. My, how time flies!

The week before our winter break, I visited our school and I was overwhelmed at the welcome I received. I saw some familiar faces and had the chance to visit classrooms and meet with students and teachers. I was very impressed and inspired by the many great learning spaces we have at this school and the obvious hard work our whole school community has put forth to make this an inviting and safe place for learning.

Within the coming weeks I will be reaching out and connecting with all of our families. It is my priority to get to know our students, parents, staff and community partners. I believe with great communication, we can do anything and achieve anything. I'm looking forward to working with you and your family.

Ms. Moore

Note:

- We are pleased to welcome Mr. Moskal as our Grade 2 teacher.
- Please join us for our **Celebration Assembly on Friday, January 26th at 9:15 am**, in our gym.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller



Important Dates

January 2018

- ◆ **Monday, January 8th-** School resumes from Winter break
- ◆ **Thursday, January 11th-** **Grade 1 French Immersion Information Night** at John Marshall School, 6 pm to 7 pm (see more information in newsletter)
- ◆ **Monday, January 15th-** **School Council meeting at 9:15 am in our WELCOME ROOM.** Please come out and join us!
- ◆ **Friday, January 19th-** is a **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY** day for the staff and school will be **CLOSED** this day
- ◆ **Friday, January 26th-** is our **January CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** at 9:15 am in our gym and **FAMILY LITERACY DAY!**



Pizza Days are every Wednesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 3

Pita Pit Lunch on Friday, Jan. 12

Hot Dog Day on Thursday, Jan. 25

Family Literacy Day- Friday, January 26th!

Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Taking time **every day** to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development and improving a child's literacy skills dramatically.

Family Literacy Day is being celebrated at DSBN schools, on Friday, January 26, 2018.



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FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Inspiring Families to Learn Together

- It's never too early or too late to talk, sing and read with your children.
- Rhymes, chants, songs and storytelling create a rich environment for language development. Use any language you want!
- Children learn through rhythm, rhyme and repetition.
- Speak with your child rather than at them.
- Don't forget to listen to what your child has to say whether it is first words or baby's babbling.

Is DSBN Academy a good fit for your child?



The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

The faculty and student body are committed to excellence and the belief that, with hard work, they can achieve their dreams. Come learn how our unique program prepares students to succeed at college and university and how your child can benefit from the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are invited to attend a parent information session in your community. Please see below for dates, times and locations.

Parent Information Sessions

January 15, 2018	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2018	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 18, 2018	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 23, 2018	<u>Dewitt Carter, Port Colborne</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 25, 2018	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 30, 2018	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
February 6, 2018	Open House at DSBN Academy	6:30 - 8:00pm

Admission Requirements

DSBN Academy recruits and enrolls students from all 12 municipalities within the Niagara Region. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements, both at the time of application as well as at enrollment:

- ◆ Student must be entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 in September.
- ◆ Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program. If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- ◆ Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- ◆ Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- ◆ Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community.
- ◆ Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program which includes enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- ◆ Families must understand that it is a single track pathway beginning in grade 9 (Academic Level Only).
- ◆ Families understand that there is a parent engagement requirement of 15 hours each year.
- ◆ Applicants must submit a **completed** application to their current school by February 9, 2018.

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Night

The French Immersion program at John Marshall is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 8th, 2018

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org or speak to your school principal.

A Parent Information evening will be held on January 8 at John Marshall Public School from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Kindergarten Open House

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

See a
Kindergarten
classroom

Meet the
Kindergarten
Team

Register for
school

Get a fun
goodie bag
with learning
resources



KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 DSNB 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.dsnb.org DSNB 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

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