



COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. S. Niznik
Vice Principal: Mr. B. Mayhew

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Principal's message

Farewells & Welcomes

We bid a fond farewell to Mr. Mayhew, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Olsen, Miss Shantz, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Put and Mme. Kalbfleisch who are moving on to new schools or other positions yet to be determined. We welcome Mrs. Sauer, Ms. Walker, and Mrs. McBlain to our College St. Staff.

New Bell Times

Due to Bus schedule changes, we will begin our first period at 9:00am next year. The FIRST bell will ring at 8:50am. Therefore, students should arrive at school, no earlier than 8:30am. Please make day care arrangements if you need to leave for work earlier than this. Our dismissal time remains unchanged at 3:20pm. Kindergarten times will be 9:00am - 11:20am and 1:00pm-3:20pm.

Bell Times	
8:50	Entry
9:00 - 9:50	Period 1
9:50 - 10:40	Period 2
10: 40 -11:15	1 st Break
11:15 - 12:05	Period 3
12:05 - 12:55	Period 4
12:55 - 1:40	2 nd Break
1:40 - 2:30	Period 5
2:30 - 3:20	Period 6
3:20	Dismissal
3:25	Late Bus

Kindergarten Bell Times	
9:00 -11:20	
1:00 - 3:20	

Congratulations

We hope that all students and their families have a safe and happy summer. Your children have made good progress and should continue to read, write and calculate throughout the summer to keep their skills sharp and ready for September. Thank you to all who have helped in some capacity to make College Street a great place for students to grow and learn.

Student Transportation for September 2009

Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) is a consortium between the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The mandate of NSTS is to plan and manage transportation services for both Boards and to provide safe, efficient and effective transportation to the students of Niagara.

NSTS is open all summer planning the 2009-10 transportation routes. You can find bus stop locations and times on their website after August 15 for the 2009-10 school year.

You will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN) which is located on your report card to log-on to our secure website.

For transportation information please visit their website www.nsts.ca or call 905 346-0290.

Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received:

a booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; and,

a second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has **not** yet received these vaccines, your child can be immunized for free at one of our Public Health Immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic. If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you can submit to us a notarized Statement of Conscience/Religious Belief Affidavit.

Niagara Region Public Health is required by law to have an Immunization Record on file for every child attending a school in the Niagara region. The importance of having this information on file helps us to protect all children in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.

Please report your child's immunization(s) to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

INTERNET: www.niagararegion.ca

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

Tentative Teaching Assignments for 2009/10

JK/SK Mrs. Broom, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Gibson

Gr. 1/2 Ms. Walker

Gr. 2/3 Mrs. McDonough

Gr. 4 Mrs. Brand, Mr. Reiderer

Gr. 6 Miss Dobrowolski, Mrs. Stirling

LRT/ISP Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Topp, Ms. Sauer, Mrs. Waugh

French/Prep Mme. Esau, Mme. Nicholls

Prep Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Brazeau

Ed Assistants Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Simpson

Gr. 1 Ms. McAdam, Ms. Cuthbert

Gr. 2 Miss Vervaeke

Gr. 3 Miss Mezzavilla, Mrs. Chamberland

Gr. 5 Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Nemcko

Gr. 7/8 Mrs. Downs, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Schneider

Summer Skills

One of the most exciting things about summer is all the time children have to pursue their interests, such as sports, summer camps and time with friends. Even though they're on break, the summer offers many opportunities for students to practice their reading skills and work on math concepts. For instance, have the whole family read together each day. Take turns reading out loud, and talk about what you read. Ask children questions about the characters, why might they be acting in a certain manner, or how might they solve a problem or a dilemma they are facing. Questions like "why" and "how" encourage children to think about what they are reading and help them to answer questions about the text, and provide their rationale and evidence for those answers.

You could also find ways to make hobbies educational. A child who loves to collect baseball cards, for instance, could practice penmanship and literacy skills by writing fan letters to players. He/she could also work on math skills by tracking players' statistics or by visiting educational websites such as coolmath.com.

School Council

Thank you to our School Council for supporting initiatives throughout the school year. A special thank you to Mrs. Chaundra Vachon, our School Council Chair, for all of her cooperation and support. If you are interested in joining the Council, look for meeting announcements in September.



June Milk Winners

Primary Division - Peter Villanueva (Mrs. Hall)

Junior Division - Ethan Broom (Miss Mezzavilla)

Int. Division - James Crawford (Mr. Schneider)

A Message from the Director of Education

It's hard to believe another school year will soon come to a close. This has truly been an amazing year, and I want to thank all students for your enthusiasm and hard work. Before you leave for summer vacation, I would like to ask one small favour. Wherever you are or whatever you do this summer, please take some time to read.

Books, magazines and graphic novels are amazing things, they can take you anywhere; to another country, planet, or to another place in time. This summer, enjoy the wonderful weather, spend time with your family and friends, but please, make some time to read, you'll be amazed by where you end up.

Have a wonderful summer!

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education



Communication "Matters"

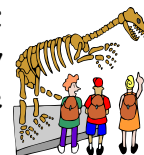
Smart Talk from Your Board Speech-Language Pathologists

Background knowledge helps students make sense of what they hear and read by allowing them to make connections between old and new experiences. Here are some ideas for the summer to help your child enrich their background knowledge through fun summer experiences.

