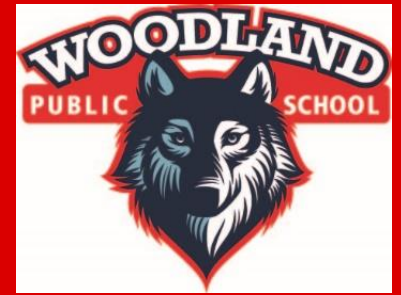


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May 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter the home stretch of the school year, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including track and field meets and graduation. When schedules get busy, it becomes even more important for students to remain focused and stay the course with their learning goals. Now is a good time for students to review their goals and to finish the year strong.

It is also important to keep a close eye on calendars as they get very busy at this time of year. Please remember to review the weekly updates that are emailed on Sunday afternoons or view [the calendar on the school website](#) for updates and events. Helping your child plan ahead and keep on top of all the events will help your child remain calm and organized. We are looking forward to a lot of fun and learning during the next two months of school.

PLANNING FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Woodland Public School for the 2023/2024 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the end of April so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

WOODLAND SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Woodland Public School calendar is available on the school website, or by [clicking here](#). In addition to our school events, you will find a link to the DSBN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSBN Days of Significance calendar.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Music Monday May 1
- [Prom Project Niagara](#) May 6
- Track Day at St. Catharines Collegiate
..... May 11
- Woodland School Spirit Day May 11
- Boston Pizza Lunch..... May 11
- DSBN Support Staff Day May 16
- Throwback Thursday May 18
- PD DAY May 19
- Victoria Day Holiday May 22
- Subway Lunch May 25
- School Advisory Council May 30
- Group 4 Track and Field Day May 30

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

The school will be closed for a PD Day on Friday, May 19 and Victoria Day on Monday, May 22. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Victoria Day long weekend!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

With the warmer spring weather finally here and the later sunset, students are outside and perhaps staying up a bit later as well. This can make it difficult to get up for school in the morning. It is still very important that your child be at school and on time each day. There are still many days of learning left in the school year!

Remember these important tips:

- Help your child get into the habit and learn the value of regular routines.
- Teach your child that attending school is nonnegotiable unless they are truly sick.
- Build relationships with other families and discuss how you can help each other out (e.g., drop off or pick up children, babysit, translation assistance) in times of need or emergencies.
- Identify non-academic activities (drama, art, music, etc.) that can help motivate your child's interest in school and learning and seek out the opportunities.

If you require some assistance improving your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. This information is used with permission of Attendance Works.

DSBN SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Please mark your calendars for May 16th as it is DSBN Support Staff Day. I would like to thank our amazing support staff team for all they do to ensure our students have a safe and caring school. Thank you to Mrs. Craig, Mr. Jones, Ms. Garon, Ms. Bye, Ms. Nicole, Mrs. Roscoe, Mrs. Sterk, Mrs. Ruddy and Mrs. Carlomusto. If you would like to send a special greeting for our support staff, please email it to wol@dsbn.org and we will make sure they receive your "Thanks".

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATE

We are excited that we will be holding our track events on the newly installed running track at St. Catharines Collegiate. Students interested in participating in the track (running) events will be bussed to Collegiate on May 11. Please note that all students attending this event will be expected to participate in the track events. Students that choose not to tryout for the track team will have fun alternate activities at Woodland for the morning. All field events (long and triple jump, shot put, high jump) will take place during gym classes at Woodland. All track and field events are open to interested students in Grade 3 to Grade 8. Students that qualify will move on to the regional meet that will be held on Monday, May 30 at the Canada Summer Games Park. The DSBN meet (for those that qualify) will be held on June 14 at Welland Centennial Secondary School.

DSBN PIC VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES

The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee is excited to announce that registration is now open for the final Event of the 2022-23 Virtual Speaker Series.

Please accept this invitation to join us on **Wednesday, May 10th @ 6:00pm** for our May Event featuring **Dr. Shahana Alibhai**, distinguished family physician and mental health expert, as she discusses **Emotional Literacy for Better Mental Health**.

