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January, 2021

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Mark your Calendar

January

- * 4th School Resumes
- * 15th P.A. Day-No School for students
- * 27th Family Literacy Day

February

- * 11th Term 1 Report Cards go Home
- * 12th P.A. Day-No School for students
- * 15th Family Day

French Immersion Open House

For more information visit there website at www.dsb.org/fi

The French Immersion program offered at Gordon Public School is open to all students in Year 2 (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; Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12; Promotes understanding of different cultures; Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language; Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open from January 4th, to February 16th, 2021

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

A Parent Information evening will be held on December 15th virtually from 6:30–7:00 p.m.

DSBN ACADEMY: VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON

Learn about the DSBN Academy at the Virtual Open House on **Monday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00PM!** Join us to find out:

How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university

What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit

If the DSBN Academy is a good fit for your child

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

From January 11-29, Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in a Virtual Roadshow during class time to learn more about the DSBN Academy and everything it has to offer. More information about Registration and the Virtual Open House will be shared in January 2021

Online registration opens on JANUARY 7, 2021 at [ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY](https://academy.dsbnschools.org/apply). Registration will close on FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Limited spots available.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student is entering Grade 6, 7 or 8 in September 2021
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program
- If a sibling has attended post-secondary but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student
- Student is achieving current grade level expectations or just below
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving “good” or “excellent” learning skills
- Student is willing to attend a school that may be out of their community with free transportation provided
- Student understands there are mandatory after-school academic supports and *ENCORE* programs
- After-school *ENCORE* options include: Mixed sports, Board games, Photography, Yoga, Makerspace, Choir, Reading, and many more!

Families understand that the DSBN Academy is a single track pathway beginning in Grade 9 (academic level only)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Derek.Harley@dsbn.org - Elementary Principal



The graphic features a green background with a white and blue 3D cube icon. The word "Explore" is written in large white letters at the top. Below it, "DSBN Academy" is written in white. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "Virtual Open House February 4, 2021 at 6:00PM" and the website "academy.dsbnschools.org".

Explore
DSBN Academy

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Inclement Weather

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbm.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.



School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and virtual schools. School closure information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBM social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Student Work on School Closure and Transportation Cancellation Days:

For elementary students - On days where transportation is cancelled and/or schools are closed, please visit your child's school website and click on the "Learn From Home" button. There you will find optional asynchronous learning resources.

For secondary students – Students will be able to access online materials for their courses. If it is a culminating activity day, special arrangements will be made and communicated to students centrally.

Please note that parents and/or guardians make the final decision on whether or not to send their child to school in inclement weather conditions. **Websites:** www.dsbm.org, www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features: DSBM Facebook or Twitter, NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone: Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations: CKTB (610 AM), WAVE (94.7FM), CKOC (1150AM), CHML (900AM), CHAM (820 AM), Y-108 (107.9), CHRE (105.7FM), CHTZ-FM (97.7), CKEY (105.1FM), K-Lite-FM(102.9), Giant FM(91.7)

Television Stations: CH – Hamilton, CTV Toronto, CityTV Breakfast Television, Cogeco Channel 10

School Council

If you are interested in becoming more actively involved in your child's education and the inner workings of Glendale Public School, we encourage you to join our **School Council** Virtual Meetings!

Please consider joining us at our meeting on **January 26th 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Using MS Teams. We welcome new members!



Niagara Region Public Health

School Health Newsletter



For Parents

Free Dental Program – Healthy Smiles Ontario

Kids should grow up smiling! Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded program that offers free regular dental visits and emergency services for eligible children and youth 17 years and under.

To learn more, please call Niagara Region Public Health, Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.

Apply today by visiting: https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/dental/treatment-options-for-children.aspx

Fundraising for Niagara Nutrition Partners

17,000 students across Niagara participate in student nutrition programs EVERYDAY at 180 school programs within the region! With the rising costs associated with low-risk/ready-to-eat foods, Niagara Nutrition Partners needs your help. This year parental contributions and school fundraising play an extra important part in sustaining programming. Please visit school cash online to make a donation if you are able.

To learn more about the important work of Niagara Nutrition Partners, please visit: www.niaganutritionpartners.ca

What is the Guidance for Social Gatherings?

COVID-19 spreads when we have close social interaction. With COVID-19 rising in Niagara and across Ontario, everyone in Niagara is urged to:

Limit in-person social interactions to people within your household. Minimize interactions with people who don't live in your house and one or two persons who are essential to maintaining physical and mental health, such as caregivers and social supports to someone who lives alone.

This means you should avoid in-person social interactions with friends, with co-workers when not at work, and with extended family. When dining at restaurants, going to the movies, or partaking in other social activities, you should limit it to your household members.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidance for Niagara residents and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/community-guidelines.aspx>