



# Jacob Beam Public School



SEPTEMBER 2022

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Messages from the office
- Timetable
- Drop off and pick up information
- Stay connected

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 6 First day of School

Sept. 28 Rowan's Law Day

Sept. 22 Meet the Teacher Open House 4pm—6pm

Sept. 23 Terry Fox Day/Jacob Beam Spirit Day (wear orange and black )

Sept. 27 School Council— 6:30p.m.

Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day

## From the desk of Mrs. Mikolic

Hello everyone! I want to welcome you all back, and on behalf of staff, we hope that you enjoyed a relaxing summer vacation and are ready for another year of learning and fun! A special welcome to our new students and parents.

We have a few staff changes this year. We are happy to welcome back Miss. Lostracco to our primary division and Mrs. Casciato as our LRT. We also welcome Mrs. Mills to our primary division, Mrs. Penley-King to our junior division and Mr. LeBlanc as a primary/junior prep teacher. In addition, we have Mr. Johnston joining our EA

Team and Mrs. Grosvenor as our Instructional Coach. Finally, we welcome Ms. Beverly as our evening caretaker. We are excited to have them become a part of our Bengals' community!

I encourage you to read your monthly newsletter thoroughly. You can expect it to be posted on-line on the 1st of each month. We also have an updated calendar, at all times. You can find it on our website at: <https://jacobbeam.dsbnschools.ca/> (or just google Jacob Beam dsbn), in the Calendar tab at the top of the page.

The school is looking great! Thanks also to Mrs. Isabel

and Mr. John for all of their hard work to make the school sparkle, and a special thanks to Mrs. Bijakowski, who has been instrumental in helping to prepare for the start of the year.

Please feel free to call or email us at the school at any time, (905) 563-8209 or [jac@dsbn.org](mailto:jac@dsbn.org), if you have any questions or concerns.

It is so wonderful to hear children laughing and playing, as well as learning each and every day! Here's to a great year and I look forward to all of the successes we will share together!

Danielle Mikolic

### Reporting Absences

With **Safe Arrival**, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these methods:

1. Using your mobile device, install the **SchoolMessenger app** . The first time you select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you **Sign Up** to create your account. Then after you will select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-866-606-5567 to report an absence  
**Thank you for your assistance.**

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

## Days of Significance

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as Jacob Beam recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

## School Council

Jacob Beam has a School Council with dedicated parents committed to the success of every student in our school. Please join our **School Council**. ALL parents are welcome and participation is encouraged.

Our organizational meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 6:30 p.m., in the school library.

Please email [jac@dsbn.org](mailto:jac@dsbn.org) indicating that you would like to join our School Council.

## Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Please help us in keeping crowds down before and after school. We ask that kindergarten children and their siblings be picked up at 2:45 pm at the end of the day. Our kiss and ride drop off and pick up has an adult to help. PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON WILLIAM ST AND LET CHILDREN OUT. It is causing traffic issues and dangerous crossing of the street. We ask that you remind your children to ALWAYS USE THE CROSSING GUARDS TO CROSS KING AND WILLIAM Streets. We want to keep everyone safe. Our bus zone at the front is not available for drop off and pick up between 8-9 am and 2-3 pm.

Also, although we love your dogs, we ask that they not be brought to our fence/gate areas as these are crowded areas and many children/adults have allergies and fears. Please do not use our field after hours for your pets. We are having issues with neighbours not cleaning up after dogs.

## School Cash Online

Please take a moment to register your child/ren. [www.jacobbeam.dsb.org](http://www.jacobbeam.dsb.org) Click the School Cash link on the right hand side and follow the 3 easy registration steps. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you require assistance or have questions, please contact the Office. We would like to use this method to ensure you receive notes. Thanks for your support.

## A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Please try to send your children to school with everything they need. We are asking that items only be brought by parents in an emergency.

**Please be sure to return all verification forms to our school office by September 23rd. It is imperative that we have up to date contact information for you.**

**It is very important that we have your current email. This will be the primary way of communicating school wide information!**



# 2022-2023 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

- First and Last Day of School
- Holiday /School Closed
- Professional Development Day

September 2022						
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### RECOGNIZING DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The DSBN believes in building a culture of appreciation and inclusion, where students know they are valued, respected and celebrated. In addition to this school year calendar, there is also a calendar for [Days of Significance](#) that occur throughout the year. This calendar highlights culturally-relevant events and tools to cultivate young minds to embrace their genius, appreciate our differences and disrupt oppression so we all can live harmoniously.

Please visit [www.dsbn.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar](http://www.dsbn.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar) to view this.



### Jacob Beam Timetable

Kindergarten through Grade 8

**Supervision on the yard begins at 8:25 a.m. Students go to their zones**

- 1st period 8:35-9:25
- 2nd period 9:25-10:15
- Fitness/Nutrition Break 10:15-10:55
- 3rd period 10:55-11:45
- 4th period 11:45-12:35
- Fitness/Nutrition Break 12:35—1:15
- 5th period 1:15—2:05
- 6th period 2:05-2:55
- Kindergarten Dismissal 2:45—2:55
- Gr 1-8 Dismissal 2:55



**Jacob Beam has a Facebook page. We post events, activities and school reminders here too! Please follow us Jacob Beam Public School. We are on Twitter too @jacobbeamps. We like to try to keep you in the loop!**

