



BULLDOG NEWS

JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to new and returning students and families. I hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer. Thank you to Mr. Morland who worked very hard over the summer to make sure the school was “spic and span” for our return, and to the staff who were busy preparing for another engaging year.

As always we value the partnership between home and school and encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or comments. I strongly believe that a positive environment with open communication is key to a successful school.

GO BULLDOGS GO!

Achieving Success Together

Sincerely

Mr. B. Blake

INITIAL SCHOOL

ORGANIZATION 2009-10

Our tentative class organization is listed below. **Please keep in mind that changes could occur depending upon actual Board and School enrolment figures.** Hopefully any change will be minimal.

Principal.....Mr. B. Blake
Secretary.....Mrs. D. Kinghorn

Kindergarten.....Mrs. D. Derousie
Grade 1.....Mrs. J. Maves
Grade 2Mrs. K. Colangeli
Grade 3.....Mrs. K. TenDen
Grade 4/5Mr. T. Teakle
Grade 5/6 Mrs. O. Grcevic
Grade 6/7.....Mr. G. Leith
French.....Mrs. J. Costantini
Grade 7/8Mr. A. Janvary
ISP / LRTMrs. J. Thomson

EA (ISP).....Mrs. R. Bond
EA.....Mrs. D. Wilcox
Youth CounsellorMr. R. D’Amario
CaretakersMr. D. Morland (Head)
.....Mr. G. Bell
.....Mrs. O. Petrenko

Lunch Supervisors.....Mrs. K. Murray
.....Mrs. C. Elliott

SCHOOL TIMES

8:55 a.m.	Entry
9:00 -10:40 a.m.	Instructional Block 1
10:40 -11:20 a.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break
11:20- 1:00 p.m.	Instructional Block 2
1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break 2
1:50 - 3:30 p.m.	Instructional Block 3
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

TRANSPORTATION

For transportation information please visit the Niagara Student Transportation Services website at www.nsts.ca or call 905-346-0290,

A change of transportation request form is available at the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Once again Edge Imaging will be our photo provider. ***Picture Day will be Thursday, October 15th.***

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

On **Tuesday, September 22rd at 6:30p.m.** our School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet. At this meeting we will establish meeting dates for the coming year, and choose our 2009-10 Council. The Council performs a valuable role as advocates for the parents and students of John Marshall School. All are encouraged to consider attending this initial meeting. **Nomination forms for membership will be available at the office and on our website.**

<http://www.dsbns.edu.on.ca/Schools/JMarshall/>

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mrs. Kinghorn, our secretary is in the office from 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each week day. Mr. Blake is available most days from 8:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. Appointments can be made through the office at 905-358-3711.

If your child/ren are going to be absent please inform the office/classroom teacher. We have an answering machine, therefore a message can be left at any time of the day or night.

We also recognize that from time to time it is necessary to contact the school to get a message to your child. As the office is a busy place and it is not always possible for Mrs. Kinghorn to be delivering messages to students regarding after school arrangements. Please try to make all of the

necessary arrangements with your child/ren in advance to avoid any missed communication. Students should be using the office telephone for emergency calls and not to make after school arrangements with friends or family.

STUDENT ORGANIZERS

Each child in Grades 1 through 8 will be provided with a student organizer at a subsidized ***cost to the student of \$5.00.*** Our expectation is that this book be used as a communication tool between home and school on a daily basis. ***Please note that our School Code of Conduct is located on page 2 of the agenda.***

STUDENT FORMS

Over the next several days you will be receiving a variety of notices and forms which will need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. The **Confidential Student Verification** form is kept on file at the office. It is very important that we have up-to-date medical and personal information each year as well as an emergency contact number in case we cannot reach you at home or at work. This contact person should be someone who is usually available and lives in relatively close proximity to the school. ***Please let us know if this information changes during the year***

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Friday, September 25th and Friday, February 12th will be Early Release Days. On these two days **students will be released from school at 12:30 p.m.** Staff will be spending the afternoons working on curriculum related issues. **There will be no afternoon JK/SK classes.**

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students at school must have an authorization form completed by the physician on file in the school. These forms are available at the school office.

