



Grapeview Gazette

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

SHELLEY FEHRMAN– PRINCIPAL
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Mark Your

Calendar

- **Oct 9 PA Day – No School for students**
- **Oct 10 Thanksgiving Monday—No School**
- **Oct 18 Grade 7 Hep B & Grade 8 HPV Vaccine Clinic**
- **Oct. 27 Picture Retakes**
- **Lunch Lady every Wednesday**
- **Pizza day every Thursday**
- **Popcorn for Sale every Tuesday and Thursday**

Breakfast Club is running each morning. If you are interested in volunteering to supervise from 8:15-8:40 AM please contact Mr. Willms at the school.

Principal's Message

Happy October!

We have already been back to school for over a month and students and staff have settled in and are hard at work, learning in the classroom. Several activities have already taken place in September including our Meet the Teacher/Vendor Fair and BBQ, our Intermediate Drummers at Grape and Wine and various volley-ball and soccer teams. Cross Country is also on the go and we have 14 students moving on to represent us at the DSBN meet next week. Please follow us on Twitter and check out our Grapeview website for future school activities and events.

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about **I Matter** by visiting dsbn.org/imatter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Fehrman and Mr. J. Willms

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to help save our planet earth and cut down on paper use we don't hand out paper copies of our newsletter. Our monthly newsletters and calendars on-line at our Grapeview website <http://grapeview.dsbns.org/>. If for some reason you are unable to access the internet from home your child may pick up a paper copy from the office.

Progress Reports

Early in November, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals, and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, this report has a very different intent. The purpose of the Progress Report is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as his/her progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Traditionally, when reporting to parents about their child's progress, teachers have prepared by *looking back* over the work done. The teacher evaluated your child's progress from the beginning of the school term to the current point in time, and reported on the highlights of achievement as they compare to overall curricular expectations. Teachers continue to report on Provincial Term One and Term Two Report Cards in this manner.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about *looking forward*. The purpose is to set the course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. For students who are on a modified Individual Education Program, the teacher uses those modified goals when determining whether a child is progressing well, progressing very well, or progressing with difficulty.

All subjects that are part of your child's program in the first weeks of school will be assessed according to the following indicators:

Progressing Very Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet and/or surpass the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing With Difficulty: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is experiencing difficulty towards meeting the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

For subjects in which your child is Progressing With Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next steps plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We held the first School Council Meeting of the year Tuesday, September 27th. Thank-you to the parents that came out to meet and get involved. We are still looking for more parents to come on out and join our school council.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our council, please come to our next meeting Tuesday, November 22nd at 6pm. We invite all parents to please come and join us!!

Promoting Independence

Now that our students are familiar with our school and know how to get to their classrooms, please help promote their independence by allowing students to walk to their classrooms by themselves.

For safety reasons, it is essential that we are aware of every adult in the building. Every non-staff member adult in the building during school hours must wear a visitor's pass, as per our school safety plan.

Please drop off and pick up your child outside. If you would like to see your child's teacher, please call to make an appointment. If you are volunteering during the day (which we truly appreciate), please sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass.

Lates and Absences

When a student is late, he/she **must report** to the office prior to going to the classroom to get a "**late slip**" to present to the teacher. If you know your child will be late please contact the office. This will save a phone call from Mrs. Brown to ensure your child's safety. If your child is ill, please be sure to notify the office prior to 9:00 a.m. We have an answering machine available for your convenience, if you need to phone in the evening or early morning. **If your child is absent and we do not receive a call, Mrs. Wiebe or Mrs. Thoms, our secretaries, will contact you in order to ensure that your child is safe.**

Kiss and Ride

We are encouraging all parents to use the Kiss n' Ride at the front of the school. Remember Kiss n' Ride is a drop off lane....no permanent parking. Your child can then proceed directly to the playground.

Please remember that we have many buses dropping off students and picking up students at our school. The bus lane is marked on the tarmac (in front of the entrance to our school) and is a no parking zone. Please cooperate with staff supervisors to ensure that students are safely dropped off and picked up each day!

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NOV. 28th - DEC. 1st 2016

I GOT THIS!



