



Hello Grand Ave families,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025! We look forward to seeing students tomorrow. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the outdoors. It looks like there will be colder days ahead!



Please see below for upcoming events, a few reminders and/or updates:

### **High School Open House for Grade 8 Students**

The Open House for **West Niagara Secondary School** will be held on **January 15, from 6-8 PM**. Please visit [DSBN West Niagara Secondary School Open House](https://dsbn.org/openhouse) for further details, or visit [dsbn.org/openhouse](https://dsbn.org/openhouse) to find out dates and times of Open Houses for other DSBN high schools.

### **DSBN Academy Open House**

DSBN Academy is a very unique school. It is a grade 6-12 public school that is specially designed to support students in becoming the first in their family to graduate from college or university. DSBN Academy is holding an Open House on Tuesday, February 4th, 6-8 PM.

### **PD Day on Friday, January 17th**

Please mark your calendars as Friday, January 17th is a PD day. There will be no school for students on this day. Teachers will use the day for report card writing.

### **New to Kindergarten Open House & Registration**

February is Kindergarten Registration Month in DSBN! Families with children turning four in 2025 are invited to visit [dsbn.org/kindergarten](https://dsbn.org/kindergarten) to learn more about Kindergarten programming and online registration. Families can also contact our school office to book a time for in-person registration. We look forward to inviting our new Grizzlies and their parents/guardians to our Open House in May. Further details about the Open House will be emailed directly to registered families in late April. Please help us spread the word with friends and neighbours!

### **Inclement Weather**

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that student transportation must be cancelled, and/or schools closed to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision by DSBN to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice.

When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence so we can make sure they are safe at home.

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and remote learners. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on [www.dsbm.org](http://www.dsbm.org), all school websites and DSBM social media. As well, local media share the news widely. To learn more, please go to <https://www.dsbm.org/inclementweather>.



Jan 6 - Day 7	Jan 7 - Day 8	Jan 8 - Day 9	Jan 9 - Day 10	Jan 10 - Day 1
		Gino's Pizza Day  WNSS here in Gr 8 to help with course selection		
Jan 13 - Day 2	Jan 14 - Day 3	Jan 15 - Day 4	Jan 16 - Day 5	Jan 17
	Gr 2 & 2/3 Trip to Adventure Campus  Gr 8 Girls Lunch Bunch	Pasta Day  School Council meets 5:30 - 6:30 pm		<b>PD Day - no school for students</b>
Jan 20 - Day 6	Jan 21 - Day 7	Jan 22 - Day 8	Jan 23 - Day 9	Jan 24 - Day 10
	Club Rex at first break for those who signed up	Pizza Di Nonna Pizza Day		
Jan 27 - Day 1	Jan 28 - Day 2	Jan 29 - Day 3	Jan 30 - Day 4	Jan 31 - Day 5
	Gr 8 Boys Lunch Bunch	Subway Day		Save the date for "Snuggle Up and Read" - 2-2:50 pm *further info to come