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## Some important notes...

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2016! Members of the Stevensville Public School community have been very busy in December both participating in events ongoing and planning for things upcoming in December. Our main cast of *Annie* has been selected and have just done their first reading (production to come in the Spring). Our Drama, Music, Art, and Me 2 We clubs are all in full swing. Volleyball is wrapping up and Basketball will soon be underway. The Stevensville Student Council has been busy with the Poinsettia fundraiser and is looking ahead to events leading up to the holiday. We will be having school-wide carol-sings on Fridays (during period 4) beginning December 9 and our Holiday Concerts are coming up on December 19 and 20 (another date has been added). Amid all of these great offerings, it is important to note that we continue to make learning the priority at Stevensville and do our best to plan so that we may limit distractions.

## School Cash Online—We are very close to 100%

Though we have had some hiccups with respect to getting School Cash Online up and going and accessible to all, we have had a very good response from our school community. We have just 40 families not registered.

You can register by visiting our school website and clicking on “School Cash Online”. There, you will find more information about the system, links to registration and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure por-

tal and it takes just five minutes to register!

On a completely different note, we wish to inform you that Mr. Giancarlo will be retiring at the end of December. Please look at page 5 for a message from him. Our administrative team for the new year has not yet been established but we will communicate that when we know.

Please keep in mind that the last day of school before Winter break is December 23. Winter break will begin on December 26 and we will return to school on January 8.

However you will be spending the upcoming break, the staff at Stevensville would like to wish all of you joy! We hope that it provides opportunities for all of you to rest and relax and enjoy the company of loved ones!

Thank you for all you do and happy holidays!



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Please let the office know if you experience difficulties and thank you for your support and patience!

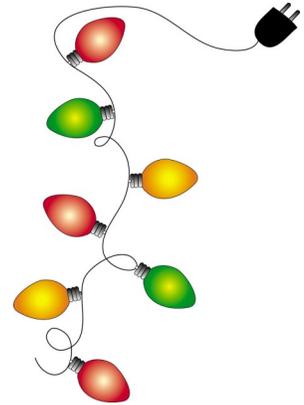


## Holiday Concerts

Our holiday concerts will take place on Monday, December 19 at 1 p.m. and on Tuesday December 20 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Due the popularity of our even-

ing concert, we ask that just two family members per student attend. Students will see the concert performances earlier in the day on Monday. Please note that

seats for our performances will be first-come, first-served. Space will be limited, especially for our evening performance.



## Student Council



Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our poinsettia fundraiser. It was a big success! Please remember that poinsettias will be delivered to the school Wednesday, December 7th and you can begin picking them up on that

day after 2 until 5. You can also pick them up Thursday, December 8th or Friday, December 9th between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Student Council is planning to start off the holiday season with a "Deck the Doors Contest." The class with the

most creative door will win a pizza party.

Remember to mark your calendars for the following theme events: December 2—Jersey Day, December 9—Red and Green Day, December 16—Christmas Socks Day, December 23—Christmas Hat Day

## Student Medical Concerns/Anaphylaxis

We would like to remind students and parents/guardians that we have students who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. It is our request that you avoid sending peanut or almond

based food as snacks with your child to school. Trace amounts, or even the smell of these products, can cause anaphylactic shock and possibly death. As the holiday season approaches and opportunities to send

treats and snacks to school arise, please remember to ensure that all treats (and ingredients) are nut free. We thank you very much for your continued support!



## Parent Council

At our most recent meeting (November 23), we discussed matters related to our School Improvement

Plan, school initiatives, and plans for our outdoor play spaces (and using funds raised to make improvements).

Please check out the January newsletter to find out the date of our next meeting!



## Court Orders and Important Safety Information

When couples separate or divorce, parents generally share custody of the children. Sometimes, however, other arrangements are made and set out in a court order. The school cannot enforce these alternate arrangements unless we have a copy

of the court order on file in your child's confidential Ontario School Record. Should you have such a court order of which we should be aware, please speak to the principal and share the most current copy with the school office.

