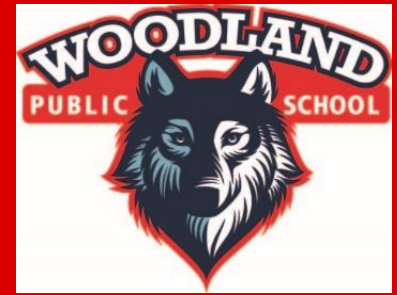


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End of June 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to send a thank you to all our Woodland families for making this a great year. I look forward to reconnecting with our Wolves and their families when school resumes on September 3, 2024.

For our Wolves 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 Wolf, always a Wolf!

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

STAFF UPDATES – GOODBYES AND WELCOMES

The end of the school year is often a time for us to say "Goodbye" to 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 Mr. Redshaw all the best as he completes his assignment at Woodland. We also wish Ms. Strooband all the best as she heads out east with her family to begin a new adventure in Nova Scotia. I would like to welcome Ms. Newton to Woodland and know that she will be a great fit to our Woodland community!

We also will be welcoming the DSBN Remote Learning staff to the Woodland community. Ms. Clarke and Ms. Pennington will be teaching the DSBN Remote Learners from our Woodland building and will be working closely with our Woodland staff. Our students will also have the opportunity to get to know Ms. Clarke through yard supervision and extra-curricular activities.

The staffing process will continue during the summer and into September.

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. If the current Plan of Care has not changed, you can simply sign and date it and return in September. If your child's Plan of Care has changed or your child needs a Plan of Care they did not have before, please complete these over the summer. You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. If your child has any medication at school, please make arrangements to have the medication picked up or sent home prior to the end of the school year.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Woodland Spirit Day (Wear Woodland Gear) June 27
Woodland's Got Talent Showcase June 27
Last Day of School June 27
School Office Opens Aug. 26
2024-2025 School Year Begins ..Sept. 3

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on June 25. All Report Cards not picked up by June 28 will be mailed to the student's home address that we currently have in our system. Please note we cannot distribute report cards prior to June 25.

OFFICE HOURS

The Woodland school office will close for the summer on Friday, July 5 and will reopen on Monday, August 26. Please note that due to work being completed in the office between July 2 – July 5, we will only be available through email (wol@dsbn.org).

DSBN INFORMATION

For other DSBN information over the summer, please visit www.dsbn.org or call 905-641-1550 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.



DSBN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Please click [here](#) for a link to the 2024-2025 DSBN Elementary School Year calendar.

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.

DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for DSBN's instrumental music program for 2024-2025 is now open. All students entering Grades 3 to 8 next fall are eligible to take part in this enriching program. Parents are encouraged to go to the program's website (neimusic.com) for more information and to register.

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.

Families will receive an email in the morning of Friday, August 30, 2024 with the students' September class placement.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

For students entering Grades 6 to 12, DSBN Youth Counsellors will be offering 12 sessions of engaging virtual group programming. Students will learn evidence-based skills and strategies to manage stress and anxiety, based on a dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) skills program developed for use in schools. The groups will meet online via MS Teams two times per week in the afternoons, for one-hour sessions. Students will be grouped with peers in their same grade, with a maximum group size of 10 students.

Register online at <https://mhwb-summer-programming.dsbn.org> by Friday, June 28, 2024.



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!

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 for our students in Grade 6-8). 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"> ○ 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 ○ INDOOR RUNNING SHOES that will be kept at school. (e.g. Velcro and slip on shoes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PAIR OF INDOOR SHOES ○ REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE ○ LUNCH BAG ○ BACKPACK ○ 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)

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 <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 (2023/24), there is no need to opt-in again for next school year (2024/25).

The contact information is:

Phone: 905 357-6787

Website: www.nsts.ca

Email: general@nsts.ca