

RICHMOND REVIEW



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Principal: T. D'Alessandro

Vice –Principal: G. Watson

A Message From Mr. D'Alessandro

A warm welcome to all returning families and a special welcome to new families to Richmond Street School. It has been quite a summer of activity here at Richmond. Lots of construction has taken place both inside and outside of the school. We are ready to carry on with our normal instructional day as the construction continues outside until next spring. We are excited for what the future holds but for now we have learning as our priority. I would encourage all parents, staff and students to get involved in continuing to make Richmond such an incredible school. Please consider volunteering here at the school as your efforts will make the difference in the lives of our children. Please contact your teacher or stop by the office and we would be happy to speak with you.

On a personal note, I am excited to be the principal of Richmond School. I have been a principal with the DSBN for close to 20 years and sincerely look forward to getting to know the students, staff, parents and members of the community. I have only heard wonderful things, so I can't wait to get started.

Mr. Tony D'Alessandro (Mr. D)

Proud Principal of Richmond Street School

Bell Times:

Being on time is a life skill. Please note the bell times for school.

Entrance Bell

8:35 am

1st Nutrition Break

10:15 am—10:55 am

2nd Nutrition Break

12:35 pm—1:15 pm (students may go home at this time)

NEW Dismissal 2:55 pm

Dates to Remember:

Sept 13th Terry Fox Run Day

Sept 13th Early Release Day *students dismissed 3 hours early @11:55pm*

Sept 19th Meet the Staff Night @4:30 - 6:00 pm

Sept 24th School Council Meeting @6pm

Oct 9th Picture Day

Oct 11th Professional Activity Day

Oct 15th Immunization Grade 7 & 8

MEDICATION SAFETY AT SCHOOL

If a child requires medication at the school, the school must have a medical form (obtained at the school office) signed by the physician as well as by the parent/guardian. A prescription bottle must have a doctor's prescription label on it in order for the medication to be kept in the office. Please be sure to notify the office if your child requires any medication during the school day.

Please DO NOT send medications in a baggieALL meds MUST be in their appropriate prescription containers.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) is a consortium between the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The mandate of NSTS is to plan and manage transportation services for both Boards and to provide safe, efficient and effective transportation to the students of Niagara.



You can find bus stop locations and times on their website www.nsts.ca. You will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which is located on the student report card to log-on to their secure website.

For transportation information please visit their website www.nsts.ca or call 905 357-6787.

Terry Fox



Once again Richmond Street School is pleased to be hosting its annual Terry Fox Walk/Run on the morning of Friday September 13th between 10:55- 11:45. In conjunction with teaching about Terry Fox in our classrooms, students will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. We have proudly raised over \$10133 in the past 14 years in support of The Terry Fox Foundation in its ongoing work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. Please support our school by joining us on our school run, or making a donation. Donations can be made through our classroom fundraising venture to collect loose change around your house. We're asking for dimes on Tuesday Sept. 10th, quarters on Wednesday Sept. 11th, loonies on Thursday Sept. 12th and toonies on Friday Sept. 13th. Donations are voluntary as we realize this is a busy time of year with many ongoing expenses. Any amount of kindness is appreciated and it has and will impact the lives of so many people living with cancer.

A scheduled walk/run around the school field on Friday September 13th has been planned as follows:

TIME	CLASSES
10:55 - 11:20	Kindergartens up to Grade 4
11:20- 11:55	Grades 5-8
11:55	Early dismissal day!

Terry Fox inspired people all over the globe to realize what people can achieve when their focus is unity towards a common goal. Our school fundraising goal this year at Richmond St. School is \$1000.

Early Release Days

As the Provincial curriculum has changed very rapidly and has become more rigorous, our Board has recognized the need to provide on-going professional development to our staff. Part of the Professional Development program will involve an "early release days". This day is Friday, **September 13, 2019**. On this day, there will be **NO** afternoon classes for any students. Dismissal will be at 11:55pm.

Transportation will be provided for all bussed students starting 3 hours prior to their normal bus time. Teachers will remain at school for various workshops on this afternoon.

