

RICHMOND REVIEW



HOME OF THE RAPTORS DECEMBER 2018

Principal: J. MacJanet

Vice-Principal: G. Watson

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Richmond Street School is proud to present, "Richmond Street Annual Holiday Concert". A matinee performance will be held on **Tuesday, December 18th & Wednesday, December 19th** at 1:30 - 2:30. An evening performance will be held **December 19th** at 6:30 - 7:30. Each student from our Kindergarten groups to Grade Eight will be involved in the Holiday Concert. Admission to the performance is a donation to our local Community Care..... unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, mittens, and gently used coats and boots are all needed and gladly accepted! We will also be accepting these donations in the coming weeks in the front lobby (Community Care bins have been set up).

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART
AT THE DSBN**

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

**NEW THIS YEAR!
REGISTER ONLINE
DETAILS COMING SOON**

Thursday, January 31, 2019 · 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

BarBurrito Day every Tuesday / Pizza Day every Thursday

Dec. 5 / 11 / 17 - Grade 8 Babysitting 5:30 - 8:00

Dec. 6 - Int. Boy's Volleyball Tournament

Dec. 7 - DSBN Academy Visit Gr. 5 & 6 / JOY Day!

Dec. 10 - Coed Volleyball Tournament

Dec. 12 - Lunch Lady (Turkey Dinner)

Dec. 13 - Community Night—Festival of Lights @ 6:30 pm

Dec. 18 - Holiday Concert Matinee @ 1:30 - 2:30

Dec. 19 - Holiday Concert Matinee @ 1:30 - 2:30

Evening @ 6:30 - 7:30

Dec. 21 - Recognition Assembly 8:45 - 9:30 Jr./Int

Intermediate Boys Volleyball

CONGRATULATIONS to our Intermediate Boys volleyball team. Your hard work and dedication paid off. You were able to use your teamwork and skill to win the **DSBN** Boys A division tournament! What an accomplishment! We are so excited to see how well we do at the Championship **“Super Night”** which is held at Eastdale Secondary School on Thursday, December 6th at 7pm. Good luck boys!

Members of the team are: Brady P., Nathan M., Britton B., Tyler R., Nolan T., Ethan B., Jack D., Sutter P., Kayden S., Ryder B.

Intermediate Girls Volleyball

The Intermediate girls volleyball team are continuing their season as we're preparing for the DSBN A Division Tournament in a week. They started 2nd week of school and have been working hard practicing or playing almost everyday since then. They finished 3rd in league and won their playoffs against an undefeated Wellington Heights team. Mr. Goar is super proud of these girls. They stuck with our plan of working hard to trying to get better everyday and encouraging each other, especially if things aren't going our way. Keep trying our best as we get ready for the DSBN Tournament.

Members of the team are: Brookelyn K., Anna H., Hailey B., Jadyn S., Grace S., Navroop S., Saron T., Ava F., Julia L., Avery D. & Ashley M.

Junior Boys Volleyball

Our Junior boys volleyball team have had a fabulous season. They have worked hard over the month of November to practise the basic skills and team play. The boys were very successful. We won all of our regular season games with the boys continuing to further develop as a team. After finishing first in division our boys played Gordon in the playoff finals. We defeated them in two games straight. Mr. Khan and Mrs. Farquhar are so proud of the boys!

Congratulations raptors!

Members of the team are: Will S., Connor B., Gavin S., Armann S., Dawud B., Rowen S., Brayden S., Andrew I., Austin G., Jack D., Liam C.

Junior Girls Volleyball

The junior girls volleyball team is continuing a successful season so far. They have been practicing since early October and recently just finished their regular season finishing first place in league. On Monday December 3rd they will be playing in the tier 1 area 2 championship final game. Mrs. White and Mr. Goar are proud of the girls for their effort in learning the volleyball game of triple ball. Their skills of passing has improved drastically. Keep working hard and having fun. Way to go!!!

Members of the team are: Sydney J, Avie W, Jadya W, Shorleigh B., Madelyn K., Mya P., Lauren B., Lexi S., Charlee R., Cate H., Kaydence H. and helpers Ashley M. and Anna H.



Richmond Safe Arrival

At District School Board of Niagara, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-866-606-5567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

The SafeArrival app will have a number of benefits for both parents and staff. It is quick, convenient and will allow you to report daily absences as well as schedule future absences for your children for medical appointments and other important events in your lives. Using SafeArrival, you will be able to update your contact information easily, should it change. SafeArrival will also reduce the amount of staff time dedicated to tracking student absences, allowing them to spend more time supporting students.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

If you have not provided us with an email address, you may do so by contacting the school secretary by calling 905-227-2971 prior to [Monday, December 3, 2018](#). After that date, you will be able to set up your account by visiting the Safe Arrival site via the link which will be available on our school website.

Starting Monday, December 3, 2018, please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting Monday, December 3, 2018, staff will begin using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jay MacJanet
Principal



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

Late/No Show Bus Inquiries

Please call the following numbers.

DanNel Coach Lines Ltd: 905-934-1124

First Student Canada: 905-688-9600