



# September 2017 Newsletter



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## Welcome Back!!

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Welcome! A warm welcome is extended to all students and families. I hope that you enjoyed the summer and that everyone is prepared for what I'm sure will be an exciting and successful school year. The outstanding Ontario staff worked very hard preparing for our students' arrival. The school looks great and we are all set. **Thanks to Mr. Daley, Mrs. Martin, our fabulous teachers and support staff.** I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,  
M. Milani

## Important Dates

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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.

- **Please return the following items to school ASAP:**
  - Verification Form
  - DSBN Phys Ed Form
  - Student Lunch Form
  - IT Digital Citizenship Agreement
- **September 15<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day**
- **Please remember when packing snacks and lunches that we are a Nut Aware School! Please refrain from sending any nut products with your child. If you are sending an alternative product (ex; soy butter) please mark on the bag or container so the staff know it is a safe choice for the school.**



## Early Release Day

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The first Early Release Day of the school year is on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be spending the afternoon planning and collaborating.

**Please be aware that students will be dismissed at 12:20 on the Early Release Day.**

## Picking Up and Dropping Off Students

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We strive to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Access to our school will only be through the main doors, and visitors will need to identify themselves prior to gaining entry. To ensure student safety, all visitors must:

- check in at the office
- sign in using the "Visitor Sign In" book located in the main office,
- wear a visitor's lanyard during your stay with us

*If you are dropping off your children before school or picking up at the end of the day, please remember that students from grade 1 to 8, are dismissed to the side of the school by the gymnasium and can be picked up in the supervised area at the front of the school.*

*The Kindergarten students will be dropped off and picked up at the Kindergarten area. The Kindergarten teachers and ECE will be out to meet you.*

*It is important to not block the parking lot or to interfere with the bus route. Please park in the parking lot and walk with your child to the drop off and pick up areas.*

If we all work together on this, we can ensure that there are less interruptions to your child's school day.

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## Our Newsletters and Calendars are Green

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Please support our efforts to GO GREEN again this year. To be more environmentally friendly and reduce our footprint on the environment, our monthly newsletters and calendar will be available **ONLINE ONLY**. At the beginning of every month, you can visit <http://ontario.dsb.org> to view our newsletter. Our calendar is constantly being updated, so please visit the website often to stay up to date. If you do not have access to a computer and wish to continue receiving a paper copy, please fill out the form below and return it to the school.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youngest Child's Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet the Ontario Staff		Bell Times	
Mrs. M. Milani	Principal	8:40	Morning Yard Supervision Begins
Mrs. L. Martin	Secretary	8:55 *	Entry
Mr. D. Daley	Caretaker	8:55-9:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
Mrs. A. Leitch	LRT	10:35-11:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Nutrition/Fitness Break
Mrs. L. Karr	Library/French	11:15-12:05	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
Ms. C. Wyllie	Prep		
Ms. Blackburn	Prep/Music		
Mrs. J. Kraus	Kindergarten (KDG1)		
Ms. J. McMahon	Kindergarten ECE (KDG1)		
Mr. M. Derosie	Kindergarten (KDG2)		
Mrs. E. Thaler	1	12:05-12:55	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
Mrs. T. Smith	2	12:55-1:40 **	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutrition/Fitness Break
Ms. C. Cunningham	3		<b>**Students with Parent permission may go home at this time.</b>
Mr. R. LeBrasseur	4/5		
Mr. L. Azzaro	5/6		
Mr. D. Smith	6/7	1:40-2:30	5 <sup>th</sup> Period
Mr. S. Kraus	8-1	2:30-3:20	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
		3:20	Dismissal
Mrs. J. Fricke	Educational Assistant		
Ms. J. Tonn-Smith	Educational Assistant		
Miss. N. Landry	Youth Counsellor		
Mrs. C. Cyr	Lunch Room Supervisor		
Mrs. J. Lapine	Lunch Room Supervisor		
Mrs. T. Dilella	Lunch Room Supervisor		

\* If your child arrives at school after 8:55, they will be required to sign-in at the office and get a late slip.



## Student Organizers

Students in grade 1 to 8 will receive a student agenda to keep track of important dates and homework. Please take the time to read your child's agenda daily, this is an ideal tool for both organization and communication. There is no cost for the agenda.

## Emergency Medical Information

Please inform the school of any serious allergies (asthma, bee stings, peanut, nuts, milk and medications, etc.) or any serious health concerns. The District School Board of Niagara requires that you complete an "Emergency Action Plan and Physician's Authorization" in order for medication to be administered, which must be signed by your child's physician, to be given at school. These forms are available on our website or from the office and need to be completed every new school year. All medication must be in its original

container from the pharmacy. Medication should be brought to the office by an adult. All medication must be kept at the office.

## Terry Fox Run

This year we will again be taking part in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope Run. As a school we will be joining thousands of students from across Canada in September to help raise money for this important cause. We are hoping each family can make a small donation.

A letter of permission and pledge form will be sent home shortly. Thanks for your continued support. Thanks to Mrs. Leitch for running this event. For more information check out the site <http://www.terryfoxrun.org>

## Cell Phones

If you wish your child to have a cell phone for before and after school use, he/she will need to keep the cell phone in his/her backpack. Cell phone use is not permitted during the school day. If your child does not adhere to this rule, the phone will be taken away and kept at the office until a parent is able to pick it up. If a student is caught a second time, they will lose the privilege and will not be allowed to have it at school. Thanks for your cooperation.

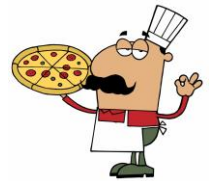
## Pizza and Milk

The sale of pizza and milk will begin the first week of October. Milk will be available to purchase on a daily basis and pizza will be available every Wednesday. Sheets of tickets will again be available to purchase on [School Cash On-Line](#) or at the office. Tickets are marked with your family name so siblings are able to share the same sheet. Thanks to Mrs. Martin for all of her time.

Pizza prices: 1 slice = \$1.00, 1 sheet (20 tickets) = \$20.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet (10 tickets) = \$10.00

Milk prices: 1 milk = \$1.00, 1 sheet (28 tickets) = \$20.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet (14 tickets) = \$10.00

If you have any questions please contact the office.



## The Breakfast Club - Volunteers Needed!!

There have been countless research studies completed that have shown that a child is more able to learn if they have a nutritious breakfast before school. A full stomach improves attention to task and ability to absorb information that is being presented. If you have an hour that you can spare once a week, once every two weeks or even once a month, please consider volunteering for this very important program. Please contact the office for more information or send in the form below. Thanks to Mrs. Leitch and Mr. Daley for all their work with this.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Days available: \_\_\_\_\_