

# McKay Public School



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## DECEMBER

4: Flannel Shirt Day,  
Pizza Day, Choir @  
Portal Village

6: Pasta lunch -  
primary AM break,  
J/I PM break

11: J/I Choir @  
Seaway Mall, Pizza  
Day

13: Movie Buy-Out  
\$2, primary block 2,  
J/I block 3.

16: Candy Cane Day

17: Christmas Hat  
Day

18: Ugly Sweater  
Day, Pizza Day

19: Christmas Carols,  
Family Skate 6-  
7:30pm

20: PJ Day, last day  
of classes

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE...**

On behalf of the staff at McKay, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! Hopefully you will find some time to take part in winter activities and spend some quality time with friends and family members. Special thanks to our School Advisory Council, staff and community members who came out to support our Holiday Event in November. It was a great day that included pancakes, book fair, penny sale baskets, and the McKay School Christmas Choir.

### **Thank you volunteers...**

The support from our community, staff, and parent volunteers has been overwhelming. We would like to thank the many individuals who help our students every day. We are very fortunate to have parents and grandparents working with students in the hallways and in classrooms. We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to develop our students' confidence and literacy skills.

Many thanks to the parents who take the time to support our sporting events. Without your help, student participation would be limited. Special thanks as well to our coaches who give countless hours of their personal time in order to provide the students with a well-balanced school experience that fosters cooperation, respect, and responsibility.

We also have staff, parents, and grandparents who assist with our daily breakfast program. All the time spent shopping, prepping, serving and cleaning is appreciated; because of this support, so many students can start their day off right.

We would also like to thank our staff members who take the lead with different school initiatives which have supported many important programs and families within our own community.

The last day of classes will be held on Friday, December 20, 2019. Classes will resume on January 6, 2020. We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

*Mrs. Ainslie & Mrs. Lott*

## **Fitness and Nutrition Breaks**

The second Nutrition Break (12:55 - 1:35pm) is considered the lunch break and students are welcome to stay for lunch if they follow our simple rules:

- Remain in your seat, no walking around during the eating portion of the break;
- No loud talking, be respectful of your neighbours;
- Clean up after yourself, dispose of garbage and make sure that your desk is clean;
- You must have written permission from your parent/guardian to leave the school property.

Students who leave school property are expected to return on time (1:30 p.m.). Failure to be responsible for their timely return, may result in students losing this privilege, temporarily or permanently, depending on the severity of the problem.

## **School Advisory Council**

We have great members on our School Advisory Council (SAC), and we are always looking for new members. You're encouraged to please come out to one of our monthly meetings to share your ideas on ways that we can support our students at McKay School. Hope to see you at our next School Advisory Council Meeting.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

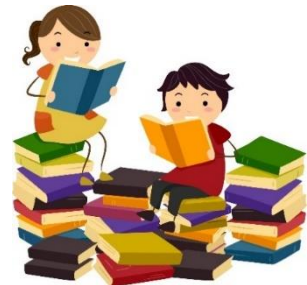
**Location:** McKay Staff Room

## **Parking at Matheson's Drug Store**

It has come to our attention that many of our families are parking at Matheson's Drug Store located on Steele St. As a result, many of their customers are unable to park in their lot. Kindly refrain from parking in their lot, as it is reserved for paying customers. Thank you!

## **Book Fair**

A big thank you to our McKay families who supported our Book Fair. Sales were fantastic which resulted in \$1,200 worth of Scholastic books for our library and classrooms. Your continued support is much appreciated. Happy reading!



## Student pick-up and drop-off

Regardless of whether students are late or leaving early, we ask that all students check in at the office. This enables the office staff to ensure that all students are arriving safely to class or being dismissed to the appropriate person.

Furthermore, we would like to request that parents/adults always wait at the office. If your child requires assistance getting to class, one of the office staff would be happy to escort them. Any information you would like to convey to teachers can also be conveyed by the office or through your child's agenda.

Once classes have started, we want to minimize the disruption to other students that are participating in the instructional day.

## DSBN ACADEMY PRESENTATIONS...



### DSBN ACADEMY PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

DATE	WHERE	TIME
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - FORT ERIE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	VALLEYWAY P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 <sup>ND</sup> , 2019	DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - WELLDAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 2019	PLYMOUTH P.S. - WELLDAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	HARRIET TUBMAN P.S. - ST. CATHARINES	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - BEAMSVILLE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	MCKAY P.S. - PORT COLBORNE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup> , 2019	PRINCESS MARGARET P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
<b>OPEN HOUSE</b>		
MONDAY, JANUARY 20 <sup>TH</sup> , 2020	DSBN ACADEMY - ST. CATHARINES	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



## Snow, Snow, Snow!

The snow has arrived! McKay School's rule is to leave it on the ground. Please reinforce this rule at home. For the safety of all students we ask students not to throw or kick snow.

We have a 1-2-3 policy. Each time a student throws snow, a letter goes home, and the incidents are tracked. The first time is a warning, the second time is parent contact with the loss of recess, and the third time is parental contact and an in-school time-out. Each situation is dealt with considering mitigating factors.

Using progressive discipline, formal suspension could result.



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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

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

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.**

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.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

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)

### Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

### Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108 (107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

### Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10



## ELEMENTARY FRENCH IMMERSION

The French Immersion program offered at **McKay PS** is open to all students in Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

**A Parent Information evening will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at McKay Public School from 5:30-6:30pm.**



Now, for parents of  
**SENIOR KINDERGARTEN**  
**STUDENTS** it's easier  
than ever to say

**“Oui!”**

**to French  
Immersion  
at the  
DSBN**

**Did you  
know?**

The DSBN offers a single-entry program in French Immersion starting at Grade 1.

**Learning Another Language:**

- Improves a student's ability to read, write and think critically
- Helps students use their first language more effectively
- Promotes understanding of different cultures
- Supports increased post-secondary and employment opportunities for students

Please **join us** at our information night to learn more about French Immersion.



**MCKAY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Date:** Thursday,  
January 9, 2020

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** 320 Fielden Avenue,  
Port Colborne



**Registration:**  
January 6 to  
February 18,  
2020

**How do I  
get more  
information?**

Visit our website:  
[www.dsnb.org/fi](http://www.dsnb.org/fi)



**J'ai de  
l'importance  
à DSBN**

## FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12;
- Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.



**Registration is open: January 6<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or contact our school directly.

A colorful promotional graphic for a "Kindergarten Kickstart" event. At the top left is the DSBN logo (District School Board of Niagara). The main title "SAVE THE DATE FOR KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART AT THE DSBN" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below the title are four rounded rectangular buttons: "See a Kindergarten classroom" (pink), "Meet the Kindergarten Team" (green), "Register for school" (teal), and "Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources" (blue). At the bottom, there is a row of five diverse cartoon children (two girls and three boys, one in a wheelchair) and a brown cartoon dog. A large yellow speech bubble contains the text "REGISTER ONLINE! DSBN.ORG/KINDERGARTEN". The background features a blurred image of colorful pencils. The bottom of the graphic has a green banner with the text "Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m." in white.

