



District School Board of Niagara

SEPTEMBER 2009

# COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. S. Niznik  
 Vice Principal: Mrs. L. Sauer

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2009/10 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is reenergized and ready to go for another fun filled and exciting school year. We would like to welcome all new students (quite a few this year) and hope that they have an easy time getting to make new friends. We welcome : Mrs. Sauer—Vice Principal, Mrs. Donnelly - grade 1/2, Miss Shantz—Kindergarten, Mrs. McBlain- Learning Resource, and Mme. Kalbfleisch - French/ISP. We know that you will give them the College Street respect that we give to all newcomers to the school. A reminder to call if you have any questions or concerns about any issues that involve your child's education.



Mrs. Niznik

### Reorganization of Classes

As last year, it may be necessary to reorganize some classes to meet the Ministry Class Size Caps. If this does occur, changes will be made by September 25th. We are also close to needing an additional Kindergarten classroom. Notifications will go out to families as soon as possible if your child is affected..

### 2008 - 2009 Tentative Staff List

Principal: Mrs. S. Niznik  
 Vice Principal: Mrs. L. Sauer

E.A.'s: Mrs. McMahon Lunch Supervisors: Mrs. Routski  
 Mrs. Simpson

Secretaries: Ms. Sutch Caretaking: Mr. Oxenbridge  
 TBD Mrs. Vanderwyk  
 Mrs. Silverthorne  
 Mrs. Robertson

GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER
JSA1	P-1	Mrs. Breem
JSA2	P-2	Mrs. E. Gibson
JSA3	P-3	Miss Shantz/ Mrs. M. Gibson
JSP1	P-4	Mrs. Breem
JSP2	P-5	Mrs. E. Gibson
1-1	1-11	Mrs. McAdam
1-2	1-9	Ms. Cuthbert
1/2	1-10	Mrs. Donnelly
2/3	1-6	Mrs. McDonough
2-1	1-8	Mrs. Vervaeke
3-1	2-8	Mrs. Chamberland
3-2	2-7	Ms. Mezzavilla
3/4	2-5	Mr. Riederer
4-2	2-4	Mrs. Brand
5-1	1-3	Mr. Nemcko
4/5	1-4	Mr. LeBlanc
6-1	2-3	Mrs. Stirling
6-2	2-8	Miss Dobrowolski
7/8-1	2-2	Mrs. Barrett
7/8-2	2-1	Mrs. Downs
7/8-3	1-2	Mr. Schneider
French	B-1	Mrs. Esau
French	1-1	Mrs. Kalbfleisch
Primary Prep		Mrs. Darling
Music	B-2	Mrs. Blaney
Music/Lib /Computer		Mrs. Brazeau
LRT/ Library		Mrs. Waugh/ Mrs. Sauer
LRT		Mrs. Topp / Mrs. McBlain

## NEW CROSSING GUARD

Good News! The Town of West Lincoln Council agreed to hire a crossing guard for the Wade Rd. and Colver St. crossing. This will ensure that our younger students who are walking this year will have a safe area to cross. Thank you to School Council for assisting with this process and Thank you to the Town too for listening to our needs and assisting us in keeping our walking students safe. The Secondary school will also have earlier start and dismissal times this year which should alleviate the concern of our students having to walk past large groups of high school aged students as they walk to and from school.

## CHAMPS PROGRAM

Due the success of this program in the Intermediate division, we will be bringing the CHAMPS program to all classrooms this year. More information on the program components will be available during our OPEN HOUSE and through our subsequent newsletters. The program deals mainly with treating others with respect, following consistent guidelines while working in class, moving through the halls and on the playground.

## See How Our Garden Grows

Thank you to Mrs. Put for maintaining our gardens throughout the summer. They look terrific in spite of the window construction that occurred. School Council generously provided Mrs. Put with a thank you card and a stipend for her work.



We are looking to increase our plantings. If families have a shrub or bush that they would like to donate to the school, we would gladly accept them. We need drought tolerant, sun loving plants.

## Dress Code

Just a reminder that we expect all students to dress appropriately during all school functions. We ask that tops have a shoulder strap width of at least 3 fingers wide, the chest area is well covered, and no midriff is showing. Hats are to be taken off as students enter the building. We ask that all students have a pair of indoor shoes to help keep our school clean. Shorts should be finger tip length, and pants must be worn above the hips. Please refer to the agendas for any further dress code requirements. Thank you.

**Students** are reminded that there are to be **no** foot-balls or hardballs on school grounds.

## Pick up and Drop Off

Just a reminder that we ask you to use the gym doors as a meeting place for your child. **Please do not use the back parking lot or the bus pickup area to retrieve students.** Planning a meeting spot near the school or just around the corner with your child would make it much easier for everyone.

If this is a surprise pick up, please notify the office and we will page your child for you. Pick up is at 3:20. During drop off in the morning, we ask that you use extreme caution and only drop off from the school side of the street or even up and around the corner if weather permits. Students are asked to enter the playground from the south sidewalk.

