



River View PS

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Welcome Back RedHawks!

Our Bell Times

8:50-9:40– Period 1
9:40-10:30– Period 2

10:30-11:10– Break

11:10-12:00– Period 3
12:00-12:50– Period 4

12:50-1:30– Break

1:30-2:20– Period 5
2:20-3:10– Period 6

September Dates to Remember:

20th: Terry Fox Walk

24th: Meet the Staff
Night 5-6pm
6:15pm– School Advisory
Council

25th: Rowan's Law
Day

26th: Pizza Day

27th: Grade 7
Immunizations

29th: National Truth
and
Reconciliation Day

We hope that all of our River View families have had a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. We are so excited to be welcoming you all back to school. A warm welcome to our new students and families joining the River View community.

Our staff has been busily preparing their classrooms and building activities to welcome their students for the upcoming year. A big thank you to Mrs. Lyndon and Mrs. Overholt for getting the office ready for the start to the school year. Thank you to Mrs. Foster and Ms. Konyi for making our school look sparkling clean!

Please don't hesitate to contact our staff if you have any questions or concerns as we are here to support your child's learning.

Looking forward to a fantastic year,
Ms. Butler and Mrs. Martin



The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as River View Public School recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

Nut Aware

We have several children in our school who face the daily challenge posed by life threatening allergies.

We ask that all students **DO NOT** bring peanut butter, Nutella, peanuts or tree nuts of any kind to school and that you do the best you can to eliminate products that may contain nuts from school lunches and snacks.

We are doing all we can as a community to provide a safe environment for all students.



Playground Upgrades

Our yard is looking great! Over the summer, lines were repainted on the tarmac. It is great to see everything in tip-top shape to start off the school year!

Meet the Staff Night!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 24th. Join us from 5pm-6pm to meet the amazing staff at River View and tour your child's classroom and the school!



River View Staff 2024-2025

The class organization is set for the upcoming year. Please note that changes may still occur if our enrollment changes this first week.

Kindergarten 1
Kindergarten 2
Kindergarten 3
Grade 1
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 4/5
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 6
Grade 7/8
Grade 7 /8
Grade 7/8
French (Gr. 4, 5,6)
French (Gr. 6, 7, 8)
Kinder/Prep
Primary Prep
LRT
LRT/ Gr. 4 Prep
Early Reading Teacher
EA
EA
EA
EA
Youth Counsellor
Secretaries
Custodian
Lunch Supervisor
Vice Principal
Principal

Mrs. Bouchard & Mrs. Pepin
Mrs. Higgins & Mrs. Schaefer
Ms. Derousie & Mrs. Futino
Mrs. Hann
Ms. Gabriel
Mrs. Black
Ms. Billion
Mrs. Musgrave
Ms. Foster
Ms. Anderson
Mrs. Causarano
Mr. Kitcher
Ms. Cook
Mr. Friyia Puyuelo
Mr. Machulla
Mrs. Benson
Mrs. Arnold
Mme. Bird
Mr. Dekker
Ms. Keagan
Mr. Kushniruk
Ms. Friesen
Mr. Hall
Mrs. Mallet
Ms. French
Mr. Rjabokons
Mrs. Trim
Ms. Walker
Ms. Pizzo
Mrs. Lyndon & Mrs. Overholt
Mrs. Foster
Mr. Pester & Mrs. Stonham
Mrs. Martin
Ms. Overholt-Butler

Class Placements

By now, you should have received information about your child's class placement. Please note that class placements may change after the first 2 weeks of school because of shifting enrollments that could impact our class organizations.

Requests for class placement were taken into consideration when creating our class lists. We have tried to meet these requests as best possible, but there are times when these requests could not be met. We appreciate your support and understanding.

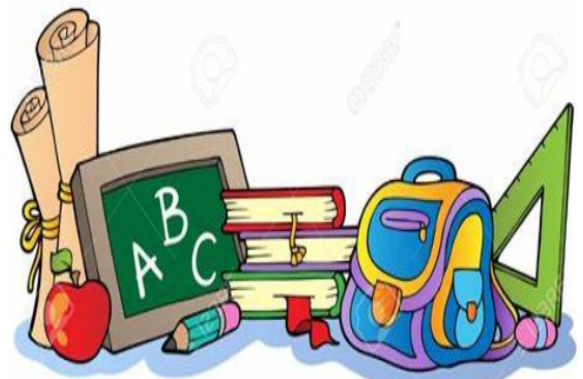
What to Bring to School

We understand that many families like to purchase school supplies. As always, you are welcome to do this but please keep it simple (pencil, erasers, pencil, crayons markers, scissors, and a calculator for our students in grades 4-8). However, the school will provide all necessary learning materials. If you need these items, many of our community partners will be providing schools with supplies. Please let the office know. Please label all items with your child's name to ensure any lost items are returned to their owner.

