



130 Rykert St., St. Catharines, ON L2S 2B4

November 1 2017

November NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- P.I.C. Conference - Nov. 1st - 4:00 p.m. at Eden HS
- Gr. 8 Day at Collegiate- Nov. 1st
- 'I Matter' assembly - Nov. 3rd - 1:30 p.m.
- Progress Reports go home Nov. 9th
- Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 10th at 10:45 a.m.
- Picture Re-takes - Nov. 14th
- Scholastic Book Fair - Nov. 14th
- Kindergarten 50s Dance - Nov. 15th
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Nov. 16th - 3:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- PD Day - Nov. 17th
- Grade 8 Day at SWC - Nov. 21st
- School Council - Nov. 28th at 6:00 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM OFFICE



We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the entire Westdale Staff for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated this Fall. Our staff is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for your children. Their professional program delivery and genuine concern for all students at Westdale s to be commended.

Our families at Westdale must also be recognized for their ongoing support and interest in the school. It is with this partnership that we will help our children to develop the necessary skills to be productive in today's society.

Finally and most importantly, We would like to thank our students for the good behaviour and positive attitudes that they demonstrate each day. They are the reason why Westdale is such a great place to be.

In closing, we look forward to meeting with parents after the Progress Reports go home on Nov. 9th. It is important for you to come in to find out about your child's progress and to collaboratively develop strategies for improvements.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day we will be hosting an assembly in our school gym on Friday, November 10th. The ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.



BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that all students are welcome to Westdale's breakfast club for many healthy options and the opportunity to chat with your friends. There is no cost and all students are welcome!



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next scheduled School Council meeting is set for **Tuesday November 28th at 6:00 p.m.**

If you would like to take a more active role in your child's school, please consider coming out. We encourage any and all interested parents to attend.



Contact us at:
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OCTOBER'S 'I MATTER' WINNERS

<u>As an Individual</u>		<u>As a Learner</u>		<u>As a Community Member</u>	
Addison W.	Sophia D.	Kaylah A.	Carter L.	Rylan H.	Austin G.
Connor L.	Brookelynn G.	Madison L.	Heaven H.	Nicole C.	Alexa D.
Journey H.	Owen S.	Joshua N.	Shonaci H.	Brandon S.	Jesse R.
Tyler S.	Ty K.	Finn M.	Georgia A.	Aaron S.	Colin W.
Samara Y.	Preston R.	Haylee B.	Austin S.	Taylor W.	Jacob C.
Rejanay S.	Payton Y.	Amye B.	Kayleigh G.	Maxwell J.	Nick H.
Meghan J.		Cameron W.			



PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDER

Parents please be aware of the parking lot and available spaces. Cars are not to be left unattended if they are not in a valid parking spot. Leaving your car unattended in an invalid parking space blocks the laneway and cars that are already parked. If you need to leave your car, please park on Rykert Street or one of the side streets across from Westdale. Thanks for your understanding in keeping our parking lot safe for our students.



PROGRESS REPORTS

On November 9th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW

Teachers will be contacting parents to schedule an interview to discuss progress reports. Westdale's interview night is scheduled for **Thursday, November 16th**. If you are unable to attend an interview on this night, your child's teacher will contact you to set up an alternate date and time.



FALL FAIR

Thank-you to all our Westdale families that helped to support our Fall Fair. Thank-you to all the parent volunteers that helped to make this night a success and to the students for creating wonderful works of art. It was great to see staff, students, and parents come together to make a night to remember. Funds that were raised will go towards school trips.



KNITTING CLUB

Knitting club will be starting in November and running until the December break. Students in grades 2 to 8 are welcome to participate in the club. Stay tuned for more details.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Westdale on November 14th, 15th, and the 16th. Students will view the books on the 14th, then have an opportunity to purchase on the 15th and the 16th during both breaks and after school. ***Hours for after school will be announced soon***



KINDERGARTEN 50s DANCE

Stay tuned...Kindergarten students will be rocking around the clock and participating in a 50s dance on Wednesday, November 15th. More information about this event will be coming soon.

BUS PRESENTATIONS

Students will be attending safety bus presentations on Monday, November 27th in the gym. Primary students will attend at first block and Junior/Intermediate students will attend during the middle block.



Grade 8 Students and Parents:**Save the Date!**

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

- St. Catharines Collegiate: November 28 - 6:00 p.m.
- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary: November 27 - 6:30 p.m.
- Laura Secord: November 29 - 6:30
- Eden High: November 30 - 6:30

**Save the Date -
Kindergarten Open House**

During your visit you will see:

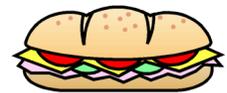
- A Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources



Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sub Lunch

The next sub lunch will be on Wednesday, November 15th. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online.

**Pita Lunch**

The next pita lunch will be on Wednesday, November 29th. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash is an online portal that allows you to pay for any school service, product, or event all online. The system is active and we recommend that you can register by visiting our school website on the School Cash Online button.

Registration should take less than five minutes.

Register:

- Visit www.dsbn.org/schoolcash and select "Register Now"
- Complete the three registration steps
- **NOTE:** *You must create your profile using your name and not your children's*

Confirm Your Account:

- You will receive a confirmation email from School Cash Online
- Click on the link provided
- Sign in to your account using your email and password



UPDATES USING REMIND

We are asking our parents to join the "Westdale Families Remind" group.

Instructions:

- Using your cell phone, enter this number - 289-812-3838
- Text this message - @westdalef

The "Remind" app will keep you informed of upcoming events happening at Westdale.



WESTDALE'S TWITTER PAGE

You can also follow Westdale events on Twitter. Follow us at - @westdale_ps



FINAL THOUGHT

"The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle."

-Unknown