Dr. Shahana Alibhai is a lead physician at one of British Columbia's largest youth health centers, where she has dedicated her career to assisting individuals struggling with their mental health. In this session, Dr. Alibhai will explore the concept of emotional literacy and how this knowledge can lead to understanding connection and hope.

To register for this session, please use the following link:
<http://www.dsbn.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES



EMOTIONAL LITERACY FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH

WITH DR. SHAHANA ALIBHAI

FAMILY PHYSICIAN, MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT & TEDX SPEAKER

WEDNESDAY
MAY 10
6:00 - 7:30PM



LAST SPEAKER OF 22-23

EQAO – PRIMARY AND JUNIOR ASSESSMENT

Students in Grades 3 and 6 will begin writing the provincial EQAO assessments. Grade 3 students will begin on May 17 and Grade 6 students will begin on May 26. It is essential that students attend school during testing and arrive on time at the beginning of the day so that they are able to participate fully in the testing. We encourage our students to try their best on the tests and to put great effort into showing what they know! Additional information will be sent to families in Grades 3 and 6.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS

All of our end of the year school trips are now available through School Cash Online. Please visit School Cash Online to sign the permission form and pay any amount owing. We are excited about the trips that have been planned and look forward to celebrating a great 2022-2023 school year with our classes. A special “Thank You” to the School Advisory Council for their generous donations to our classrooms that have allow us to provide our trips at a greatly reduced cost to our families. If you have any questions, please contact the office. We always have many parents volunteering for our trips, and unfortunately that means that we may have more volunteers than spaces on our bus. If you have volunteered to attend the trip as a supervisor, you will be contacted by the teacher if you have been selected to attend. All trips will close through School Cash Online on May 15th to ensure adequate time to confirm our numbers with the our venues.

Grade	Trip	Date
Kindergarten	Playtown Niagara	Monday, June 5, 2023
Grade and 1/2 Grade 2/3	Pla-Mor Bowling	Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Grade 4/5	Ontario Science Centre	Thursday, June 22, 2023
Grade 6/7 and Grade 8	Canada’s Wonderland	Thursday, June 8, 2023

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!

SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB

Woodland is pleased to offer the opportunity for families to order books through the Scholastic Reading Club. Each month, new books are featured. If you would like to place an order, please use class code: **RC299022**. To view the Scholastic Reading Club catalogue, please [click here](#).

MAY SPIRIT DAYS

Our Wolfpack will be recognizing the following dates. We encourage all our Wolves to participate. For our spirit days, we love creativity!

Date	Spirit Day	Purpose of the Day
Thursday May 11	Woodland Spirit Day	Today is “Track Day” at St. Catharines Collegiate. Let’s celebrate our Woodland pride by wearing our Woodland gear, whether you are attending the track meet or staying at school! Wear your Woodland gear or the colour red. We are #WolfpackProud!
Thursday, May 18	Throwback Thursday	On Thursday, May 18, we will be having a Throwback Thursday event. Choose your favourite decade and dress from that time period. Are you a fan of neon from the 80’s, flannel from the 90’s, or perhaps old school sock hop, bell bottoms or tie dye? Get creative and enjoy a time warp!

SPECIAL LUNCH OPTIONS

We plan two special lunch options for each month. When planning our lunch option, we try to alternate between a 'healthier' option and something more fun. We also have a variety of dietary needs that need to be considered. In order to ensure all dietary needs are accommodated and planned for, we order meals that are packaged individually for each student. All orders will be available through School Cash Online and late orders cannot be accepted. Orders close at 9:00 am on the due date.