In addition, please ensure that the office is made aware if you have concerns about anyone who should not be permitted to collect or visit your child from school especially when there is a likelihood that he/she may attempt such actions.

## Inclement Weather

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 DSNB 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:

### Phone:

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

### Websites:

<http://www.dsnb.org/inclementweather/>

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

### Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter  
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

### Television Stations:

COGECO, Cable 10, CHCH Television, City TV

### Radio Stations:

KLite102.9FM, EZRock-105.7, FM, Y-108-107.9 FM, Wave 94.7 FM, CKTB 610 AM, CHML 900 AM, CHSC 1220 AM Hits 97.7 FM



## Head Lice

Parents are an important part of controlling head lice. Children are especially prone to these pests as they often play close together where heads may come in close contact.

- ◆ Remind your children to put their tuques and other headgear in their lockers.
- ◆ Long hair should be braided or pinned close to the head.
- ◆ Hats, combs, brushes should not be lent or borrowed, and should be washed regularly.
- ◆ Check your school age children once weekly for head lice.
- ◆ Please notify the school immediately if head lice or nits are found.

When a student or students are found to have lice or nits, the parents/guardians of that (those) child(ren) will

be contacted directly. The school sends information home with all students in a class where head lice has been found. This is so that parents may be extra vigilant when inspecting their child(ren)'s head(s).

Thank you very much for your continued efforts to keep this common challenge under control.



## Clean your hands—A message from Public Health



Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- ◆ Before preparing meals
- ◆ Before eating
- ◆ After using the wash-room
- ◆ After coughing or sneezing
- ◆ After blowing your nose
- ◆ After playing with pets
- ◆ After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

## Spread Joy This Season with an EFN Tribute Gift

Consider thanking your child's teacher this holiday with a tribute gift to the Education Foundation of Niagara. All proceeds provide basic necessities for DSBN students!

An acknowledgement holiday card will be sent to your teacher in your child's name!

Visit [efnniagara.ca](http://efnniagara.ca) to donate! Or call 905-641-2929 x 37712 or email [efn@dsbn.org](mailto:efn@dsbn.org)

Spread *joy* this holiday season.





## Holiday Card Winner!

Congratulations Tucker W (from Grade 6) who will be recognized on Tuesday, December 6 because of his winning entry for the Director's Holiday Card Contest. His beautiful submission (seen here) was one of several submitted by students from Stevensville.



Have you lost your keys? A set of Toyota car keys was found near our Kindergarten playground. Contact our school office if you think they might be yours!

## A Message from the Kinettes

Children can drop letters to Santa off at the box in the Memory Park Pavillion (which is next to Scuttlebutts) until December 17. The Kinettes will make sure that Santa gets the each letter! Community members are also invited to attend the tree-lighting ceremony in the same spot on December 2 beginning at 7 p.m. where they can enjoy free hot chocolate and timbits.



## A Note from Mr. Giancarlo

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Stevensville School is a wonderful place to come to work. The staff, students and parents are among the best that I have encountered at any school in my 29 year career in Education (over 27 years of which have been here in Niagara schools). That made my recent decision to retire at the end of December very difficult. Having the opportunity to be available to support my parents who are now experiencing significant health issues was the major factor in deciding that this was the right decision for me and my family at this time.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the staff, parents and students of this wonderful community. It has been an honour for me to work with such a dedicated and caring staff. They have consistently impressed me with their commitment to the growth and success of our students. So many of you in our parent community have taken the time to support our school through your participation in our Parent Council, volunteering in classrooms and for special events, helping to restore our Pond Study area, and running and supporting fund raising events. Thank you for all your help and hard work!

It has also been a great privilege to work with your children and witness their progress over the last 3 years. Through their school spirit, effort and active participation all of the boys and girls at Stevensville School have shown themselves to be developing into capable young citizens. I am very proud of all of them and will miss them greatly!

I wish all of you the best in 2017!

Sincerely,

S. Giancarlo



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## Please mark your calendar...

