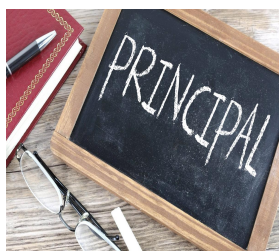




The Dragon's Den



SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION



From The Office

Welcome back for another school year! We hope all of our families had an exciting summer, filled with memories and experiences together.

The staff at Diamond Trail have worked extremely hard to prepare the school and classrooms for students for the start of the year. We are confident that you will find our staff members to be friendly, caring and dedicated in helping your child have a successful school year.

My name is Mr. Brad Mayhew, the proud Principal of Diamond Trail School. Our new Vice-Principal is Ms. Carolyn Jonovich, who comes to us from Harriet Tubman School. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns moving forward. Our email addresses are:

- Brad.Mayhew@dsbn.org
- Carolyn.Jonovich@dsbn.org

This year we have seen a tremendous increase in student registrations at Diamond Trail. The increase in enrollment may result in an increase in staffing which may impact your child's class and/or homeroom teacher. If this occurs, we will let our community know as soon as possible.

At Diamond Trail, our motto is: "Do Your Best, Do What's Right, Do What's Expected and Good Things Will Happen." Let's work together to make this a reality for all students.

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal

Ms. C. Jonovich
Vice Principal

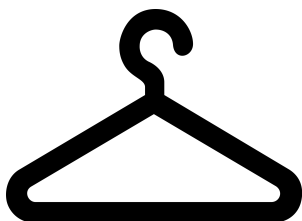


School Bell Times

Period 1	9:00am - 9:50am
Period 2	9:50am - 10:40am
First Break	10:40am - 11:00am (Primary nutrition; Jr/Int fitness break)
First Break	11:00am - 11:20am (Primary fitness break; Jr/Int nutrition)
Period 3	11:20am - 12:10pm
Period 4	12:10pm - 1:00pm
Second Break	1:00pm - 1:20pm (Primary nutrition; Jr/Int fitness break)
Second Break	1:20pm - 1:40pm (Primary fitness break; Jr/Int nutrition)
Period 5	1:40pm - 2:30pm
Period 6	2:30pm - 3:20pm

Diamond Trail Staff

Kindergarten 1	Ms. Leahy (DECE - Mr. Buckley)	Learning Resource Teacher	Mrs. Pilgrim
Kindergarten 2	Ms. Harris (DECE - Ms. Baker)	Learning Resource Teacher	Mrs. Domize
Kindergarten 3	Mrs. Pingue (DECE - Mrs. D'Orazio)	LRT Intervention	Mrs. Davis
Kindergarten 4	Mr. Reimer	Primary Prep	Mrs. Gotfryd
Grade 1	Mrs. Davis	Primary Prep	Mrs. Battiste
Grade 1	Mrs. Hogg	Junior FSL	Mlle Chiocchio
Grade 1/2	Ms. Maiden	Int. FSL	Mr. Collins
Grade 2	Mrs. O'Neill	J/Int FSL	S. Chiocchio
Grade 2/3	Mr. Moczerad	Teacher-Librarian	Ms. Lazeo
Grade 3	Mrs. Barnes	Instructional Coach	Mrs. Berner
Grade 3	Mrs. Brochu	EA	Mrs. Swick
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Serianni	EA	Mr. Burns
Grade 4/5	Mr. Frail	EA	Mrs. Gaboury
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Gibson	EA	Mrs. Maffei
Grade 5/6	Mrs. House	EA	Mr. Weasner
Grade 6	Mr. Day	EA	Ms. Patton
Grade 7/8	Mr. Rumsby	EA	Mrs. Cvetkovich
Grade 7/8	Mr. Wilson	EA	Ms. Saunders
Grade 7/8	Ms. Murdock/Mr. Collins	EA	Mrs. Siek
FSP	Mrs. Beckett	EA	Mrs. Sharhordoska
SSP	Mrs. Hughes	EA	Ms. Dodge
BRIDGE Teacher	Mrs. Cook	EA	Ms. Boichuk
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. White	EA	Mr. Ridgeway
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. Labrie	Lunch Supervisor	Ms. Hutchinson
Head Caretaker	Mr. Kiss	Youth Counsellor	Ms. Green
Vice Principal	Ms. Jonovich	Social Worker	Ms. Bowes
Principal	Mr. Mayhew	Social Worker	Mrs. Ralston



DSBN Dress Code

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment.

When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- ❖ Health and safety considerations
- ❖ the dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)



FIRE DRILLS/EMERGENCY EVACUATION/LOCKDOWN

We're committed to maintaining our schools as safe places for your children. To create and maintain a culture of safety, we practice both fire and lockdown procedures several times during the school year. School staff work with students to ensure they understand these procedures and feel comfortable so we can all respond to an unpredictable situation in a predictable way.



Equity in the DSBN

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The 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 us your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as Diamond Trail recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the calendar located on the Board website.

[Days of Significance Calendar](#)



TRANSPORTATION

We strongly encourage all students to get into their routine right from the first day of school.

Please visit 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.

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2 days a month..**

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4 days a month..**

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

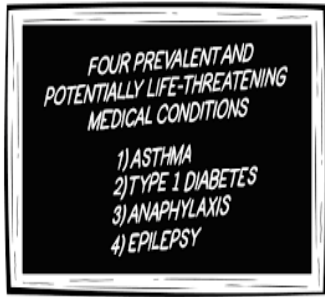


USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING

To enhance the learning and empowerment of our students and maintain an effective and safe electronic learning environment, the DSNB requires that all students follow the rules and responsible use of technology as stated in the Digital Citizenship Agreement signed by both parents and students at the beginning of the school year. Students

who choose to bring a device to school do so at their own risk and must accept responsibility for its care. We will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft.

Cell phones brought to school are expected to be left in the locker during the school day unless given permission to use it by a staff member.



PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms at: dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. For more information, please contact the school.



CONCUSSIONS

The DSBN has a concussion policy and procedures to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return to learn strategies. The DSBN engages in concussion education in a variety of ways, including recognizing Rowan's Law Day commemorated on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions. If your child has sustained a suspected or actual concussion while not at school, please contact the school.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Most learning supplies needed for school will be provided. For school, students will need:

- nut free snack
- nut free lunch
- refillable water bottle
- indoor shoes
- headphones (Dollar Store)

We know students like to buy special school supplies. They are still welcome to do so!



STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF

We recognize the need for many families to pick up and drop off their children by car using the school parking lot. Please be patient as these times of the day are definitely busy ones for our school. You may want to consider parking on a side street or at the plaza near Tim Horton's to help ease the congestion.

At the end of the day, we will be blocking off the lane closest to the school so that buses will be able to transport students in a safe and orderly manner. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Wishing all of our students at DTR a terrific 2023-24 school year!

