



The Weekly Buzzz....

Issue 8

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[November Calendar](#)

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 30th - Celebration Assembly - 9:00 am
Oct. 31st - Halloween Activities
Nov. 1st - Grade 8's to Stamford
Nov. 2nd - 9:00 am - School Council Meeting - Virtual Link to follow
Nov. 9th - Pizza Money Due
Nov. 13th - Pizza Day
Nov. 16th - Progress Reports go Home



Morning Supervision



Just a reminder that morning Supervision begins on the playground at 8:20 a.m. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to supervise their children before 8:20 a.m.

Halloween Activities

On Tuesday October 31st, our staff and students will be celebrating Halloween. We want to make sure Halloween activities foster a climate of inclusion, and support our ongoing commitment to a safe and positive school culture.

Each class will be celebrating with activities in their own space and in their own way.

Staff and students who wish to participate are being encouraged to either wear Orange and Black or a costume.

COSTUMES:

- If you choose to have your child wear a costume, they must come to school dressed in their costume and will wear the costume for the day (both inside & outside) so please ensure it is easy to manage and comfortable.
- Students who choose to wear costumes will need to be independent and be able to manage things such as washroom breaks, on their own.
- We ask that students remember that Halloween at school is for fun and not for scaring others. Please leave all simulated weapons and excessive gore at home.
- We also remind students that Halloween costumes should not be disrespectful to others. If something is representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, then it should not be worn as another person's costume.
- You may pack Halloween treats for your child in his/her/their lunch but please remember that our school is nut-aware.

Spook-A-Thon

Our Student Council is organizing a Spook-a-Thon that will be held on October 31st in our gym. Classes will be invited to the gym to dance and have fun! There is a suggested donation of **\$1.00 which includes a glow stick**. All students will be allowed to participate. **Students can also purchase bags of chips, treats and additional glowsticks. Items for purchase will be \$1.00 and under.** Money raised from this event will go towards the student's fundraising initiative of a new Gaga Pit and the End of Year Fun Day!

Spooky Experience

Our Grade 7 and 8 classes have been working hard to design and create a haunted house experience for our students to enjoy, should they wish, on October 31st. They are hoping to raise some money for their end-of-year trip. **A suggested donation to enjoy this unique experience is \$1.00**, however, all students who are interested will be able to participate in this spooky adventure!

We are very excited to have some fun with the students to celebrate Halloween!



YMCA YOUTH ACTION

Slmcoe Street P.S. Tuesdyas 6:00-800pm

Be yourself, have fun, be active, get creative, hang out with old friends all in a safe space. Youth Action is totally FREE to join and is open to all youth ages 10 to 14 years. We have created community spaces for you to hang out, catch up with friends and participate in games, be physically active and meet role models.

Starting October 24th!

For more times and locations visit
ymcaofniagara.org



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MR. H'S Artisan Card CONTEST

DSBN Director of Education Warren Hoshizaki, known as Mr. H in schools, created artisan cards as a way for students to showcase their skills and creativity.

WHAT'S AN ARTISAN CARD?

DSBN Artisan Cards celebrate all the special occasions, events, and times of year that are important to students. Let your imagination run wild and create artwork to celebrate a month of the year and what makes it special.

For inspiration, take a look at our days of significance calendar
<https://www.dsbni.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar>

HOW DO I ENTER?

Simple!

- Create your artwork. It can be any medium, digital, sculpture and traditional drawings and paintings
- Bring it to your school along with a signed consent form

or

- Take a clear photo/scan of your artwork and this consent form and email them to communications@dsbn.org

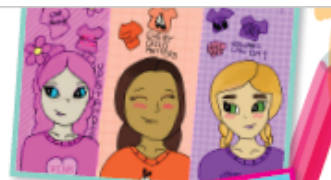
PLEASE NOTE:

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 an Artisan Card will be recognized at a Board meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 to be congratulated by Mr. H and the Board of Trustees. You will also receive a certificate and a package of printed cards featuring your winning artwork.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023



TAKE A LOOK AT SOME
PREVIOUS WINNING ART!



Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

November 2023

It's the season – Cold & Flu

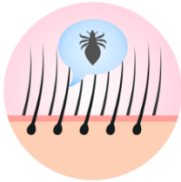
Respiratory illness season has arrived and isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Cold, flu, COVID-19 and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) are all in the mix.

Keeping up to date with vaccines can activate you and your child's immune system's natural fighting ability. Our immune system uses vaccines to practice fighting germs so it knows what to do when faced with them. Getting an [XBB COVID-19 dose](#) and a [flu shot](#) will give the immune system a much-needed top up - just like charging a cell phone battery.



It's safe to take the flu shot and fall 2023 COVID-19 dose at the same time. These vaccines may also be given any time before or after other vaccines, like the ones offered to [grade 7 students](#).

Head Lice



Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

EpiPen® and Auto-Injectors

During the school day, your child will be in contact with many staff members and other children, moving around to different locations inside and outside. Remember to check if your child's EpiPen® Auto-Injectors are up to date (not expired).

Check out [Food Allergy Canada - elementary school](#) for some great tips and [resources](#)!





Educational Resources

Hand Washing and Germs Teaching Tools – JK/Grade 1

For background information and learning activities on handwashing and germs visit



<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/curriculum/personal-safety-injury-prevention/handwashing-and-germs/default.aspx>

This teaching tool is designed for students in kindergarten and grade one to help students:

- Reflect on how germs and illness are spread
- Practice correct handwashing and hand-rub techniques
- Use correct respiratory etiquette as part of their daily living

National Child Day

November 20th, 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of [National Child Day](#) in Canada – it's a day to honour our country's commitment to upholding the rights of young people and two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.



Young people are influential leaders within their surroundings, consistently shaping their schools and communities daily. Participate in celebrating your students and explore the different learning opportunities in the links below:

- [2023 National Child Day Events Calendar](#)
- [Resources for National Child Day](#)
- [National Child Day: Child Rights Activity Guide](#)

Healthy Schools Spotlights

The Public Health School Health Team wants to shine light on some of the great work that is going on within Niagara schools!

Welcome back
to our Healthy School
Committees of Niagara!



The spotlight showcases the Healthy School initiatives at one school in Niagara each month.

Check out our [Healthy Schools Webpage](#) or [#HealthySchoolsNiagara](#) on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to see past Healthy Schools Spotlights!

EMOTION COACHING

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

NOV 8, 2023 | 12 PM & 6PM

- Understand the role that emotions play in every day life
- Learn a quick and effective strategy, proven to help calm the brain in 60 seconds

Join us to learn how emotional validation and practical support can help your child manage their big emotions.

Brought to you by the DSBN Social Work Department



[12:00 pm - Virtual Link](#)

[6:00 pm - Virtual Link](#)

PARENTING IN THE PRESENT

SUPPORTING REGULATION

NOV 15, 2023 | 12 PM & 6PM

Join us as we discuss

- The difference between self-regulation and self-control
- Brain development
- Strategies to help your child manage their big emotions
- In-the-moment strategies for you
- Tips and Activities to use at home

Brought to you by the DSBN Special Education Department, in partnership with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Department



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