



4760 Simcoe Street, Niagara Falls, ON

September 9, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **1st Day of School - Sept. 6th**
- **Grade 7 HepB (round 1) & MenC shot / Grade 8 girls Gardasil (HPV) - Sept. 13th**
- **Skates For Kids - Sept. 16th at Gale Centre - 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**
- **Student Verification Forms due to office - Sept. 19th**
- **Open House - Sept. 20th - 5-6:30 p.m.**
- **Early Release Day - Sept. 23rd**

September NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our returning students and staff to Simcoe Street for what I am sure will be a great year! To our new students, I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Simcoe Street community. I am sure you will enjoy your stay here!

I certainly hope that our students had a fun and relaxing summer. I know that our staff members enjoyed a well-deserved rest and have been working hard to plan for an exciting new school year. They are anticipating many new memories to be made with the new students they will be teaching.

When you have a chance, please have a look at our school's website (below).

To all students and parents, I believe that a positive environment with open communication is key to a successful school. I want to remind you that my door will always be open for you to drop by and share a con-

cern or to just say hello. I am looking forward to another great year here at Simcoe Street.

SKATES FOR KIDS

Simcoe Street School has been selected to be a participating school in the "Skates For Kids" program organized by Penn Financial. On Friday Sept. 16th our school will be at the Gale Centre for the kick-off of this program. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

Contact us at:
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Important Dates 2011/12

September 6: 1st Day of School
September 23: Early Release Day
October 5: World Teachers' Day
October 7: PA Day
October 10: Thanksgiving Day
November 11: Remembrance Day
December 26 - January 6: Winter Holiday Break
January 20: PA Day
February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6
February 20: Family Day
March 9-16: March Break
April 6: Good Friday
April 9: Easter Monday
May 18: PA Day
May 21: Victoria Day
June 8: PA Day
June 28: Last Day of School

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INITIAL SCHOOL ORGANIZATION for 2011-2012

Our tentative class organization is listed below. Please keep in mind that changes could occur depending upon actual Board and school enrolment figures. The first weeks of school are always somewhat uncomfortable in this respect. Hopefully any change will be minimal.

JK / Literacy Coach / Library	Mrs. R. Beresh
SK	Mrs. W. MacDonald
Grade 1	Mrs. C. Prodger
Grade 1	Miss K. Pyper
Grade 2	Mrs. B. Thaler
Grade 2/3	Mr. J. Davidson
Grade 3	Mr. R. Beresh
Grade 4	Mrs. C. Hoday
Grade 5/6	Ms. L. Lane
Grade 6/7	Mrs. S. VanderMeer
Grade 8	Mr. R. Bos
Physical Education	Mr. B. McNulty
ESL	Mrs. V. Thorne
FSL / Computers	Mrs. D. Iacobaccio
LRT / ISP	Mrs. A. Maliphant
Educational Assistants	Ms. R. Farnsworth
.....	Mr. C. Schuman
.....	Mrs. K. Vescio
Youth Counsellor	Mr. R. D'Amario
Special Ed. Resource Teacher	Ms. M. Romano
Secretary	Mrs. J. Quagliariello
Custodians	Mr. B. Felton (Head)
.....	Ms. D. Knox
.....	Mrs. D. Carr
Lunch Supervisors	Mrs. E. Covington
.....	Ms. C. Covington
Principal	Mr. C. Scott



OPEN HOUSE

We will be holding our Open House on **Tuesday September 20th, from 5-6:30 p.m.** This year we will be retuning to a more traditional Open House held in the building. There will be no food served. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, however please remember that it will still be very early in the school year and he/she will not able to give a full report on your child's progress.

SMOKE FREE ZONES

DSBN schools and their surrounding properties are "Smoke Free Zones" and as a result offer a positive example of good health for your and your neighbours' children. We require your support in respecting this position.



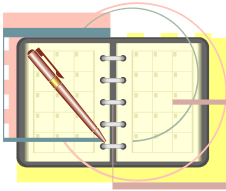
MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS



Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students at school must have an authorization form completed by the physician on file in the school. These forms are available at the school office.