#IMatterAtDSBN

Ontario's HPV Immunization Program – Expanded to now include Boys

For the past nine years, the HPV vaccine has been offered free of charge in Ontario schools to girls in grade 8 to help protect them from Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and related cancers.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the program will expand to offer this cancer fighting vaccine to all **boys and girls** in grade 7. If you have a son or daughter entering grade 7 this year, they will be offered the HPV vaccine through a school-based clinic. For the majority of students, this vaccine will be given in a series of two injections, one in the fall and one in the spring.

This will be the last school year that girls in grade 8 will be offered the HPV vaccine because in future years the vaccine will only be offered in grade 7.

The HPV vaccine is considered very safe, and is highly effective.

To learn more about HPV, the HPV vaccine, and catch-up programs for older children please call: Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7425 or visit:

www.niagararegion.ca/health
www.ontario.ca/hpv



SAINTS NEWSLETTER

September 2016

We're off and running! Collegiate has followed an exciting summer with a great start to the new school year.



Olympian Moh Speed Gives Thanks

Olympian and Collegiate graduate Mohammed Ahmed took time from his training to meet with and inspire Collegiate students with his story of success. He also took time to enjoy lunch at our in-house restaurant 'Taste' with his favourite former teachers. Culinary students prepared and served a three course meal to display their talents to the grateful Olympian.

'Moh Speed' as he is known to teachers, credits the school for introducing him to track and encouraging his passion for running. He remains a strong advocate and supporter of Collegiate.



FALL SPORTS

Football, cross country, and volleyball have all begun. Come out and support our Saints!

BOOK CLUB

Stay Peculiar! St. Catharines Collegiate's Book Club has adopted "Stay Peculiar" as its club's motto after being inspired by Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. Book club meets every Friday at lunch. We look forward to choosing our first page turner of the 2016-2017 school year.



Harriet Tubman Kindergarten Visits

This week our Transportation Technology class hosted an exploration day for over 170 kindergarten students from Harriet Tubman.

Kindergartners along with the support of Collegiate teachers and students participated in a variety of fun experiential learning activities including: electronic diagnostic display boards, a fun fastening activity with nuts and bolts, operated the hoists and jacks, and pretended to fix vehicles using hand tools.

Mr. Chrysler and his team of students reported that they were tired, but thoroughly enjoyed their day with Tubman students and staff!

COLLEGIATE TAKES THE STAGE AT THE PRESTIGIOUS EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

This summer, nine St. Catharines Collegiate students and two staff set off on a two week journey to represent Canada at the prestigious Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They first landed in London, England with stops at Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, a performance of *The Woman in Black* at the Fortune Theatre, a boat cruise along the River Thames, as well as a tour and workshop at The Globe Theatre.

Then it was off to Edinburgh, Scotland! Students worked together, along with theatre professionals from around the world, performing their original production, "Begin Again" at Church Hill Theatre in the Morningside neighbourhood of famous author J.K Rowling. Students also entertained thousands of visitors with a performance on the famous Royal Mile.

When not rehearsing or performing, their adventure included a tour of Edinburgh's haunted underground, numerous Fringe shows including *Showstoppers*, an improvised musical, a tour of the countryside and Sterling Castle, a hike to a waterfall, afternoon tea at The Balmoral and numerous hikes up Arthur's Seat. It definitely was



a trip of a lifetime that has ignited a passion for travel for everyone involved.

Collegiate is proud of all of their efforts both on and off the stage! They were excellent ambassadors for not only our school but the city of St. Catharines. It was an amazing experience, and our students worked incredibly hard to raise the over \$100,000 needed to make this unforgettable journey!

Feel free to visit www.collegiatemusic.com and click on the 'Collegiate On Tour' tab to access more photos and our blog.

STUDENT VOICE RETREAT

Members of this year's Student Voice had the opportunity to meet to plan out activities for the school year.

The first part of the day was spent getting to know one another through a series of ice breakers and group challenges. It was amazing to see the natural leaders emerge from the group. There were some fantastic ideas generated and the students are excited to implement them to make this school year a memorable one!

After all their hard work and planning, students had a blast at Sky Zone bouncing, flipping and flying through the air.

