



Principal's Message

Welcome to November!

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**Check out
the calendar
attached for
important
dates!**

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We have lots to celebrate and share with you from within our school and community. November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning.

All students will receive their Progress Report Card (Grades 1 to 8) and Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) on **Thursday, November 19**, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 26th, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. Please note that parent-teacher conferences will be conducted through Microsoft Teams or with phone calls this year. Information will come out shortly in regards to booking a time. When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school.

If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school.



Ms. Moore :)

Grade 1 class playing with our new soccer balls! A big thank you to Delta Monte Carlo Bingo for helping us purchase these soccer balls@



Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 11, the students at Simcoe Street will participate in our virtual Remembrance Day assembly. We will take this opportunity to honour all of the family and friends of our school community that have given of themselves to serve Canada.



Elementary Progress Reports— Grade 1 to 8

On **November 19th**, your child will bring home their **Elementary Progress Report**. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success.

During the week of November 23rd to 27th, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher virtual and phone conferences. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Treaties Recognition Week

Ontario has designated **November 2-6, 2020** as **Treaties Recognition Week** with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSNB joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history.

For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>

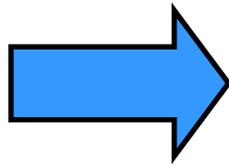
Dressing for the Weather!

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children need 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 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. Classroom teachers will be opening up lockers (Grades 1 to 8) for student use for outdoor clothing items. Backpacks, lunches, and other personal items will continue to be stored on the back of your child's chair.



Niagara Falls Community Health Centre

NFCHC offers same day counselling services! Please see the flyer for more information.



Niagara Falls Community Health Centre



SAME-DAY COUNSELLING

Life may feel overwhelming right now.
You are not alone.
Single session appointments available.

No wait list and no referral needed for same-day counselling.
Our mental health services are free for the community.

OFFERED TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS.
Call between 8:30am and 12pm to reserve.
First come, first served.

 **905-356-4222**

Did you know?

Join us at the LOW-COST MARKET



**Affordable fresh
fruits and vegetables,
unprocessed meats
and more.**

When: Saturdays

Time: 10:30am – 1:30pm

**Place: GROW Community Food Literacy Centre
4377 Fourth Ave, Niagara Falls
(former Scouts Canada Building)**

Bring: Shopping Bags and proof of income* (Cash only)



4377 Fourth Ave
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4N1
Email: info@growcflc.com
Phone: 905-262-6812
Website: www.growcflc.com

***GROW Market is for individuals and families meeting the low-income cut off (LICO). Please bring proof of income to obtain a membership card to the market. You may also pre-register by phone or email.**

| Size of Family | Annual Gross Income | Monthly Gross Income |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 person | \$22,186 | \$1,848.83 |
| 2 people | \$27,619 | \$2,301.58 |
| 3 people | \$33,953 | \$2,829.83 |
| 4 people | \$41,225 | \$3,435.41 |
| 5 people | \$46,757 | \$3,896.41 |

Pathstones Mental Health Clinic

VIDEO COUNSELLING NOW Available

Appointment Required

Options IN PERSON or VIDEO COUNSELLING

Pathstone Mental Health

Call CRISIS & SUPPORT LINE
1-800-263-4944
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

NO Cost | NO Referral | NO Health Card

Pathstones Mental Health Walk-In Clinic is at the Niagara Falls Community Health Centre every Thursday from 11 am to 7:30 pm.

Pink Shirt Days— Bullying Awareness

The DSNB Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place **November 16 to 20, 2020 during Ontario's Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**. Any day is an appropriate day to have a Pink Shirt Day throughout the school year, but we will be acknowledging **February 24th, 2021** as Pink Shirt Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students and staff in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in **not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.**

Yard Supervision



Supervision before school, begins at 8:35 a.m. Buses usually begin to arrive about 8:40 a.m. Parents/Guardians are asked **NOT to drop off their children prior to 8:35 a.m.** as there is no supervision on the playground until that time. Parents will be contacted by the office if children are left at the school prior to the supervised time. End of the day dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. and parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children. **We do not have teacher supervision on the yard after school, past 3:30 pm. Students are expected to go home after school. Thank you for your cooperation.**

School Council 2020-2021

Our School Council held our second virtual meeting of the year on October 28th. It was great to see so many parents that stepped out of their comfort zone and tried our Virtual Microsoft TEAMS meeting. We had 10 members attend and 2 new members!

