



Hello Grand Ave Families.

What a great first week with lots of smiling, happy faces on students, teachers and families! Thank you, families, for all of your support - we couldn't do it without you!



Verification Forms

Your child should have brought home their verification form. Please look these over carefully, make any necessary corrections and sign/date and return to school **as soon as possible** so that we can ensure all information is correct in our system. **Please ensure you also fill out the back of the form!**

Lunch Days

Lunch day will continue to be on Wednesdays this year. We will be starting with Pizza and Pasta Days. Please see the calendar below for the dates. The order forms are available now on School Cash Online. If you have any questions about ordering and/or School Cash Online, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office.

School Cash Online and SafeArrival

Please ensure you are signed up for both of these programs

Links can be found on [Grand Ave Webpage](#).

REPORT ABSENCE

SafeArrival - Please report your child's absence before 9 AM for a current day absence. You may report future absences anytime, as well as early departures and late arrivals.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online - You'll be using this service to approve permission forms and pay for school items, such as field trips, food orders, Spirit Wear, and various other items.

It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You can access the service by clicking on "School Cash Online". There is also a button to click on our school home page. All you will need is your child's full name and date of birth to register. Please use the same phone numbers and email addresses as you have submitted for the student database.

You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you have any problems registering, please call the office.

Medical information

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or other medical conditions) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school, unless you have already spoken with Mrs. Parkhouse to confirm no changes in your child's condition from last year.

You can download the forms at dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions Please contact the school for more information if you have questions or require support.

Birthday and/or Holiday Treats

As in last year, with so many students having food allergies, food intolerances and particular dietary needs, we ask that parents/guardians kindly refrain from sending in birthday treats/holiday treats. If parents wish to send in something to help celebrate their child's birthday, or for a special holiday/occasion, we ask that you consider non-edible items such as birthday/holiday pencils or stickers or little erasers. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support with keeping our students safe!

Important School Forms for the Start of the Year

Our very important back to school forms are available through School Cash Online during the first week of school. With a click of a button, these items can be quickly approved. The back-to-school forms that are required to be returned include:

1. Permission to Participate - DSBN Curricular (Physical Education) Athletic Program form (School Cash Online Form)
2. " Information Technology Digital Citizenship Agreement" -to use technology at school (School Cash Online Form)

School Communication - Keeping you informed



We will continue with the weekly Parent Updates on Fridays via the School Messenger system. I will do my best to ensure these weekly updates are sent Fridays by 4pm. Please ensure that you update your primary email on your child(ren)'s verification form so that you get our weekly emails.

School Council

We understand that the partnership between home and school is vital to your child's success. We would love to have you join our Grand Ave School Council. Meetings are open to all parents and will be advertised throughout the year.



Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 24th from 6-7 pm in the library here at Grand Ave. If interested in joining, please let the office know via email or phone call so that your contact information can be added to the group.

Bussing



We partner with Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS). They are responsible for bus routes and stops on those routes and student eligibility. If you have questions around bussing or your child's eligibility, please visit their website <https://www.nsts.ca/>



Monday, Sept. 9 Day 5	Tuesday, Sept 10 Day 6	Wednesday, Sept 11 Day 7	Thursday, Sept 12 Day 8	Friday, Sept 13 Day 9
Cross Country running club starts today at 10:10 for interested students in grades 3-8				

Monday, Sept. 16 Day 10	Tuesday, Sept 17 Day 1	Wednesday, Sept 18 Day 2	Thursday, Sept 19 Day 3	Friday, Sept 20 Day 4
	Junior Soccer Tourney -details to come	Pizza Day		
Monday, Sept. 23 Day 5	Tuesday, Sept 24 Day 6	Wednesday, Sept 25 Day 7	Thursday, Sept 26 Day 8	Friday, Sept 27 Day 9
First Cross Country Meet for those on the team		Rowan's Law Day Wear Purple Pasta Day	Picture Day	

Please feel free to reach out with questions, concerns or compliments to the school office, 905-945-2227, or via the Grand Ave email, gra@dsbn.org.

Sincerely,

Ronna Parkhouse & Grand Ave Staff