



Grapeview Gazette

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

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Mark Your Calendar

- **October 3- Ice Dogs Assembly**
- **October 4- Electrical Safety Presentations**
- **October 5- Terry Fox Walk**
- **October 6- P.A.Day- no school**
- **October 9- Thanksgiving- no school**
- **October 16- DSBNI X-Country Race**
- **October 21- Niagara Ice Dogs Night**
- **October 24- Wear Purple in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- **October 25- Picture Retakes**
- **October 31- Halloween**



Do What Is Expected
by...
Working Hard
Being Kind
Having Fun
Gryphon Proud!

Message from the Office

Welcome to Fall at Grapeview,

We first want to reflect back on September and thank our community for a great start to the school year. Our Fall Vendor Fair was a huge success. The money raised will be put towards technology for our school. Thank you for your support with this event. A special thank you to Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Rupcic who led the organization of this event. It was great to see so many families out enjoying such a beautiful evening. We also appreciated all the cheering and support we received the following day as we walked in the Grape and Wine Parade. A sincere thank you to Brad Battle, Mr. Pomeroy and our Grade 7/8 bucket drummers who provided our musical entertainment for both events.

This past month our school has also focused on building our culture and sense of community. We want Grapeview to be a place where students feel safe, accepted, recognized and nurtured. We have reviewed our school code of conduct so that all staff, students and families can understand and feel protected by our expectations for behaviour each day. We have spent time highlighting behaviours that show our Gryphon Pride - seeking out students and staff who are working hard, being kind or just having fun. We are striving to build our sense of community so that Grapeview is a great place to be for our students and families, our staff and all who come through our doors.

Looking ahead to October we again have many ways to continue to celebrate our school and the learning that is happening. Our big event this month will take place on Saturday, October 21 at the Niagara Ice Dogs Game where Grapeview has been chosen to sing the national anthem. All students from Grades 1-8 that are interested will have the opportunity to join the choir and this month will be preparing for this event. Further information about purchasing tickets and the details of the event will come out later this month.

As we begin to settle into the school year we would like to ensure that you know that we are committed to being your partner in education and are always focused on students success. To achieve this success we believe that our partnership is key. Parents and guardians know their children best and we must work together to understand each other, problem solve and celebrate for student achievement. Your school team is always here for you and that team begins with our teachers. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher to share successes, join you in celebrations or discuss concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Fehrman and Ms. K. Veld



Dreambox

The District School Board of Niagara has purchased DreamBox Learning licenses for every student JK-Grade 8. DreamBox is an online, adaptive math program that supports students at their level of understanding, and helps all students improve their understanding of, and proficiency in mathematics.

Your child can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/grapeviewps>

Since DreamBox is an online program, there is no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

42cv/grapeviewps

To review your child's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account. Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:

1. Go to **<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/grapeviewps>**
2. Have your child login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click Setup Parent Access at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after set up:

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Parent Dashboard" button.

In order for DreamBox to open up the appropriate series of lessons to enable students to master the content, it is critical that parents allow students to work through the math *independently*. DreamBox will alter the content in the lessons in order to scaffold learning for students who initially find the content challenging. You will be amazed by what you can learn about your child and math by sitting behind your child and watching her or him play DreamBox but please resist the temptation of telling him or her the answer.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 7am to 5pm, Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com. Or contact the school for support.



DSBN Continues Makerspace Revolution

In recent years a new focus has emerged in elementary classrooms throughout the world – Makerspaces. Makerspaces encourage invention, design, building, programming, tinkering, and creativity using products from all fields of technology, science and math. Innovation and discovery is happening at rapid speed and students are responding to this form of classroom delivery with enthusiasm and creativity. To nurture this new initiative the District School Board of Niagara has decided to expand our elementary Technology programs, encompassing the Makerspace philosophy.

Previously grade 7 and 8 students would be bussed to local high schools to participate in a Design Technology program. Our focus will now be to bring current skills and technology to all students, in all grades, to a Makerspace environment. Teachers will now have the time and space to immerse their students in an innovative and technologically enriched environment. Schools and communities will be using their Makerspaces to complete cross curricular projects and board wide challenges designed to foster the skills and creativity that are hallmarks of today's technological world.

Stay tuned for more news and ways to get involved in the Makerspace revolution.



education foundation of niagara **Free Money for Your Child's Future!**

WHAT IS THE CANADA LEARNING BOND (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives **\$500** in education money to **children born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).**

SOUND GOOD? KEEP READING...

- THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADD \$100 MORE EVERY YEAR THE CHILD IS ELIGIBLE, UP TO AGE 15.
- EACH CHILD COULD GET UP TO \$2000 (PLUS INTEREST) IN RESP CONTRIBUTIONS!
- NO FAMILY CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED
- THE CANADA LEARNING BOND IS RETROACTIVE FOR CHILDREN BORN 2004 OR AFTER

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

High School Open House Dates and Times:

A.N. Myer Secondary: November 30

Beamsville Secondary: November 29

Eastdale Secondary: November 30 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden High: November 30 – 6:30

E.L. Crossley Secondary: November 27 - 6:30 p.m.

Governor Simcoe Secondary: November 29 – 6:00 p.m.

Greater Fort Erie Secondary: November 28

Grimsby Secondary: November 28 -

Laura Secord Secondary: November 29

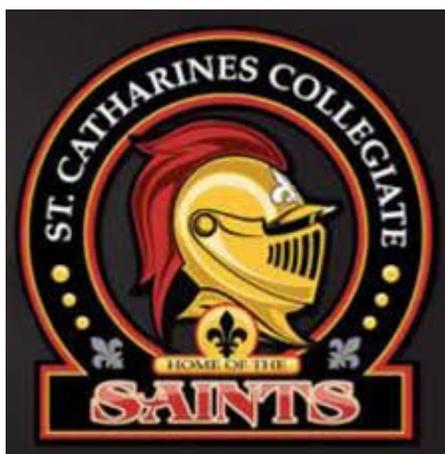
Port Colborne High School: TBD

St. Catharines Collegiate: November 28 – 6:00 p.m.

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary: November 27 – 6:30 p.m.

Stamford Collegiate Secondary: November 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Thorold Secondary: Tuesday, November 29 – 7:00 p.m.



Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Mark your calendar for the 2017 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents and caregivers of DSBN students of all ages.

For more information about the event visit www.dsbn.org/pic



Early Bird Draw!

Register before October 4, 2017
and you could WIN \$500 of support
for your School and School Council!

Visit: <https://www.dsbn.org/pic/> to register.