We invited a **Public Health Nurse** to answer our questions related to Covid 19 protocols for children presenting symptoms. This was very informative.

Nicole Soble from the Niagara Community Health Centre discussed services that they offer in-person and virtually.

We **celebrated** our purchase of a set of soccer balls (colour coded) for each classroom, our Maker Space materials have arrived and our Grades 2 to 8 students have been afforded the opportunity to travel to DSBN's Walker Living Campus in November.

Our next meeting date will be the week of November 23rd– date and time TBA.

Parents 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 children 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!

Some Updates from Niagara Public Health...

What to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms

Group 1 Symptom List

- Fever
- New or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Decrease or loss of smell and taste

Group 2 Symptom List

- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, lethargy, or muscle aches

If your child has **one or more** symptoms from Group 1, you can either

Contact a health care provider for a medical assessment **OR** Contact the **Niagara Health COVID-19 Assessment Centre** to book an appointment for testing

If you have remaining questions about COVID-19, contact the Public Health Info-Line at 905-688-8248, press 7 or chat online.

If your child has **only one** symptom from Group 2 and none from Group 1, **you may wait 24 hours** to see if the symptom improves. If the **single symptom improves**, they **may return to school or child care** when they feel well enough, without an assessment or a test.

If the symptom **stays the same** or gets worse, or they have **two or more of the Group 2 symptoms**, then they should pursue one of the **two options** above.

Adults with any one symptom of COVID-19 should always self-isolate and seek assessment by a health care provider or self-refer for testing. It does not matter whether the symptom is in Group 1 or 2.

Siblings with no symptoms may stay in school until a decision is made about testing for the child with symptoms. If a test is required by a health care provider or there is a self-referral for testing, everyone living in the house needs to self-isolate. If an assessment is required and the decision to test has not been made within 24 hours, all household members must self-isolate until advice is given for testing, or a different diagnosis is made.

DSBN SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Ms. Moore. Sue Bennett is a DSBN Social Worker that works with families in Niagara Falls schools, including Simcoe Street, to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. She is an invaluable member of our Simcoe Street team and is looking forward to connecting with families.



Stay informed and connected...

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

SCHOOL MESSENGER- Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive a phone call and email on Friday afternoon with reminders about events for the upcoming week. 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. We have received many positive comments about this method of communication!

TWITTER- Please follow us on this social media platform to see updates on exciting events. **You can find us at: @pssimcoe**

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. If you require a hard copy newsletter, please contact our office.

SCHOOL SIGN- We will continue to post important dates on the school sign in front of the school.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 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 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:

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| 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 | |



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Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



For Parents

Don't Take the Risk This Season: Get Your Flu Shot

It is more important than ever to get your flu shot this year.

The flu shot won't protect you from COVID-19. The flu shot will protect you from influenza and help keep people out of the hospital. Remember, the flu vaccine still prevents and reduces the severity of the flu, even if it's not a perfect match.

Getting the flu shot won't increase your risk of COVID-19 illness.

Where to Get Your Flu Shot

Free flu shots will be available across Niagara. Please make a plan to get your flu shot with your health care provider.

If you do not currently have one, see a list of [family physicians in Niagara who are accepting new patients](#). Flu shots are also available at participating pharmacies (for children five years of age or over) and walk-in clinics. You can also monitor Public Health's [Where to Get the Flu Shot](#) webpage to see if there are any community flu clinics run by community health care providers.

More Information

Visit Public Health's [Flu Shot and Activity](#) webpage for more information about the flu.



What to do if your child has COVID-19 symptoms

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should NOT enter school or child care. They should return home to self-isolate.

The next steps for children depend on what kind of symptoms they have. For information visit our website <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx> - scroll down to "Prevention and Protection" and click on "what to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms."

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