



Hello Grand Ave families,

Well, we've made it to the winter break! It has been a busy four months for sure! Please see below for upcoming events, a few reminders and/or updates:



Reminder - Winter Break

Schools will be closed from Monday, December 23rd through to Friday, January 3rd for winter break, and will officially reopen on Monday, January 6th, 2025!

Grand Ave School Advisory Council

Together with our Grand Ave School Advisory Council, we would like to thank all the parent volunteers that helped with the Winter Dance and "snowglobe-making". Special shout out to Stephanie W and Kaitlyn M for all their hard work before, during and after the dance/snowglobe-making! SAC would also like to thank Mr. Billington's class for providing beautiful snowflakes to decorate the gym.

A couple of updates: Parent Teacher Interview night was a success with the pizza sales (Pizza Di Nonna), with an approximate profit of \$250. The M&M's fundraiser collected \$98.77. The Winter Dance has made just over \$800. Thank you for all your support! All proceeds go towards maintaining the playground equipment and supporting student activities.

Save the Date - Snuggle Up and Read

This year, Family Literacy Day is on Monday January 27th. Students will be engaged in activities in class planned by our "family literacy day" team here at Grand. As in last year, we would like to welcome families to come into Grand and "snuggle up and read" with their child/children on **Friday, January 31, 2025 from 2 - 2:50 pm**. Further details to come, but please save Friday, Jan. 31st (2-3 pm)!

Pizza Day

Pizza Day will start up again on January 8th with Gino's Pizza. The School Cash Online form will be available for purchase from December 20th and will close on Sunday January 5th at midnight. This will occur over Winter Break! Please get your orders in as no late orders will be accepted.

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.dsbns.org, all school websites and DSBN social media. As well, local media share the news widely. To learn more, please go to <https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

Parking Reminders

For those parents who park on the road out front, please be mindful of the "no parking/bus loading" signs. Once the snow comes, it really piles up and can make things difficult for our wonderful bus drivers to navigate! Thank you!

High School Open House

High School Open Houses will be happening January 14, 15, and 16 this year. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend. The **Open House for West Niagara Secondary School (WNSS)** will be held on **January 15, from 6-8 PM**. Please visit <https://www.dsbns.org/openhouse> to find out dates and times of Open Houses for other DSBN high schools



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		PD Day - no school for students

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

Please know that I am always available to discuss your child's progress, along with any concerns, questions or compliments you may have at 905-945-2227, or via the Grand Ave email, gra@dsbn.org.

Wishing all of our Grand Ave Families a very safe, healthy and happy winter break, and warm wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!

Most sincerely,

Ronna Parkhouse, Principal, & Grand Ave Staff