



# February 2018 Newsletter



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## News from the Office!

Below you will find important dates and information of happenings here at Ontario. As always, feel free to visit or call the office if you have any questions.

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Pasta Night (4p.m.-7p.m.) at the Fire Hall
- February 16<sup>th</sup> is a PD Day - No school for students
- February 19<sup>th</sup> is Family Day- No School
- February 21<sup>st</sup> - Pancake Day
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - DSBN Pink Shirt Day
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Ice Dogs game at 7 p.m.

## Principal's Message

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Happy February! What a cold winter it has been! Outdoor recess can certainly seem long if one is cold, so please be sure your children are dressing appropriately.

February 16<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development day. We will continue to work as a professional learning community to learn from one other and improve practice in order to increase student achievement. We continue to look closely at Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, in particular, so students become more proficient at this.

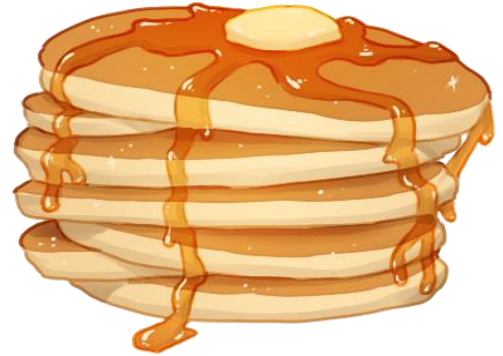
Thanks to Ms. Szockyj, Mrs. Dilella for all their time making meatballs and planning for our Pasta Night which takes place tonight, Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Hall. Thanks as well to: Mrs. Cyr, Mrs. Schell, Mrs. Giroux, Mrs. Robichaud, Mrs. Gaudreault, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Bonnar, Mrs. Tomachski and Jamie Tymochko for all of their help setting up. Thanks to everyone who donated and to the Thorold South Fire Department for the use of the hall. Thanks to those from Thorold Secondary Students who assisted as well. Hope to see you there!

Report cards will go home on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Should you wish to see your child's teacher for an interview, please call to arrange.

I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Family Day. Family Day is Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a provincial holiday thus there will be no school on that day.

Sincerely,

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Principal



## School Advisory Council

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What's Happening Next— we are currently preparing for the Dance-a-thon. The students will all receive pledge forms and are encouraged to bring in as many pledges as they can. Thanks to Mrs. Cyr who will run the event as she has done for many years! More details to come.

## Grade 1 French Immersion

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On line applications began Jan. 8. Go to [www.dsbno.org](http://www.dsbno.org) and click on the French Immersion button. Programs begin in September 2018 at John Marshall for students going into Grade 1. Registration closes Feb. 20 at 9 am. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the principal of John Marshall at [janice.slade@dsbn.org](mailto:janice.slade@dsbn.org) or call 905-358-3711.

## Niagara Region Child Care - One List

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The District School Board of Niagara is currently in the process of determining the viability of before and after school child care programs at all schools. You can register on the Niagara Region's Child Care Registry, OneHSN portal at <https://niagara.onehsn.com>.

Please be advised that child care will only be established in schools where there is sufficient demonstrated need for a viable child care program. **A note is going home today as a reminder.**

## Ontario Knights' 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast

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It's Pancake Breakfast time again! All students will be treated to a fantastic pancake breakfast on Feb 21st, but we can't serve them all alone—we need a few griddles and a few parents, grandparents etc. to help serve breakfast—8:15 to 10:30am. Please call the school if you are able to help mix, flip or serve breakfast OR if you can provide us with a griddle for the morning. Thanks to Mrs. Leitch for organizing this.

## World Vision

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A big thank-you to all for your continued support of our popcorn sales. The money raised goes to support Esther Mwanza, a 16-year-old girl in Zambia, Africa. Thanks to the support she receives, she is doing well. Please continue to buy popcorn on Tuesdays for 50 cents a bag. Thank-you so much! Thanks to Mr. Kraus and his class for organizing this great fundraiser every week.

## Student of the Month

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| Mrs. Kraus & Ms. McMahon | Cali & Raelyn            |
| Mr. Derosie              | Mikayla & Rileigh        |
| Mrs. Thaler              | Ben & Eloise             |
| Mrs. Smith               | Ella & Ryan & Dylan      |
| Ms. Cunningham           | Jariyah & Luc & Hannah   |
| Mr. LeBrasseur           | Avery & Taylor & Lucas   |
| Mrs. Garrett             | Jordan & Michael & Kylie |
| Mr. Smith                | Kolton & Xzarah & Grace  |
| Mr. Kraus                | Katelyn & Dylin & Aidan  |