

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- School Cash Online. Register at stdavids.dsbni.org
- Just a reminder that we have students who are allergic to nuts. Please check packaging carefully when sending food with your child. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS**JUNE**

- 6 NOTL
Confederation Cel.
Gr. 6-8
- 7 DSBNI Track Meet
- 8 Volunteer Tea 2:30
pm
- 8 Pizza Day
- 8 Library Circulation
Closed
- 9 PA Day—No School
- 13 Gr. 7 & 8 Quebec
Trip 13th—16th
- 16 Pizza Day
- 18 Happy Father's Day
- 20 Gr. 4-6 Queenston
Heights 10—2
- 20 Fun fair/BBQ
- 21 Jr. 3 Pitch Tourn.
- 22 Gr. 1, 1/2, 2 Safety
Village
- 22 JK/SK Superstore
- 23 Primary Play Day
- 27 Gr. 8 Graduation
6:00 p.m.
- 27 Gr 3 & 3/4 to Niagara
Falls
- 28 Gr. 5 & 6 Warplane
Museum Trip

St. Davids Bulletin

JUNE, 2017

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Principal - Mrs. Tracy Leemet**



Dear St David's families,

It's hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to a close. It has been a busy one but there is still lots of wonderful things still to come. A big thank you to the School Council who has worked tirelessly throughout the school year to not only provide fun events for the students and their families but to also fundraise to help support various activities and things needed throughout the school.

As well we would like to thank the many people who have taken time out of their busy schedules to come volunteer their time to the students and staff at St Davids. Whether it was to attend a field trip, drive to a sporting event, help out in a classroom or any one of a million things that a volunteer has done throughout our school, we appreciate all that you have done for us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ/Fun Fair on Tuesday, June 20th from 4-7!!!

The Ontario Fun Pass is back this summer.

Visit the website in June for more information about the Fun Pass program and to download the e-pass. And make sure to watch for the 2017 Fun Pass with your kids' report card in June!

Celebrate #Ontario150 by visiting 18 Ontario attractions. Two kids get in free with #ONfunpass ontario.ca/funpass

Simply bring a coupon – found in the 2017 Fun Pass booklet or in June at Ontario.ca/funpass – to any participating attraction.



Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick. Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the wash-room
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.

HERITAGE FAIR

Math, Science, History, Unravelling the Mystery!

We are proud to announce our participants in the 2017 DSBN Regional Heritage Fair. Our students did an amazing job researching, preparing and delivering amazing presentations.

Our Ontario Provincial Heritage Fair Ambassador winner (outstanding project).—**Janvi Ganatra (Canadian Pacific Railway)** - Janvi will be an ambassador for our Region at the Ontario Provincial Fair!

Our Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Founders' Award (exceptional enthusiasm and dedication to history and heritage).— **Ayla Jamal (Residential Schools)**

Air Commodore Leonard Birchall Award (outstanding achievement in presenting Canadian military history).—**Cole Holmes (Battle of Vimy Ridge).**

Esther Summers Award of Excellence (In recognition of outstanding achievement presenting a topic related to history/heritage and culture of Niagara) - **Gavin Black (Welland Canal).**

Science and Technology Award—Outstanding achievement for a project dealing with Science & Technology—**Rachel Wagner (Sir Frederick Banting)**

Shaw Festival Award for outstanding student achievement in presenting a topic related to Canadian Theatre, Drama or Dance.— **Ellie Harrison (Lucy Maud Montgomery).**

Honourable Mentions— **Hannah Jamal (Muslims in Canada).**

SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Access to our school will only be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. To ensure student safety, all visitors must:

- ◆ only access the school through the front door
- ◆ Check in at the office before going to a classroom
- ◆ Sign in using the “Visitor Sign In” book located in the main office
- ◆ Wear a visitor’s sticker during your stay with us
- ◆ Use washrooms designated for adults, as student washrooms are for children only
- ◆ If you are dropping off an item for your child or picking him/her up for an appointment, you may simply check in at the office as per usual and allow one of our staff members to take care of your request.

Thank you for your support in this matter of student safety.