## College Street Gym Clothing

College Street t-shirts, shorts and hoodies will be available for purchase beginning the week of September 14. This year we have



pre-ordered the clothing so students will receive their clothing at the time of purchase. More information (including prices) will be sent home next week.



## STUDENT AGENDAS 2009-2010









We have provided each student with a reasonably priced agenda again this year. Please forward \$7 for each agenda to the school by Friday, September 25th. These agendas should be used by students to record and keep track of assignments, special events, money owing, reminders, etc. Please feel free to use it yourself to communicate with your child's teacher. Establishing good work routines, and organizational skills is a key component to your child's development. Thank you for assisting them with this. Thank you to the School Council who approved using some funds to offset the cost of these agendas.

**Lion's Club** is collecting food items for **Community Care's** Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please send in non perishable items to school during the days of September 21 to October 1. Thank you for your continued support of our Community

**Terry Fox Run** - we will be holding our Annual Terry Fox Run and Fun Day on September 25th in the morning. This year, our Grade 7 & 8 classes have been invited to participate with South Lincoln High School at their event on this same day. More details will follow shortly.



# SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		8 Day 1 	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	
	14 Day 5 -Sportswear Available to purchase -Milk orders go home -Servery Open	15 Day 6 gr8 girls HPV- pm gr7's HepB - pm	16 Day 7 Int. boys & girls soccer tourn 	17 Day 8	18 Day 9 Magazine Fund-raiser Starts Milk orders due	
	21 Day 10 Book Fair this wk -Rapunzel Show pm -Hot lunch orders go home 	22 Day 1 Agenda Money Due (\$7.00)	23 Day 2 -Meet the Teacher Open House 4-6pm -Jr boys & girls soccer tourn 	24 Day 3 Verification of Information and Acceptable Use Agreement forms due	25 Day 4 -Terry Fox Run am -Early Release Day -Hot Lunch orders due	
	28 Day 5 School Council Mtg  Climbing Wall	29 Day 6 Climbing Wall	30 Day 7 Climbing Wall	Climbing Wall	Climbing Wall	
					<b>Bell Times NEW TIMES THIS YEAR</b>	
					8:50	Entry
					9:00 - 9:50	Period 1
					9:50 - 10:40	Period 2
					10:40 - 11:15	1st Break
					11:15 - 12:05	Period 3
					12:05 - 12:55	Period 4
					12:55 - 1:40	2nd Break
					1:40 - 2:30	Period 5
					2:30 - 3:20	Period 6
					3:20	Dismissal

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Picture Day - Oct. 2
- PD Day - Oct. 9
- Thanksgiving - Oct. 12
- Joint School Council mtg - Oct. 21
- Pic ture Retakes - Oct. 29

**Where did your shoes take you??**

Please send in a picture or a short paragraph about a place where your shoes took you this summer. All submissions will be posted on our bulletin board by the front office. Check it out to see where Mrs. Niznik's shoes took her.

## Book Fair

Our first book fair of the year will take place from Tuesday, September 22 until Friday, September 25.

Students will have the opportunity to preview all books and can make purchases during the nutrition and fitness breaks. Please note that the book fair will be open during the Open House. All proceeds will go to purchasing more books for our library.



## Parking Spaces

There have been five parking spaces made available at the new Townhouse complex next door for College Street use. Our two secretaries will use two of them in the morning and the others are available for parent volunteers or visitors to the school. Feel free to park there if you have business within the school. **DO NOT USE IT AS A DROP OFF OR PICKUP LOCATION.**

## COLLEGE STREET COMMITTED TO BEING ECO FRIENDLY

Congratulations to staff and students for achieving a SILVER status in the Ontario Eco Schools Program. We will continue to encourage our students and staff to reduce, reuse and recycle again this year.

Please make your best effort to send LITTERLESS lunches to school with your child.

Refilling bottles/thermos' with drinks will help to reduce our plastic bottle use too.

We are also trying to reduce our paper use, so once again, we will be asking families to read the newsletter on line if possible. If you do not have easy access to a computer, please complete the form below and we will continue to send you home a paper copy.

## FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH** AT 6:30 IN THE LIBRARY. OUR FIRST BIT OF BUSINESS WILL BE HEARING FROM A REP FROM LAMONTANGNE FUNDRAISING TO DETERMINE IF WE'RE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH THEIR COMPANY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE PRO GRANTS WHICH ARE OFFERED BY THE MINISTRY.

## Accident Insurance

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **DENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO ACCIDENTS, FRACTURE BENEFITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT COVERAGES**, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

**UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT THE BOARD IS NOT PERMITTED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENTS TO PUPILS, THEREFORE,** the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form. If you require further information, you may contact **Reliable Life at Box 2046, Hamilton, L8N 9Z9** or call toll free at **1-800-465-0661**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please complete the form and mail it *directly* to Reliable Life Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may also enroll online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) (for all plans except the \$3.50 basic plan).



(Please complete and return to your child's teacher by Friday, Sept 18, 2009)

Our family received and read the September Newsletter.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



We would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter each month. \_\_\_\_ Yes Please

Comments:

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