



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **If School is closed due to weather ...**
- **School Council**
- **From Public Health**
- **DSBN Academy information**



Jacob Beam Public School

JANUARY 2021

From the desk of Mrs. Baggs

Happy 2021 to all of our families. I hope you had a restful break.

January brings the end of term one and evaluations in all of our classes. Please contact your child/ren's teacher(s) if you would like to talk to them about the term 1 evaluation. Report cards are scheduled to come home in the second week of February. All students in grade Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 will receive a report card in February. A change this year for the grade 1-8 report cards is that math will now be one combined mark. In the past there were 5 marks, 1 mark for each strand of math. We still teach many strands of math, but are evaluating overall math understanding and application of knowledge across all of the areas in math.

A couple of areas that you can help us with at school. Please ensure that your child(ren) come dressed to be outside for extended periods of time. All students (even grade 7 & 8) need to wear boots, as our field is muddy and students need to be spread out while outside at break times. A change of shoes for in the class is needed to help keep the floors clean in classrooms (it is a slipping hazard when the floor is wet or muddy). Please do not send slippers or flipflops for inside shoes as these are not safe at school.

As well we are communicating by email from the office. Please ensure we have up to date emails and phone numbers in our school system. Contact the office to make any changes.

Professional Development Day

January 15th

No School for Students





Our next meeting is Tuesday January 12th at 6:30p.m.
On MS Teams (virtual meeting)

Parents are always welcome to join our meetings! Please contact Mrs Baggs by email (jac@dsbn.org) to be added to our virtual meeting.

We will be discussing our fundraising activity for this year.

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

Explore



DSBN Academy

Virtual Open House

February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM

academy.dsbn.org

DSBN ACADEMY: VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON

Learn about the DSBN Academy at the Virtual Open House on **Monday, February 8, 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

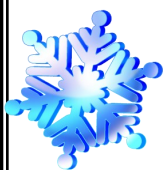
The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

In January, Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in a Virtual Roadshow during class time to learn more about the DSBN Academy.

Online registration opens on **JANUARY 7, 2021** at ACADEMY.DSBN.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
- 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 -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)



Snow Time

At Jacob Beam, students are aware that snow must be enjoyed in a safe manner. **Snowballs and/or ice may not be thrown at any time.** Children may not slide on the ice, to avoid injuries. All snow forts and snow people are community structures and must be inclusive. Students are also aware that we build at Jacob Beam; we don't destroy. Snow forts and structures must be respected. Our progressive discipline policy is in effect for snow infractions. Students may lose recess time or may need to stay with staff during the break time for offences in throwing snow. We aim to keep everyone safe at school.



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.dsb.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, DSBN 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.

From Public Health: 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>

