

# THE RED HAWK REPORT River View Public School

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## End of June 2023

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would like to send a thank you to all our River View families for making this a great year with the return of some River View favourites, including the Fun Fair and the upcoming talent show. I look forward to reconnecting with your families when school resumes on September 5, 2023.

For our Red Hawks that are leaving and heading off to high school or have moved and are heading to a new elementary school, we wish you all the best. Remember, once a Red Hawk, always a Red Hawk!

Whether you are planning a vacation or perhaps a 'stay-cation' this summer, the staff at River View wish you a safe and exciting summer that offers the opportunity to create some amazing memories with your family!

Ms. S. Cocco and Mrs. K Martin



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- River View's Talent Showcase..... June 27
- Eid-al-Adha ..... June 28
- River View Spirit Day..... June 29
- Last Day of School..... June 29**
- School Office Opens ..... Aug. 28
- 2022-2023 School Year Begins..Sept. 5

### STAFF UPDATES – GOODBYES AND WELCOMES

The end of the school year is often a time for us to say "Goodbye" to some of our staff as they are moving to schools throughout the DSBN to share their expertise, caring and compassion with a new group of students. We would like to wish Mrs. Sally, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Feduck all the best with their future endeavours. We would like to welcome Mrs. Benson, Ms. Rotella, Ms. Cook, Ms. Bilon, Ms. Weaver, Mrs. Trim and Mrs. Walker to River View and know that they will all be a great fit to our River View community!

The staffing process will continue during the summer and into September. At this time, our Kindergarten Team includes Mrs. Bouchard, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Schaefer, Ms. Keagan and Ms. Weaver. Our primary team (Gr. 1-3) includes: Mrs. Hann, Miss Newton, Miss Gabriel, Ms. Foster, and Mrs. Musgrave. Our Junior team (Gr. 4-6) includes: Miss Bilon, Mrs. Hilborn, Ms. Cook, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kitcher. Our Intermediate team (Gr. 7 & 8) includes Mr. Machulla, Mrs. Benson and Ms. Rotella. Next year we are lucky to have a great student learning resource support team, which includes Mr. Van Leeuwen, Mrs. Hallett and Ms. Friesen.

### PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others), you will receive an email with the forms required for **when we return to school**. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care. Please complete these over the summer. You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](http://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions)

### DSBN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

[Please click here for a link to the 2023-2024 DSBN Elementary School Year calendar.](#)

### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on June 27. All Report Cards not picked up by June 29 will be mailed to the student's home address that we currently have in our system. If you have moved, please update your home address with the office to ensure we mail the report card to the correct address.

### OFFICE HOURS

The River View school office will close for the summer on Friday, June 30 and will re-open on Monday, August 28.

### DSBN INFORMATION

For other DSBN information please visit [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) or call 905-641-1550 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.



## CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION

We are already looking ahead to the new school year and will soon begin the process of organizing next year's classes. In developing our new class structure, our goal is to ensure your children have an outstanding educational experience in an inviting and welcoming classroom community.

Our classes work best when they include members of differing interests, abilities, and perspectives. This gives students the opportunity to learn from and about each other. These experiences help to open students' minds to new ideas and new possibilities, allowing them to test limits and develop their true potential.

To do this, it's important for us to look at a number of factors, including:

**Learning Style:** We consider how students learn best and which classroom environment will best support their needs.

**Ability, Interests and Talents:** All children are unique and have their own set of strengths and abilities. Having a grouping of students whose strengths compliment each other will help enhance everyone's learning.

**Relationships:** We aim to create groups that allow for respectful and caring peer relationships with opportunities to meet new students as well as spending time with some familiar friends.

**Parent Input:** As parents, you have a unique perspective on your children and their school experience. If you have any information that could help inform our decision, please email to my attention [sally.cocco@dsbn.org](mailto:sally.cocco@dsbn.org) by Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Your input will be considered in relation to the criteria listed above, and where placement options are available.

Our plan is to email families with the students' September class placement on Friday, September 1, 2023.