TERRY FOX WALK

Once again, John Marshall is pleased to be hosting its annual Terry Fox Walk on **Friday, September 25**. All monies raised through our event will be forwarded to The Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research.

As we did last year, students will be walking around the perimeter of the playground. The number of laps will increase by grade. We would like to encourage students to donate a minimum of \$2.00 each in our effort to beat last year's record amount of donations. We are confident we can reach this goal with the full participation of the school community. Balloons will once again be available for the name of a loved one to carry while walking.

We are very proud to be associated with The Terry Fox Foundation and believe that our involvement will launch a successful, positive and meaningful school year. If you would like to be involved and help out at the event, please contact the school prior to the day of the event.

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly to recognize "Kids With Character" will be **Wednesday, September 30th at 2:05 p.m.** Once again we will be recognizing chosen students from each grade with a Super Bulldog award for demonstrating the character trait of the month. The character trait for September is **RESPECT**. At John Marshall we show respect with positive regard for others' thoughts, opinions and feelings. We are inclusive and fair in our treatment of others.

TIME TO LACE UP THOSE RUNNING SHOES!

Students in grade 3 and up, who are interested in joining the cross country running team, are invited to try-out starting Friday, September 11th. Practices will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the first lunch break for approximately 20 minutes. Students will run prior to eating from 10:40 to 11:00 a.m.. The first meet is scheduled to be in a few weeks at Queenston Heights.

PERFORMANCE CHOIR

The Performance Choir will begin next Tuesday, September 15. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 3:35pm - 4:30pm. This Choir is for students in grade 4 - 8.

Schedule

September 15 and 22, October 6, 13, and 20, November 3, 10, and 17, December 1 & 8.

Events

Members of the Performance Choir are going to have many opportunities to perform this year. They will be participating in the Remembrance Day Service at the school, the Annual Christmas Choirfest at the Pen Center as well as singing at the Hospital and other Nursing Homes and Seniors Residences. The students will also be singing the National Anthem at a Niagara Ice Dogs home game. New this year will be the opportunity for some of the students to sing on stage for a production of Scrooge produced by Silver Mist Productions. In the New Year, members will participate in the Kiwanis Festival, DSBN Vocal Festival, and Port Colborne Festival of the Arts.

All students interested in being a member of this Choir are asked to sign up outside of the Music room. See you on Tuesday September 15 at 3:30pm.

PRIMARY CHOIR

The Primary Choir is for all students in grade 1 - 3. Students who are interested in being a member of this choir will meet during the first nutrition break from 11:00 - 11:20am.

The members will sing at many of the same events and festivals that the Performance Room if you are interested in being a member.

Schedule

Day 2 and 7 throughout the year (Wednesday's for the month of September and first of October, Friday's for the rest of October, Monday's for the month of November and December)

*First practice will be September 16th.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CLUB

This year there will also be a music club to get together and play instruments. If you have a guitar or other instrument at home that you play, bring it in on day 3 and on day 8. Some instruction can be given for those who already know how to play.

If you are interested in being a member, please sign up outside of the Music Room and indicate which instrument you play. You may also be included in some of the presentations with the choirs.

SPELLING CLUB

The Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee is a spelling bee held annually in Canada since 2005. The bee is affiliated with the United States-based Scripps National Spelling Bee and uses similar rules and word lists. For more information please go to <http://www.canspell.ca>

Practices and coaching will take place during first nutrition breaks from 11:00 - 11:20am on day 5 and 9. Students of all grades are welcome to participate. This involves much memory work and dedication. Please sign up outside the

Music Room if you are interested in participating. First practice/information session will take place on Monday September 14th.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Once again Homework Club will be offered to all students this year. This club provides 40 minutes of valuable time for students to catch up on missed or incomplete work, or to get some extra support. This year Homework Club will be located in the library on cycle days: 4 - 9, starting the second week of school.

TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.dsbnc.edu.on.ca/Schools/JMarshall/>

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAMME

We will again have chocolate & white milk available at the second nutrition break. Milk tickets are available at \$15.00 for 20 or individual cartons can be purchased for 75 cents.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

_____ **YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.**

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW. _____

_____ **Student Name / Family Name**

_____ **Parent Signature**

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