How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Frequent coughing or sneezing
- ◆ Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- ◆ Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or www.niagararegion.ca



DSBN FOREST OF READING CONFERENCE—On May 5 several Gr. 5 - 8 students participated in the annual DSBN Forest of Reading conference held at the Scotia Centre in

Niagara Falls. It was a day filled with engaging workshops and keynote speakers celebrating literacy and Canadian children's and young adult authors. Students attending considered it a highlight opportunity to meet others who share their love of reading.



LE CHEF A L'ECOLE—Students in Gr. 5, 6 and 7 recently gained some skill in the kitchen and improved their functional French with the help of Le Chef a l'ecole. Students enjoyed working with Chef Alex, following instructions and eating their prepared patisseries. Tout en francais! Special thank you to all parents who volunteered their time and shared in the fun!



Fight the Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the

park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes
- Repair any damaged window screens
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)
- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors
- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets
- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals
- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals
- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7767 or 1-888-505-6074

CODE GIRL CODE!

By 2018, the world mobile app development market will be valued at an estimated \$90 billion dollars. Over 80% of app developers are male. The "Technovation Challenge" is an international competition aimed at introducing girls, aged 10 to 16, to the skills they will need to emerge as tech entrepreneurs and leaders. Competitors identify a problem in their community and then build a mobile app to address that problem. They also develop a business plan to launch the app, and a pitch presentation to bring their creation to market.

In November of last year, five St. Davids students, Ellie, Maddie, Hannah, Dawn, and Grace (Zoe also playing a key role) rose to the challenge and formed "the Basement Coders." Over six months they created an app designed to help facilitate friendships in schools by providing important information to better understand, empathize, and interact sensitively with special needs students. They called their program "Compassion Compass" with the tagline "leading friendships in the right direction."

On May 13, these students travelled, with several other DSBN schools, to Toronto for the regional live pitch competition. Their passion, creativity and hard work paid off. The Basement Coders finished second overall! Prizes were awarded but, more importantly, the top two teams get to move on. Our school community is exceptionally proud, and we wish the Basement Coders the best of luck in the international semi-final round (to be held on-line in June)!



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**School's
website is:
stdavids.dsbns.org**

**School and
Classroom
Newsletters will
be posted every
month on the
website. Please
be sure to
check it
regularly!!**

HEALTH NURSE

St. David's health nurse will be visiting and promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. If you have any questions about the services she offers, please contact the school.

Student of the Month Winners for May

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER AWARD
Mrs Black KDG Ms. Pietrobon	Max Husnain	Pablo Briar
Mrs. Parravicino KDG Ms. Bodnar	Mia Caden	Penny Emily
Mrs. King/Mrs. King Grade 1	Sophia Toby	Ben
Mrs. Kotsanis Grade 1/2	Camryn Declan	Connor Matteo
Mr. Climenhage/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 2	Camille Keaton	Mariska
Mrs. Sawicki Grade 3	Sophie Malea	Charlotte
Mrs. Furtney Grade 3/4	Valerie Jamie	Colton
Mr. Bateson/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 4	Meadow Jason	Sam
Mr. McNamara Grade 5	Dylan Michaiah	Brett
Mr. Hall Grade 6	Jamie Jocelyne Everett	Sophia
Ms. Candler Grade 7/8	Nicholas Maddie	Ben
Mrs. Funk Grade 7/8	Dan Jordana Ben	Hassan

A.N. MYER OUTDOOR BASKETBALL CAMP

(FIRST EVER OUTDOOR BASKETBALL CAMP IN NIAGARA)

LOCATION: PHIL MAZZONE SPORTS COMPLEX (HUGGINS ST.)



DATES: JULY 3 - 7, 2017

AGES: 6-13 (CO-ED CAMP) KIDS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN SEPT. ARE ELIGIBLE

TIME: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

COST: \$100.00 CAMP FEATURES: SKILL INSTRUCTION SHOOTING CONTESTS

(\$190 FOR 2 FAMILY MEMBERS) INTERNAL 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT FULL COURT GAMES

1 SWIM SESSION

CAMP DIRECTORS: V. DIMARTINO I. LONGMUIR

(ASSISTANT COACH NIAGARA RIVER LIONS) (HIGH SCHOOL COACH-OVER 30 YEARS EXP.)

