

# THE RED HAWK REPORT River View Public School

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#REDHAWKPRIDE

#WATCHUSSOAR

#WELCOMETOTHENEST

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we look ahead to the month of December, the holiday season, and the end to the year 2022, I find myself reflecting on the year. Our return to school has been exhilarating with the return of sports and clubs, it brings a new energy to the building, that I am very grateful for. Thank you to our amazing community (parents, students, and staff) for supporting each other during the last number of months and, in making our return to school such a success. There is so much beauty in the rich traditions of many faiths during this time. What is truly wonderful about this time of year is the common bonds we share, regardless of our beliefs. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, or Posadas Navideñas, family values and the feeling of kindness and helping others, is what we have in common.

We would love to hear from our Red Hawk families, the traditions you celebrate, email [rvw@dsbn.org](mailto:rvw@dsbn.org) and share your celebrations with us!

Don't forget that there are many simple gifts to give, like a smile, a kind word, or a random act of kindness. On behalf of the staff at River View, we wish you a holiday season filled with joy, peace, and good health!



## RIVER VIEW GIVES BACK

River View is excited to be participating in a charitable food drive. We have our annual Project Share Food and Toy Drive which runs until wrapping up on December 8. Thank you to all our families for donating so generously to support our larger Niagara community! We are excited to announce that our choir will be singing at the annual Project Share Breakfast on December 9 as well.

## EFN (EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF NIAGARA) TEACHER TRIBUTE

Are you looking to show your appreciation to your child's teacher or school staff member but not sure how to do that during this time? Please consider making a donation in honour of someone through the [EFN Teacher Tribute Campaign](#). All proceeds provide basic necessities for DSBN students.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Event
December 1	24 acts of Kindness calendar begins
December 9	Choir singing at Project Share Breakfast
December 15	Choir singing at Pen Centre (12pm)
December 16	Posadas Navideñas begins
December 17	Hanukkah begins
December 19	Holiday Colours Day
December 20	Festive Headgear Day
December 21	PJ day
December 22	Holiday Sweater Day
December 23	Dress in Holiday wear Last day of class for students
December 24	Winter Break begins
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa begins

## WINTER BREAK

Winter Break is from Dec. 24 to Jan.6 inclusive. We look forward to seeing our families on January 9, 2023 after a restful and healthy break!



# Student's Corner

## Kindness is the reason for the season

River View is sharing our Holiday Spirit with a few school initiatives to spread Kindness...

### Leadership Team

River View students have been busy creating Holiday greeting cards. Our Leadership Team members will be randomly distributing these greeting cards to businesses and residences throughout the Chippawa community during the month of December. We are thrilled to be spreading this act of kindness!

### Kindness Compliments with the Equity Club

All our Red Hawks will be creating kindness messages and compliments that will be placed in a Kindness box. The Equity team will then be distributing these kindness messages to students in the school brightening up their day! Ask your child about the kindness message they received.

### Acts of Kindness

Each day for the month of December our students will be encouraged to demonstrate one simple act of kindness a day. The leadership team has created a December calendar with one act of kindness a day. Have your children share the simple act they do each day!



## Extra Curricular Updates

Our Intermediate girls and boys' volleyball teams returned to competition for a fun season of strong improvement.

The season culminated in playing at the DSBN Board-wide tournament at the brand-new Canada Summer Games facility at Brock University. Both teams did extremely well and should celebrate all the achievements and teamwork displayed throughout the season. Congratulations to the girl's team for coming back after a few loses to finish second in their division.

Mr. Kitcher, Mr. Machulla and Mrs. Hann are extremely proud of the commitment to improvement and coachability our athletes displayed throughout the season!



## Holiday Spirit Week (December 19-23)

We are looking forward to celebrating a week of Holiday Spirit. There are many holidays and celebrations throughout the month of December and our River View families celebrate a variety of holidays. On our Holiday Spirit Days, our Red Hawks are encouraged to share the holiday spirit representing a holiday of their choice.

- **Monday, December 19** – Holiday Colours Day (red/green, blue/white and/or silver/gold)
- **Tuesday, December 20** – Festive Headgear Day
- **Wednesday, December 21** – Pajama Day
- **Thursday, December 22** - Creative Sweater Day (wear your favourite Holiday sweater/top)
- **Friday, December 23** – Celebrate the Holidays Day (wear what you like to show how you celebrate the Holidays)

## River View Choir

The River View choir has been busy preparing a variety of holiday and winter songs to perform for the community.

The students are excited to represent River View at the annual Project Share Breakfast on December 9, at the Greg Frewin theatre.

The choir has also been invited to perform for residents of the Niagara Region at the Pen Centre on December 15 at 12pm. Come out and watch our students share their gift of music with our community.

Thank you to Mr. Dekker and Mrs. Sally for all your work and inspiration to bring choir back to River View this year.





# Parents' Corner

## Important Message about Inclement Weather

## Winter is ALMOST HERE!

### Transportation and School Closures:

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to

<https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellation are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/>, so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

With the cold and wet weather upon us, we have a few reminders for comfortable and safe outdoor play during the winter months:

1. Bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school daily (hat, mitts, jacket, snow pants, and boots).
2. Have dry indoor shoes and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case shirt and pants get wet outside).
3. Students are not permitted to throw snow or slide on ice patches.

If you need a winter coat, snow pants, boot, hats, gloves or mitts, please contact the school office by phone or email ([rvw@dsbn.org](mailto:rvw@dsbn.org)) to inquire about the support we can provide in getting these much-needed items for your children.

All students will continue to have recess outside, in the winter months, weather permitting. Kindergarten children will also continue to have outdoor exploration time during the winter months.

**Our 2 outdoor fitness breaks will occur regularly throughout the winter except when an extreme cold weather alert is issued by the Niagara Region. For this reason, it is essential that students come prepared for the weather! We appreciate your efforts!**

## School Cash Online





## Hot Lunches – Pizza Day

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or e-cheque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases. Please find the link to School Cash Online or it can be found on the River View Website.

The return of pizza day was a huge success! We will continue to have pizza each Thursday. **Each week orders are due by end of day Tuesday, as we must pre-order from The Pizzeria each week.**

For the month of December, we have the following on sale through School Cash Online:

- Milk Orders
- Pizza Day
- Breakfast/Snack program donations

DECEMBER 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Order Today!		 1	2	3
4	5	Order Today!		 8	9	10
11	12	Order Today!		 15	16	17
18	19	Order Today!		 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



## Parents' Corner

### School Advisory Council

Our River View School Advisory Council met on Tuesday, November 8. Please take a minute to read the minutes from October as they are posted on the [River View website](#). All minutes will be posted once they are approved. Our next meeting will be held in January 2023.

At this time, we are looking forward to planning a River View Family event in the New Year and look forward to our Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser in March.

New members are always welcome to join and meetings may be added if the need arises.

### DSBN Social Worker Support

**Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm?**

**Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?**

**Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?**

**Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?**

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Ms. Cocco. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. families.

## STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** - <https://riverview.dsbm.org/> : Please take some time to visit the River View Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER**: Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive emails with reminders about important events and. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**: Please follow us on Instagram: **[riverviewschoolchippawa](#)** to see updates on exciting events.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**: All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.