Kindergarten	Grades 1-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A BACKPACK that is large enough to carry their lunch bag. ○ LUNCH - Consider packing food in containers that can be easily opened by your child. Healthy snacks are encouraged. ○ REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE ○ HEADPHONES to use with technology. Headphones that cover the ears work best. Place headphones in a labeled bag (e.g. a large Ziploc). ○ INDOOR RUNNING SHOES that will be kept at school. (e.g. Velcro and slip on shoes preferred to encourage independence) ○ OUTER CLOTHING (e.g., jacket, snow pants, etc.) appropriate for the weather. ○ A CHANGE OF CLOTHES that will be kept in their locker. Place clothes in a labeled bag (e.g., a large Ziploc bag). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OUTDOOR CLOTHING - In addition to fitness breaks, a portion of your child's day will include outdoor learning and breaks for mask relief. Please send your child to school dressed for the weather. ○ PAIR OF INDOOR SHOES ○ REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE ○ LUNCH ○ BACKPACK ○ HAT AND SUNSCREEN ○ You may choose to provide your child with some basic SCHOOL SUPPLIES; however, the school will supply all necessary learning materials. ○ HEADPHONES to use with technology, in a labeled bag (e.g. a large Ziploc)
<p>Things my child should not bring to school from home: ▼</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toys or stuffed animals • Any food containing any nut or nut product • Shared foods (e.g., cupcakes, Timbits due to dietary restrictions) • Perfume or cologne products 	

Technology

We understand that many students carry cell phones and use smart watches to and from school for safety reasons. Our primary purpose at school is for learning. More information about the use of cell phones/ smart watches will be based on the new Provincial Code of Conduct and PPM 128 will be shared as we move forward. We appreciate your support with this!



Reporting Absences

Your child's safety is of our utmost concern. To ensure the well-being of your child/ren, it is imperative that the school be aware of any absences by using the School Messenger system. Please see instructions below. Students who are late must report to the office to get a late slip. Students leaving school early must be handed off to a parent at the front door. You can also use School Messenger to let the school know you if you are picking up your child early.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. The District School Board of Niagara is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences. Using the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

- Call toll-free before bell time: **1-866-606-5567**
- Logging on to the web portal by [clicking here](#). Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences. **LOGIN**
- Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices. **IPHONE ANDROID**

Medical Needs

If your child requires medication or has medical needs (asthma, allergies, diabetes, anaphylaxis, epilepsy or other conditions) please contact the office so that we can discuss your child's plan of care.

Forms can be downloaded at:
<https://www.dsbni.org/prevalent-medical-conditions>



The Snack Program will be up and running the second week of school. Fruit, apple sauce, bars and yogurt tubes are some of the healthy snacks offered to our students. We appreciate Niagara Nutrition Partners offer some funding. Additional donations to the program can be made through cash online.

The Milk Program will begin the second week of school too. You will see this come available for purchase through cash online.

Pizza and Sub days will begin closer to the end of September.

School Cash Online

It is important to register for School Cash Online. It is a safe and easy way to make school purchases and give permission for your children. All events, school trips, pizza, sub and milk orders will be posted to this site. Permission slips are done online for class trips (cost or no cost).

Need to register? To do so please follow these steps:

- ◆ Log onto our school website: rvw@dsbn.org
- ◆ Click the cash online tab and follow the prompts

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



Back to school forms will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Please sign and return them asap!

- Student Verification form
- Permission to Participate (Phys. Ed) Athletic Program form
- Information Technology Digital Citizenship Agreement
- Off School Property form—to come (gr. 7 & 8 only)

School Advisory Council

We welcome parents and guardians to join the 2024-25 SAC! We will meet several times throughout the school year to discuss what is going on at the school. It is a great way to share your voice!

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:15pm in the library after our Meet the Staff Night.

If you are interested in joining the SAC please fill out the link:

<https://forms.gle/Z1X3KNJ6rZcc6W5w6>

Entry and Dismissal Procedures

Student Arrival and Entry

Supervision begins at 8:35am before school. Please do not arrive early. Parents are to say goodbye to the students in the in the drop/ off areas at the front of the school.

Bus students will be greeted at the bus. JK and SK students will be taken directly to their classrooms Grade 1 to 8 students will be guided to the staff supervised field/ tarmac area

Students arriving by car, bike, or by foot will be directed to the field/ tarmac area where staff will supervise students until the bell rings and they are greeted by their classroom teachers.

Our Parking Lot

Our parking lot at River View is a **very** busy place both before and after school. We have 10 buses that must enter and depart as scheduled.

When picking up your child by car, we ask that you park in the designated lot and walk to the gate or that you use the "Kiss and Ride" lane. We encourage students eligible for transportation to take the bus as this helps to limit the amount of traffic in our parking lot during dismissal time. We would also encourage students to walk where possible as a healthy alternative!



Student Dismissal

Bus students are supervised at 3:10pm until they have boarded buses for home. Bus students will be supervised and meet at our bus loading zone. Staff will escort bus students to the bus.

All other students will be dismissed as follows:

- Kinder students will be dismissed to families at their kindergarten classroom door
- Grades 1–3 teachers will meet families at the at the primary gate (West gate)
- Junior and Intermediate students will be dismissed by teachers at the East gate

Students are to head directly home at the end of each day.

Leaving School Property

Your child's safety is of utmost importance. As our breaks are only 40 minutes and there are no eateries close by, there is limited time for students to be off school property. With that being said, our grade 7 and 8 students may be granted permission to leave school property at second break with parental/guardian permission. An official permission form outlining expectations will be sent home to students during the first week of school.

Crossing Guards

For student safety, we have a crossing guard at the Catell Drive and Willoughby Drive intersection before and after school.

TRANSPORTATION

To find out if your child receives bus transportation, please go to www.nsts.ca for information.

You will need your child's OEN number (located at the top of your child's report card).