AGENDAS

This year we are requiring our students to use a "student agenda". The student agenda is an excellent way for students to keep organized (i.e. homework) and for parents and teachers to communicate. We strongly encourage you and your child(ren) to use the agenda everyday! Please Note: a second agenda cost \$5.00 if the original one is lost.



PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE



For the safety and well being of our students all guests of Simcoe Street School, including parents, are asked to check in at the office. Visitors will be asked to sign in and wear a name badge.

OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Quagliariello, our secretary is in the office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each week day.

Mr. Scott is available most days from 8:00 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m.

Please call to make appointments during these specified times.

SCHOOL TIMES

8:50 a.m.	Entry
10:35 - 11:15 a.m.	Nutrition/Fitness Break 1
12:45 p.m.	JK Entry
12:55 - 1:35 p.m.	Nutrition/Fitness Break 2
3:15 p.m.	Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Friday September 23rd and Friday February 17th will be Early Release Days. On these two days students will be released for the day at 12:05 p.m. so that staff can spend the afternoons working on curriculum related issues. There are no afternoon JK classes.

GOING HOME FOR LUNCH

With our Balanced School Day, our official "Lunch Hour" will be during our second Nutrition/Fitness (12:55 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.). We encourage those students able to enjoy the advantages of having lunch at home to do so. Lunch room permission forms will be sent with those children unable to eat lunch at home. School lunchers **MAY NOT** leave the school grounds during this break time without written parental permission. **Please ensure that we receive a note should you wish to give your child permission to leave the safety of the school grounds.**

We realize that, on occasion, students forget their lunches. If this is the case, and you are leaving a lunch at the front office, please make sure your child knows it is coming and that his/her name and grade are on the lunch.

We would respectfully request that you please DO NOT drop off "hot lunches"(e.g. from McDonalds) for your children. Mrs. Quagliariello has other responsibilities to tend to and cannot afford to take the time to deliver lunches to students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

To ensure the accountability and safety of our students, it is imperative that parents call the office when their child is going to be absent or late. There is an answering machine for you to leave a message before school hours.



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM

Each year the school must update all student confidential information. This year we are sending home a copy of the information we currently have in our records. Please make any necessary corrections, sign the form, and return it with your child(ren) to the homeroom teacher. If there are no changes that need to be made, please sign the form and return it to the homeroom teacher with your child(ren). Thank you.

CUSTODY ORDERS

When couples separate or divorce, parents generally share custody of the children. Sometimes, however, other arrangements are made and are set out in a court order. The school cannot enforce these alternate arrangements if we do not have a copy of the court order on file (in our confidential O.S.R. files). Should you have such a court order that we should be aware of, please discuss the situation with the Principal and share a copy with the office.

A REQUEST FOR HOMEWORK

When your child is absent from school, we are more than happy to collect their homework for you, should you wish to pick some up. However, we must ask that we receive at least A HALF DAY'S NOTICE in order to facilitate your request. Please keep in mind that teachers are in the classroom all day and it is very difficult for them to stop teaching at a moment's notice to gather up homework.

requests were called in to the office before 12:00 p.m., giving our teachers their lunch break and afternoon to gather what is needed and have it down to the office for 3:20 p.m. pick-up by parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

RAINY/BAD WEATHER DAYS

Children who go home during the second Nutrition/Fitness Break (12:55 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.) are asked not to return until just before the 1:35 p.m. bell. This would help with supervision issues on inclement days.

READING ROCKS JUNIOR

The Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region is offering a program for young children (4 - 6 yrs.) at-risk of future reading difficulties. Does your child know all his letter names/sounds? Do you or your child's teacher think you child might be behind in their early literacy skills? Don't wait for your child to fall behind! Reading Rocks Junior will be offered in Niagara Falls Mon & Wed's from 6 - 7pm starting Oct. 3rd. Program is for families in the Victoria/Drummond neighbourhood. Visit www.ldaniagara.org for more details and simple, online registration! 905-641-1021 or resourceldan@cogeco.net Registration Sept 1st - Sept 19th, limited spots!

NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature

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