Lunch Date	Lunch Option	Order Window through School Cash Online
Thursday, May 11, 2023	<u>Boston Pizza</u> Individual Pizzas (cheese, pepperoni, or gluten-free cheese)	Open now and closes Friday, May 5 at 9:00 am
Thursday, May 25, 2023	<u>Subway</u> Choice of a 6 or 12 inch sub with a variety of toppings. Gluten-free options are available.	Opens Friday, May 12 and closes Thursday, May 18 at 9:00 am
Thursday, June 1, 2023	<u>Boston Pizza</u> Individual Pizzas (cheese, pepperoni, or gluten-free cheese) <u>Please note this will be the final lunch for the 2022-2023 school year!</u>	Opens Friday, May 19 and closes Friday, May 26 at 9:00 am

EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Wolves during the 2022-2023 school year. Here is what is currently being offered! Please note that if NSTS transportation is cancelled, any after school extra-curriculars will also be cancelled.

Activity	Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time	Grades for Student Involvement	Teacher Supervisor
Track and Field	Woodland Track Meet – May 11 (St. Catharines Collegiate) Group 4 Meet* – May 30 (Canada Games Centre) DSBN Meet* – June 14 (Welland Centennial)	Grades 3-8 *students must qualify to attend	Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Worth
Co-Ed 3-Pitch	<u>Tournaments</u> Intermediates (Grade 7 and 8) on June 2 Junior (Grades 4-6) June 22 Both at Joe McCaffery Park	Grades 4 - 8	Mrs. Gabriel
Nature Club	Meetings Friday at first break	Grade 4-8	Mrs. Wiens and Mme. Labbe

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL – TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

Our final School Advisory Council meeting of the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm. All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Woodland web site](#) once they are approved. We would like to thank all of our parents that attended the School Advisory Council meetings throughout the 2022-2023 school year. A special 'Thank you' to our School Advisory Council Co-Chairs, Karen Maloney Younkens and Dana Nash, and Heather Ferretti for acting as the secretary and taking our meeting minutes.

DSBN eFLYERS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbnschool.ca
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.

PROM PROJECT NIAGARA



MAY 6, 2023
SATURDAY
9:30AM - 2:00PM

Presented by
education foundation
of niagara

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PenFinancial
Credit Union

Transportation provided by



3 LOCATIONS:

St. Catharines
Collegiate

Fort Erie
International Academy

West Niagara
Secondary School
Beamsville Campus



FOR UPDATES FOLLOW:
@promprojectniagara

COME OUT
& SHOP FOR
YOUR PROM
OR GRAD
OUTFIT FOR
FREE!

Grade 8 Graduation is coming! We encourage students to come in clothes they feel comfortable wearing to celebrate their milestone achievement. Prom Project Niagara is a one-day, fun, free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys! Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Catharines Collegiate. [Click here for more details!](#)

NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH - MAY NEWSLETTER AND VACCINATIONS

Please [click this link to read the May updates](#) from Niagara Region Public Health.

Over 14,000 students in Niagara region still need to provide an up-to-date immunization record or valid exemption to Public Health. To help students catch-up with their immunizations, Niagara Region Public Health is offering vaccination clinics in various locations and many appointments are available. Please book an appointment with Public Health by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7425. Individuals can also visit the "[Where to Get Vaccinated](#)" webpage at niagararegion.ca/vaccines for more information.

DSBN SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Worth. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. Our DSBN Social Workers are an invaluable member of our Woodland team.

THE NOSE KNOWS: NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

Scented products have chemicals that can cause health reactions in people with asthma, migraines, allergies, or environmental sensitivities. Please help keep our air breathable for everyone and use unscented or scent reduced products where possible. Woodland is a Scent-Reduced Environment. Some staff and students have a sensitivity to odours, smells, and scents. Please do not wear, or send your child with, perfume, cologne, after shave, or scented body lotion into the school.

We have had some students spraying perfumes, body sprays and other scented products in the halls. We kindly ask that you review the Scent-Reduced Environment message with your child.

ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - woodland.dsbnschools.org

Please take some time to visit the Woodland Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times. Our website also includes the most recent social media posts.

SCHOOL MESSENGER - Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive an email on Sunday afternoon (Monday's on a long weekend) with reminders about events for the upcoming week. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Please follow us on these social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) to see updates on exciting events. All posts and tweets will be updated on our school website as well. We are #Woodlandwolves, #Wolfpackproud, and #WoodlandDSBN!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.