- December 2—Jersey Day
- December 2—Grade 7/8 Chocolate Fundraiser Begins
- December 7—Poinsettias Delivered
- December 9—Red and Green Day & Carol Sing
- December 9—Grade 8 Day at RCBHS
- December 16—Christmas Socks Day & Carol Sing
- December 19 and 20—Holiday Concerts
- December 23—Christmas Hat Day & Carol Sing
- Pizza Days—December 2, 9, 16, 23

## Staff

- K. Krutschke
  - R. Sensabaugh
  - C. Vanderklei
  - M. Morrish
  - A. VanderWerf
  - S. Hennessy
  - R. Menard
  - K. Kells
  - S. de Waard
  - A. Hein
  - M. Davis
  - B. Roach
  - M. Milton
  - H. Ferretti
  - D. Simons
  - S. Train
  - R. Roach
  - M. Lee
  - J. Saylor
  - S. Bullock
  - T. Colavecchia
  - L. Fretz
  - N. Hamm
  - J. Meredith
  - A. Thomson
  - D. Vandenberg
  - M. Sider
  - L. Schuyler
  - T. Priestman
  - S. Turner /A. Gibson
  - J. O'Donnell
  - S. Weaver
  - K. Stuart
  - D. Walters/K. Noxel
  - S. Giancarlo
  - K. Racey
- Kindergarten
  - Early Childhood Educator
  - Kindergarten
  - Early Childhood Educator
  - Grade 1
  - Grade 1/2
  - Grade 2
  - Grade 3
  - Grade 3/4
  - Grade 4/5
  - Grade 4/5/Prep
  - Grade 5
  - Grade 6
  - Grade 7
  - Grade 7/8
  - Grade 8
  - Teacher Librarian/Prep
  - Fundamental Skills
  - Structured Strategies
  - Educational Assistant
  - Learning Resource Teacher
  - French as a Second Language
  - Instructional Coach
  - Caretaker
  - Evening Cleaners
  - Lunch Supervisor
  - Lunch Supervisor
  - Youth Counsellor
  - Secretary
  - Principal
  - Vice Principal

Elementary School Calendar 2016/17



| September |   |   |   |   |   |   | October |   |   |   |   |   |   | November |   |   |   |   |   |   | December |    |    |    |    |    |    | January |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Professional Development Day    Holiday    Early Release Day

**IMPORTANT DATES**

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| September 5, 2016                   | Labour Day                       |
| September 6, 2016                   | First Day of School              |
| September 16, 2016                  | Early Release Day                |
| October 7, 2016                     | PD Day                           |
| October 10, 2016                    | Thanksgiving Day                 |
| November 18, 2016                   | PD Day                           |
| December 26, 2016 - January 6, 2017 | Winter Break                     |
| January 9, 2017                     | First Day of Class After Holiday |
| January 20, 2017                    | PD Day                           |
| February 17, 2017                   | PD Day                           |
| February 20, 2017                   | Family Day                       |
| March 13-17, 2017                   | March Break                      |
| April 14, 2017                      | Good Friday                      |
| April 17, 2017                      | Easter Monday                    |
| May 19, 2017                        | PD Day                           |
| May 22, 2017                        | Victoria Day                     |
| June 9, 2017                        | PD Day                           |
| June 29, 2017                       | Last Day of School for Students  |
| June 30, 2017                       | PD Day                           |

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## Winter Break

It will be Winter Break across the entire District School Board of Niagara from Monday, December 26th through Friday, January 6th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 9.

We wish a peaceful, joyful, and healthy break to all members of our extended Stevensville family!

The [2016-2017 Elementary School Year Calendar](#) can be found on the DSBN web site. There you can find dates of holidays and Professional Development Days.

We're on the web!

Visit us at [stevensville.dsbni.org](http://stevensville.dsbni.org)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Stevensville PS has purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning(tm) program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>

DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of DreamBox Learning Math lessons. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

42cv/stevensvilleps

**Review your student's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account. Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:**

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>
2. Have your student login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*.
6. Click "Submit".

**Log into your home account after set up:**

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Family Dashboard" button.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time), or email [support@dreambox.com](mailto:support@dreambox.com).

Sincerely,  
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