



November 1, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 'I Matter' Assembly - Nov. 2nd at 1:30 p.m.
- Picture Retakes - Nov. 5th
- P.I.C. Conference - Nov. 7th - 4:00 p.m. at Eden HS
- Progress Reports go home Nov. 8th
- Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 9^h at 10:45 a.m.
- Grade 6 Students to Walker Living Campus - Nov. 13th
- Gr. 8 Day at SWC Nov. 14th
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Nov. 15th - 3:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- PD Day - Nov. 16th
- Gr. 8 Day at Collegiate - Nov. 19th
- School Council - Nov. 27th at 6:00 p.m.

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November NEWSLETTER



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 is 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. 8th. 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 9th. 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 27th 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.




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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>	
Anderson B.	Asseil I.	Addison W.	Chase R.	Teija B.	Gabriella L.
Skylar B.	Jesse R.	Favor H.	Ty K.	Sophie R.	Parker J.
Kiersen I.	Haylee B.	Adel A.	Gabrielle D.	Ashley A.	Sienna C.
Cameron N.	Teodora B.	Umar L.	Nicky H.	Tyler B.	Aaron S.
		Mira Q.	Liam M.	Addison K.	Hayven C.
				Nathan S.	Dahlyla M.
				Junior C.	



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 8th, 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 15th**. 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.





DSBN Insta Fame

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!

NOVEMBER 26 - 29, 2018

A.N. MYER Nov. 29 6:30 pm	BEAMSVILLE Nov. 28 6:00 pm	E.L. CROSSLEY Nov. 27 6:30 pm	EASTDALE Nov. 29 6:00 pm	EDEN Nov. 29 6:30 pm	GREATER FORT ERIE Nov. 27 6:00 pm
GRIMSBY Nov. 27 6:00 pm	GOVERNOR SIMCOE Nov. 26 6:00 pm	LAURA SECORD Nov. 28 6:00 pm	PORT COLBORNE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Nov. 26 6:00 pm	
ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	STAMFORD Nov. 27 6:00 pm	THOROLD Nov. 27 6:30 pm	WESTLANE Nov. 28 6:30 pm	WELLAND CENTENNIAL Nov. 29 6:00 pm	

 **I Matter At DSBN**

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COUNCIL CORNER

Looking for a way to be more involved at Westdale? Come out to a School Council meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. Here are some of the things we talked about at our last meeting:

- * Kindergarten Playground Update
- * Looking for parents to help volunteer with upcoming fundraisers (i.e. handing out cookie dough orders in December)
- * Sarah Pritula spoke to us about a lunch program and potential fundraiser

KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISING- PLAYGROUND UPDATED

Our Westdale classes continue to fundraise for our Kindergarten playground. Thank-you to Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Canning, and Mrs. Koppejan's classes who sold chips for our October fundraiser. Leftover bags will also be sold at the Halloween dance.

PARKING LOT WHILE PLAYGROUND IS BEING BUILT

Please note that due to construction on our new playground starting on Monday, November 5th, parking may be limited. Parents might also be required to park their cars across the street and walk their children to the back tarmac when dropping off and picking up. Thank-you for your patience during this time of construction.



Sub Lunch

The next sub lunch will be on Wednesday, November 14th. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online.



Pita Lunch

The next pita lunch will be on Wednesday, November 28th. 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