6 OFSAA APPERANCES

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

IN PERSON: A.N. MYER S. S. MAIN OFFICE DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS (8:00 AM 4:00 PM)

BY MAIL: 6338 O'NEIL ST., NIAGARA FALLS ONTARIO, L2J 1M7

(CALL 905-358-5753 FOR MORE INFORMATION)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: (H) _____

_____ (W) _____

EMAIL: _____

MEDICAL CON-

ERNS: _____

PAYMENT: _____ CASH _____ CHEQUE

(PAYABLE TO A. N. MYER S.S.)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR—2017/2018

September 4, 2017.....	Labour Day
September 5, 2017.....	First Day of School
September 15, 2017.....	Early Release Day
October 6, 2017.....	Professional Development Day
October 9, 2017.....	Thanksgiving Day
November 17, 2017.....	Professional Development Day
December 25, 2017 - January 5, 2018.....	Winter Break
January 8, 2018.....	First Day of Class After Winter Break
January 19, 2018.....	Professional Development Day
February 16, 2018.....	Professional Development Day
February 19, 2018.....	Family Day
March 12 - March 16, 2018.....	March Break
March 30, 2018.....	Good Friday
April 2, 2018.....	Easter Monday
May 18, 2018.....	Professional Development Day
May 21, 2018.....	Victoria Day
June 8, 2018.....	Professional Development Day
June 28, 2018.....	Last Day of School for Students
June 29, 2018.....	Professional Development Day

TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to our Dragons Track & Field Team that participated in the DSNB Championship on June 7, 2017. The team worked hard and represented our school very well.

Thank you for a great Track season Dragons!

Team

Dylan Devries
Dylan Heidebrecht
Ezekiel Dickenson
Jude Bray
Katie Peters
Leah Schouten
Leila Thomas
Liam Fenwick
Max Bredin
Rachel Wagner
Rawnie Sun
Tai York
William Bray
Tavon Paluma
Tyler Carmichael
Zoe Abraham



Some notable finishes: Tavon P- 1st in Long Jump, Tyler C- 2nd in High Jump, Rachel W- 2nd in High Jump, Leila T- 3rd in High Jump.



Proposed Teaching Assignments 2017-18

As June wraps up, our minds turn to staffing and class placement for the Fall. Class Placement is an onerous task that continues through the summer months into the first few weeks of fall. Some of the factors which will be considered are: the balance of boys and girls, the learning styles of students, class dynamics, siblings, organizational skills, academic abilities and any behavioural concerns. Our goal is to provide a learning environment in which all of our students will be most successful. The finalized class lists will not be available until the first day of school.

ELKP	Mrs Black, Mrs Parravincino, Mrs. Mussari
Gr 1	Mrs Kotsanis
Gr 1/2	Mrs King
Gr 2	To be determined
Gr 3	Mrs Heidebrecht
Gr 3	Mrs Sawicki
Gr 4	Mr R Gienow
Gr 4/5	Ms Candler
Gr 5/6	Mr Bateson
Gr 6/7	Mr Hall
Gr 7/8	Mrs Funk
French	Mrs Borrowman
LRT	Mr McNamara, Mrs Kotsansis
Prep	Mr Climenhage, Mr Janvary, Mrs Koabel, and one more to be determined

We will not be taking any written requests for next year's classes. The teaching staff have an in-depth knowledge of not only your child's needs but also the bigger picture of the needs of all of the children in the grade and which situation will best meet each child's strengths and learning styles. Thank you for your understanding with this complex matter!!

We are thrilled to welcome Mr Ron Gienow from Riverview, Mrs Mussari from Princess Margaret and Mr Janvary from James Morden. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Furtney who is off to Glendale Public School in Welland, Mrs Parkhouse who will be working as an Instructional Coach for Area 4 schools and Mr McNamara who will be working half-time as an Instructional Coach as well.

Educational Assistant and Early Childhood Educator positions have not been settled as of yet.

NEW BELL TIMES FOR 2017/18

8:45-9:00	Supervision begins
9:00-9:50	Period 1
9:50-10:40	Period 2
10:40-11:20	Fitness/Nutrition Break
11:20-12:10	Period 3
12:10-1:00	Period 4
1:00-1:40	Fitness/Nutrition Break
1:40-2:30	Period 5
2:30-3:20	Period 6

**** We removed 5 minutes off of the 2nd fitness/nutrition break to make it a 40 min break as well!!