## GRADE 8 STUDENTS – MESSAGE ABOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

The District School Board of Niagara encourages all students to explore a wide variety of community experiences and activities in order to develop an understanding of the various roles they can play in their community and to help them develop a greater sense of belonging within their community. As part of the Ontario secondary school diploma requirements, every student is required to complete a minimum 40 hours of community involvement. **These activities may be completed at any time starting the summer before a student enters Grade 9 and after reviewing the expectations and regulations.** Students are encouraged to complete their hours early in their high school career.

Students can access the D2L resources using their DSBN student login and password. By visiting <https://dsbn.org> and clicking Staff and Student Login, where they will have access to the D2L icon and login. In this space, students will have access to the information about eligible and ineligible activities, and a link to search for volunteer opportunities in the Niagara Region.

Before starting a volunteer experience, students need to watch the video and review the materials in the D2L course, so they understand the expectations and know what is eligible as an activity. We do not want students participating in an activity that risks their safety and well-being or disappoint them to learn their experience was not eligible after their participation.

Information has been shared with all of our Grade 8s during class time

## SUMMER SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

Social-emotional skills are essential for connecting with others, managing emotions, feeling empathy and building healthy relationships. The Mental Health and Well-being team is excited to continue to offer Social Emotional Learning programs to all DSBN students completing grades 1 to 12 over the summer months.

Merrell's Strong Start, Strong Kids, and Strong Teens will be offered for six weeks (July 10th – August 18th, 2023) virtually on Microsoft Teams. This high-quality, research-based Social-Emotional Learning program promotes resilience by teaching students everyday skills to overcome challenges in positive ways. Programming will occur two days per week for 1.5 hours with students of similar ages grouped together. Access to technology is required to participate in the programming.

Please use this link to REGISTER: <https://forms.office.com/r/zbUP4wXuBs>

Registration closes at 9:00 am on Monday, July 3, 2023.

## SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PLAYGROUND AND THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. If you notice any vandalism or damages to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Once notified, they will then contact the appropriate personnel at DSBN and the issues will be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return!

## NSTS BACK-TO-SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

At the end of August, Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student that qualifies for busing, including bus route numbers, stop locations and times.

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child’s student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child’s Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While signed-in, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child’s bus route.

Eligibility information is also available through the portal including walking directions if your child lives within the walk zone of the school and is not eligible for transportation service. Changes to home, pick-up or drop-off addresses must be made through your child’s school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so we can make sure a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year, however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

With the availability of the secure parent portal, *NSTS will not mail student transportation notices* with the exception of Kindergarten students or new students to the system who do not have an OEN to sign-in to the portal. Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child’s transportation arrangements.

Please note that if you have opted-in your child/children for student transportation for this school year (2022/23), there is no need to opt-in again for next school year (2023/24).

The contact information is:

**Phone: 905 357-6787**

**Website: [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)**

**Email: [general@nsts.ca](mailto:general@nsts.ca)**

## WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL MY CHILD NEED?

We understand that many families like to purchase school supplies over the summer months. As always, you are welcome to do this but please keep it simple (pencils, erasers, pencil crayons or markers, scissors, and a calculator (Grades 2-8)). However, the school will provide all necessary learning materials and purchasing learning materials for your child is not required. Some items that you may purchase over the summer include:

Kindergarten	Grades 1-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A <b>BACKPACK</b> that is large enough to carry their lunch bag.</li> <li>○ <b>LUNCH</b> - Consider packing food in containers that can be easily opened by your child. Healthy snacks are encouraged.</li> <li>○ <b>REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE</b></li> <li>○ <b>HEADPHONES</b> to use with technology. Headphones that cover the ears work best. Place headphones in a labeled bag (e.g. a large Ziploc).</li> <li>○ <b>INDOOR RUNNING SHOES</b> that will be kept at school. (e.g. Velcro and slip on shoes).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>PAIR OF INDOOR SHOES</b></li> <li>○ <b>REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE</b></li> <li>○ <b>LUNCH BAG</b></li> <li>○ <b>BACKPACK</b></li> <li>○ You may choose to provide your child with some basic <b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b>; however, the school will supply all necessary learning materials.</li> <li>○ <b>HEADPHONES</b> to use with technology, in a labeled bag (e.g. a large Ziploc)</li> </ul>