



# Jacob Beam Public School

Principal:

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**DECEMBER 2022**



## UPCOMING DATES

M&M Meats School Shop Day Fundraiser	Dec. 1
-Spirit Day—Holiday Colours -Sub Day -Joy Day (pm)	Dec. 2
Photo Retakes	Dec. 6
Spirit Day—Creative Hair/Headwear Day	Dec. 9
-Community Care Collection -Holiday Gift Shop	Dec. 12—16
Ice Dogs' visit	Dec. 13
-Spirit Day—Jersey/Sporty Day -Sub Day	Dec. 16
Holiday Open House 3:15pm-4:30pm	Dec. 21
December Celebration Lunch	Dec. 22
-Spirit Day—Pajama Day	Dec. 23
-Last day of classes	

It's hard to believe that December is upon us! The cool winter air has arrived! It's a good time to celebrate being Canadian – embracing our cold weather and getting active outside. This also means dressing properly for the weather. We, therefore, want to remind students to bundle up as they make their way outside for scheduled physical education classes and fitness breaks. We want everyone to be comfortable and safe during outdoor times.

Hopefully you have connected with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). If you have not had a parent/guardian-teacher conference, please reach out to plan a time.

As things get hectic in the next few weeks, I hope you find time to relax with family and friends. From the staff at Jacob Beam Public School, we wish you all the best this holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Danielle Mikolic

Last day of school is Friday, December 23rd, 2022. We will dismiss at our regular time. School will be closed until January 9th, 2023. We will see everyone at 8:35am on January 9th.  
Have a safe and happy holiday!

# Holiday Donations

Our Bengals' community has always been very generous every year with donations to those less fortunate and we hope to be able to help again this holiday season.

If you can help, please consider donating to Community Care and/or Village of Hope this season to help others in our community who may be struggling financially. You can drop off donations directly at either location or make a monetary donation through the links below:






[Village of Hope](#)

[Community Care of West Niagara](#)

As well, please consider sending in needed items for Community Care of West Niagara.

Donation barrels will be at Jacob Beam for the week of December 12th –16th.

## 5 Days of Donations

Macaroni Monday! 	Bring dry pasta, pasta sauce, and soup.
Toiletry Tuesday! 	Bring toiletries such as toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene, and other products.
Winter Wednesday! 	Bring winter gear- Hats, mitts, scarves, coats, boots... etc.
Thirsty Thursday! 	Bring things to drink, such as packaged juice, hot chocolate mix, iced tea, instant juice, etc.
Free-for-all Friday! 	Bring in anything that you have at your house that can be donated (you can also bring anything from the past days)- toys, other foods, etc.

“Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.”

Kathy Calvin, CEO & President of the United Nations Foundation

# Inclement Weather

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when students' transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision on whether or not to have children on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that the transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or will arrive late, please ensure that you report your child's absence through the Safe Arrival, school messenger reporting service.**

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

## **WEBSITES:**

[www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS FEATURES:**

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

## **PHONE:**

Niagara Student Transportation Services - 905-346-0290

## **RADIO STATIONS:**

CKTB (610 AM) St Catharines

CHRE (105.7 FM) St Catharines

WAVE (94.7) Hamilton

CHTZ (97.7 FM) St Catharines

CKOC (1150AM) Hamilton

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

CHML (900AM) Hamilton

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820AM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) WELLAND

Y-108 (107.9 FM) Hamilton

## **TELEVISION STATIONS:**

CH - Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

Cogeco Channel 10

CTV Toronto

# School Council

Hello Jacob Beam families,

A big THANKYOU for the support on our first fundraiser of the school year! Big Box of Cards was a success. Fundraising efforts will be put towards new chrome books as well as replacing the kindergarten slide. Exciting events are planned for December. We invite all parents to come out to our Jan. 24th meeting from 6:00pm—7:00pm.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank-you to everyone who came out and supported our Scholastic Book Fair. It was a tremendous success! Thanks to your support, we will be purchasing new books for our library. Well done Bengals and happy reading!!!

***“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.” - Dr. Seuss***

## December Events

December is shaping up to be a busy month! Below is a list of some of the events being planned for our staff, students and community.

**Spirit Days**—Fridays throughout the month of December will be Spirit Days—please see the first page of the newsletter and the Jacob Beam calendar for the Spirit Day themes.

**Joy Day**—During the last block of the day on Friday, December 2nd, students will work together in their colour houses to decorate the rooms and hallways of Jacob Beam with festive spirit.

**Holiday Gift Shop**—The Jacob Beam Holiday Gift Shop will be up and running for the week of December 12th to 16th. Students will be able to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Stay tuned for more information.

**Community Care Food Drive**—During the week on December 12th to 16th, Jacob Beam will be collecting items for Community Care of West Niagara. Details in newsletter and on our calendar.

**Holiday Open House**—On Wednesday, December 21st, parents/guardians/families are invited to join staff and students from 3:15pm—4:30pm for our Holiday Open House. Please visit School Cash Online for information about the event and to sign up for preferred activities. We are looking forward to celebrating the holiday season with you all!

**December Celebration Lunch**—On Thursday, December 22nd, our School Council is organizing an opportunity for staff and students to come together as a community through a school-wide lunch. Stay tuned for more information on purchasing opportunities through School Cash Online in the near future.

# Playground Equipment

Once the protective surface on the playgrounds becomes frozen, both playgrounds will be closed for the winter to ensure the safety of our students. Thanks for your co-operation in helping all kids to stay safe by reinforcing this before/after school hours as well.

## From Public Health



Please click on the link below for important updates and information from Public Health

[December newsletter from Public Health](#)

## Snow Policy

At Jacob Beam, students are aware that snow must be enjoyed in a safe manner. **SNOW STAYS ON THE GROUND! Snowballs and/or ice may not be thrown at any time.** Children may not slide on the ice. All snow forts and snow people are community structures and must be inclusive. Students are also aware that we build at Jacob Beam; we build, we don't destroy. Snow forts and structures must be respected. Our progressive discipline policy is in effect for snow infractions.

## School Cash Online Reminder

A reminder that you can set your settings on School Cash Online to remind you of upcoming events/permissions/orders, etc. so that you don't miss out!

To do this:

- \* Log into your account
- \* Click on the "My Account" tab at the top of the page
- \* Choose "Manage Email Notifications"
- \* Click the checkbox to receive notifications