

# RICHMOND REVIEW



## HOME OF THE RAPTORS NOVEMBER 2019

Principal: T. D'Alessandro

Vice-Principal: G. Watson

### Message from the Office

The cold weather is fast approaching. Let's make sure we dress appropriately for the cold weather by wearing our gloves, hats and warm jackets.



We have plenty of lost and found items accumulating in our Lost and Found bin by the Breakfast Club. Please have your child(ren) take a good look in the lost and found if they are missing articles of clothing. Anything that does not get picked up always gets donated to project share (Thorold Community Care) when our table/racks become too full.

### Santa Claus Parade

This year the Richmond Street Raptors will be teaming up with Station 4 Firefighters for the Thorold Santa Claus parade.

As we will be handing out candy on behalf of the school, participants are asked to wear their Richmond gear (sweatshirts, pants), and/or holiday accessories (red, green, silver or gold hats, scarves and mittens, Santa or elf hats). This is a rain or shine event, so come dressed for the weather!

We will be meeting on Tupper Drive at the Station 4 firetruck at 3:45 PM.

All students grade 5 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent.

More details coming soon!!



### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 1—Recognition Assembly**  
Gr 4-8—8:45am Gr K-3—9:30am

**Nov. 6—Picture Retake Day**

**Nov. 6—Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends**

**Nov. 6—PIC Conference (Parent Involvement Committee)**  
Eden High School - 4pm-8pm

**Nov. 7—Progress Reports Go Home**

**Nov. 11—Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30**

**Nov. 14—Parent-Teacher Interviews**

**Nov. 15—P.A. Day—NO SCHOOL**

**Nov. 25—Thorold Secondary School Open House—6pm**

**Nov. 26—School Council Meeting 6pm**

**Nov. 30—Thorold Santa Claus Parade @ 4pm**

**Nov. 29—Recognition Assembly**  
Gr K-3—8:45am Gr 4-8—9:30am

**Dec. 4—Soup Day**

**Dec. 5—Cookie Dough Pick Up**

**Christmas Break:**  
Last day of classes Dec 20th. 1st day back Jan 6th, 2020

## Mary Poppins



Mary Poppins Jr. is coming to Richmond.

In April, we will be presenting Mary Poppins Jr. Auditions for junior and intermediate students have already begun.

With a production this big, we are looking for extra assistance.

If you are willing to help in anyway, or are interested in a way you might be able to help, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/marypoppinsjrhelp> to learn how you can be involved or to fill out the form.



## When to Keep Your Child at Home?

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

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

Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

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## Soup Day

We are excited to inform you that there will be a new lunch day coming to Richmond. That is SOUP DAY. Soup day is on December 4th, 2019, January 15th, 2020 and February 5th, 2020.

We will be selling soup for \$2.50 a bowl on school cash online as well as paper forms.

The money raised from December will go towards buying Christmas gifts for a family in need. The profit from January and February's soup day will go towards new equipment for the gym, new tech for the classroom or anywhere needed in the school. I hope you will consider a bowl of soup for those cold and chilly days.

## Poinsettia Fundraising

Poinsettia order forms will be going home in November. All funds raised will be used to help fund the Breakfast Club here at Richmond Street School. (cash on-line will be available this year)

Please keep your eyes open for more information coming home in the future!



## Lunch Supervisor Needed

We currently have the opportunity to hire an additional Lunch Supervisor. The position involves supervising Grade 1-3 students both indoors and outdoors during their 40 minute lunch break (12:35pm-1:15pm).

The position is only for Fridays at this point but could include additional shifts. This is a paid DSBN position. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Watson at Richmond Street School.

## CELL PHONE POLICY

At Richmond Street School, we recognize the fact that many of our students bring cell phones to school, and also that parents may prefer that their children have phones with them on the way to and from school for safety reasons. We certainly support anything that contributes to the safety and well being of our students.

However, we also take into consideration that cell phones can have a negative impact if they are misused in the school environment. A student with access to a cell phone during a lesson can become distracted from his or her learning, and there have been numerous accounts of students texting one another during class. Some schools have reported accounts of cyber-bullying occurring during the school day through cell phone communication.

With this in mind, our policy at Richmond Street School is to allow students to bring cell phones to school, provided that they remain out of sight and are not used on school property without teacher approval. If a student needs to call home, they will be allowed to use the school phone. If parents need to contact their child, they may call the school.

Should a student refrain from complying with the cell phone policy by using their cell phone without permission at school, the following steps will be taken:

The first time, the student will be asked to put the phone away.

The second time, the phone will be taken away and returned to the student at the end of the day. Parents will be informed.

The third time, the phone will be taken away and the parent will be asked to come and pick up the phone.

## The Elementary Progress Report Grades 1 - 8 students

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Remembrance Day**

**Remembrance Day** or **Armistice Day** is a day of commemoration observed in the Commonwealth of Nations and various European countries (including France and Belgium) to commemorate World War I and other wars. It is observed on November 11 to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918.

Remembrance Day is specifically dedicated to members of the armed forces who were killed during war. It is important that we take the time to remember those who fought to give us freedom, democracy, peace and to preserve our way of life.

On Monday, November 11th, from 10:45am-11:15am., Richmond Street staff and students will be participating in a Remembrance Day assembly to remember those who have served and those who are currently serving so we can enjoy this great land and all that it has to offer. Nutrition break will be from 9:55 am - 10:35 am.

We will be creating a slideshow for the Remembrance Day assembly. The slideshow will be made up of family members of our students and staff who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces. If you have a veteran or an active military member in your family, please send in their picture, preferably in uniform, along with their name, the war in which they fought or where they are serving, and their relationship to you. Also include the names of the student(s) and their class(es) so they can be recognized as well. (Please send in your photos in your agenda, email them to Mr. Teakle at [trevor.teakle@dsgn.org](mailto:trevor.teakle@dsgn.org), or go to <http://tinyurl.com/RichmondRemembranceDay> to fill out the form and upload directly.)



# 2019-2020 RICHMOND STREET SCHOOL YEARBOOK IS BACK!

We are very happy to announce that the Richmond Street Yearbook is back this year!!!

The yearbook will include all the favorite pages including homeroom pages, team and club photos, and many of the year's most memorable moments. The yearbook will be full color, with a soft cover and approximately 60 pages.

**Here is how you can help.**

## **We need sponsors!**

In order to keep the cost of the yearbook affordable for all, we need sponsors. If you own a family business or perhaps you know of any local business that would be interested in purchasing an advertisement in our school yearbook, please contact the office to speak to Mr. Watson.

We anticipate producing in excess of 200 copies, to be purchased by families living in our immediate neighborhood. This is a great way to support our school community and advertise your business.

Your contribution allows you to promote your business as a community partner, and enables us to sell our yearbooks at a lower cost to our students.

Sponsorships can be purchased in the following format:

Business Card – \$50.00

An actual size business card on a separate page with other business sponsors.





## 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:**

[www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)

[www.nsts.ca](http://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

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 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:**

CHCH– Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10