We hope this advance notice will assist with making child care arrangements. We recognize that this may require some parents to arrange additional daycare. We appreciate your support in this matter as it is of great benefit to our students, your children.

SAFE ARRIVAL is here!

The new way to report your child's absence

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence. You have a choice of 3 convenient methods to report your child's absence!

SCHOOL MESSENGER APP (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>).
3. Tap Sign Up to create your accounts.
4. Select Attendance from the menu, and then select Report an Absence.

INTERNET: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

1. Go to the website.
2. Click Sign Up to create your account.
3. Select Attendance from the menu, then select Report an Absence

INTERACTIVE TOLL-FREE PHONE: 1-866-606-5567

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence

Safety Issues

Teachers will be reviewing some common sense safety issues in each classroom at the start of this week. Some of the safety rules that will be discussed are as follows:

- stay away from strangers
- always walk with a buddy
- report suspicious or unusual activity to an adult immediately
- look both ways before crossing the road
- make sure you cross the road using the crossing guards
- if waiting to get picked up by someone...do not stand outside and wait alone...wait in the main foyer where there are adults.

We ask that parents/guardians reinforce these same messages at home. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Student of the Month

Every student in the school will have the opportunity to be chosen for "Student of the Month" awards. We will continue with these award assemblies.

Those students who have successfully displayed the month's criteria will be chosen and will have their names displayed on our "Student of the Month" bulletin board in the front foyer. These students will be acknowledged and handed their certificates at our monthly "awards" assembly. The character trait for September is "Respect".

Primaries will have their assembly at 8:45am on Friday, September 27th and the Junior/Intermediates will have their assembly at 9:30 am of the same day. Hope to see you there!

Insure Your Child....Accidents *Can* Happen

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit www.insuremykids.com to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.

Visitor Sign-In Procedure

- ALL visitors are welcome in our school. In the interest of care, welfare, safety and security of our students, all visitors (including parents and guardians) are asked to check in at the office when visiting the school and must understand for the safety of the staff and students of Richmond Street School, you are NOT PERMITTED to wander down the hallway to wait outside the classroom to pick up your children. Please be patient and wait in the lobby area for the students to be dismissed. We have a sign-in book and visitor labels that will be issued to any parent/guardian/visitor that will be staying at the school and have authorization to be in the classroom from the classroom teacher.
- All doors will be locked from 8:35 am—2:45 pm for security reasons.
- Students that are picked up during the school day while doors are locked must be picked up in the office.
- We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter as we want to maintain a safe and happy school environment for all of our students.

We appreciate your co-operation in keeping Richmond Street a "safe school"!





Milk for Sale



Our school is once again participating in the Elementary School Milk Program run by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

NO OTHER BEVERAGE PROVIDES THE NUTRITIOUS BENEFITS OF MILK.

We are offering this program because Milk provides the kind of healthy goodness that helps children concentrate, have more energy, and get the most out of their school day! If you pre-order Milk for your child, it means you don't have to remember to send money to school every day. Pre-ordering and pre-payment also cuts down on the time our school spends on administration.

Order forms can be found on Cash Online and tickets can be picked up at the office on first break.

Agendas & Locks

Picture Day

Student agendas are now for sale. If your child would like to purchase one, please send in \$6.00 and it will be collected.



Dudley locks are for sale in the office. There are 1 digit and 3 digit locks, that sell for \$5.00.

Edge Imaging will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, October 9th starting at 9:00 a.m. The photographers will not be taking photos during the nutrition breaks. Bright, colorful clothing usually turns out the best.



Nut Free School

Once again as we begin the new school year, we must emphasize the importance of educating the parents/guardians and students about allergies. We have a staff member and a number of students in the school with life-threatening allergies. **One of these children could be in your child's classroom.**

One type of allergy in our school is to nuts and nut products. For this reason, we are asking you and your child to be on the alert to nuts and nut products when packing snacks and lunches. This is an educational experience you and your child can share as you peruse food labels. You will be surprised at how many food items contain nut products, especially peanut oil.

We would really appreciate your help in explaining to your child how a simple peanut butter sandwich or a granola bar made with peanut oil could really harm another child.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