Read a book that takes place in another part of the country or world. It's a great way to experience new places. For example, look at a map of Canada with your child and talk about the parts of the country he or she would like to visit. Then search on-line or visit your local library to learn more about that region; for example national parks and historic sites. The whole world awaits!



Visit a local museum or historical site. Check your newspaper's weekend listings for information about museums and exhibits near you. To prepare your child for a trip to the museum, consider reading one of the following books: *The Field Mouse and the Dinosaur Named Sue* (Jan Wahl); *The Explorabook: A Kid's Science Museum in a Book* (John Cassidy). Go to the local library to find historical sites in your area or engaging stories about the past. Learning about the past is another way to leave the everyday world behind while still in town.



Travel to the Stars. The night sky is fascinating, not only to kids but to adults too. If you can't head north, pitch a tent in the backyard and look up at the stars. Can you find the *Big Dipper* or the *North Star*? Tell stories late into the night. Can't get away? Take a trip to the stars with the help of a good book about the planets and the stars: *Find the Constellations* (H.A. Hey); *Destination Space* (Seymour Simon); *The DK Space Encyclopaedia* (Nigel Henbest).



Make a time capsule. What better way to help a child link the past with the future! First select a container for the capsule and then have your child select items to put in it (e.g., newspaper headlines or article clippings; a list of favourite music or music; books; some photographs). Encourage them to discuss why they chose these particular items. Talk about whom the time capsule is for; perhaps for an unknown person in the future or even for your child to open in ten years. Help your child to write a letter to include in the capsule. Make a label for the outside: *Not to be opened until 2018*. Finally, find a place to put the capsule: bury it in the garden; hide it in a back closet; put it in the attic or crawlspace.



Enjoy the great outdoors. Take time to hike, swim, catch fireflies, look at birds or plants, or just meander through your neighbourhood, making sure to talk about where you're going, what you see and sharing what you did with other family members or friends. Visit area parks, playgrounds, trails, horticultural centres, or beaches. 'Visit' the wilderness by reading *My Side of the Mountain* (Jean Craighead George) or 'experience' an outdoor adventure by reading *Pet Bugs: A Kid's Guide to Catching and Keeping Touchable Insects* (Sally Kneidel); *Animals on the Trail with Lewis and Clark* and *Plants on the Trail* (Dorothy Hinshaw Patent).



Student Supplies for September

Many families begin their purchases for "Back to School" items in August when stores often have sales. The following is a list of supplies that are recommended for the start of school. Your purchase of these items allows us to allocate school funds for items that are not as readily available to parents such as art and phys-ed supplies.

Kindergarten

- backpack or bag labeled with name
- box of tissues
- indoor shoes that can be fastened independently

Grades 1, 2, 3

- box of tissues
- pencil case, pencils, erasers, crayons or pencil crayons
- indoor shoes

NO BINDERS PLEASE

Grades 4, 5, 6

- 10 duotangs of various colours
- binder paper, pencil case, ruler, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, pencil crayons, basic calculator

NO BINDERS PLEASE

Grades 7 & 8

- duotangs (6), subject dividers, basic calculators, geometry set, red and blue pens, pencils, erasers, ruler, glue sticks, pencil crayons, binder paper, blank 3 hole paper, 1 inch binders (2).



Physical Education Uniform

Students in grades 7 & 8 will be required to wear a uniform for physical education classes. The uniform consists of a College St. T-Shirt and College St. shorts. T-Shirt and shorts order forms will be sent home with the first newsletter in September. The cost of the uniform will be \$25. Shirts and shorts will also be available separately if you need one or the other.

CLASS LISTS:

Class lists will be posted outside at 8:25am on Tuesday, September 8, 2008.



Important Dates 2009/10

- September 8:** 1st Day of Classes
- September 25:** Early Release Day
- October 9:** PA Day
- October 12:** Thanksgiving Day
- November 13:** PA Day
- December 4:** 1/2 PA Day (afternoon)
- December 21 - January 4:** Christmas Holidays
- January 5:** First day of class after holiday
- February 12:** Early Release Day
- February 15:** Family Day
- March 15 - 19:** March Break
- April 2:** Good Friday
- April 5:** Easter Monday
- April 21:** 1/2 PA Day (afternoon)
- May 24:** Victoria Day
- June 29:** Last Day of Classes



For more information visit:
www.dsbns.org

Nut Free



In September, College St. School, and the primary division in particular, will continue to be NUT FREE. A number of students in this division have peanut allergies, and one student has a severe allergy to peanuts. Check the labels when purchasing snacks and encourage your child not to share food with friends.



Congratulations



Best wishes to our Grade 8 graduates as they move on to the next phase of their education. A wonderful graduation ceremony was held on June 22 at South Lincoln High School where all our Grade 8 students were recognized for their achievements this year. Congratulations to our **Student Success Award winner, Nick Harris**, and to our **Award of Excellence Winner, Jacob Klassen**. Thank you to the parents who helped decorate and set up for the ceremony and thank you to the folks who chaperoned the dance.