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Kate S. Durdan Public

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DONOFRIO...

Hello KSD Families!

We are so excited to be back with all of the kids! This is going to be an amazing year! Our TEAM has worked hard to prepare the school for a fantastic start up for September!

Here is some information for you so everyone has start up routines for our 2023-2024 school year. We are so happy to be able to invite parents/guardians into the school! Whether it is an after-school sports activity, parent council meeting, Multi-Cultural Night or a special day in your child's classroom, we love seeing our parents/guardians! If you need to speak to myself, Mr. Dickson or your child's teacher, please call the school and make an appointment and we will get back to you as soon as possible. During the day we are all engaged with your children, so coming to the school without an appointment won't be feasible. If you call the school and leave a message for any one of us, we will call you back within 24 hours.

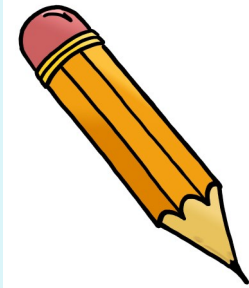
If you are dropping off your child(ren) in the morning or picking up at the end of day, we ask that you stay behind the fence, as we have been doing for years. This ensures the safety of all children, as we will not recognize all family faces, and we wouldn't want any strangers in our back yard. We appreciate your attention to this so that the only adults out there are KSD staff.

All of us here at KSD are thrilled to start our year, and we look forward to the many exciting events throughout the year!

In closing, we hope you had a wonderful summer with your family. Having time with our children is so important, however we are all ready start our school journey for 2023-2024 year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donofrio and Mr. Dickson



SAVE THE DATE...

Sept 5th - First Day of School

Sept 18th - Pitts Hopkins Awareness Day

Sept 22nd - Terry Fox Run

Sept 27th - Lock & Learn Drill

Sept 30th - Orange Shirt Day

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The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as insert name of school here recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

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Bell Times 2022 - 2023

Entry	8:30 am
Period 1	8:30 am - 9:20 am
Period 2	9:20 am - 10:10 am
<i>Jr/Int Nutrition Break</i>	10:10 am - 10:30 am
<i>KDG/Primary Fitness Break</i>	10:10 am - 10:30 am
<i>Jr/Int Fitness Break</i>	10:30 am - 10:50 am
<i>KDG/Primary Nutrition Break</i>	10:30 am - 10:50 am
Period 3	10:50 am - 11:40 am
Period 4	11:40 am - 12:30 pm
<i>Jr/Int Nutrition Break</i>	12:30 pm - 12:50 pm
<i>KDG/Primary Fitness Break</i>	12:30 pm - 12:50 pm
<i>Jr/Int Fitness Break</i>	12:50 pm - 1:10 pm
<i>KDG/Primary Nutrition Break</i>	12:50 pm - 1:10 pm
Period 5	1:10 pm - 2:00 pm
Period 6	2:00 pm - 2:50 pm
Dismissal/Bus	2:50 pm

Note: Outdoor yard supervision begins at 8:15 am



It's Terry Time at Kate S. Durdan

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 22, 2023.

We can't wait to have a fun day running for this wonderful cause. If you would like to make a donation to the Terry Fox Campaign, please visit the link below to our fundraising page

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/KateSDurdanPSNiagaraFalls>



SAFE ARRIVAL

Dear Kate S Durdan Parents/Guardians:

At District School Board of Niagara, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that our students arrive safely at school each day.

To enhance our existing absence checking procedure, we have a more efficient student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll free number 1-866-606-5567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.



Attention New Families!!

Are you registered for Schoolcashonline and the School Messenger App? Instructions for both can be found above and on the following page. On schoolcashonline you can find the DSBN Permission to Participate Forms for Physical Education and Technology use. To register for schoolcashonline, you will need your child's first and last name and date of birth. **Please note: new JKs/new to the country may not yet be able to access this program. Please check by Friday, September 8th.** You will need the School Messenger App to report daily absences and lates OR call the following number: 1 800 606 5567. For school messenger to work, you must register using the same e-mail we have on file at the school.

WELCOME TO KATE S. DURDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

School Cash Online



Kate S. Durdan Public School uses School Cash Online, a safe and secure online portal, that gives you the freedom to approve permissions forms electronically and make payments for school items and events using echeque, credit or debit card.

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payment for trips online.

Rather than sending cash to school with your child on pizza days, you can pre-order online.

The preferred method of payment for item purchases at Kate S. Durdan is School Cash Online.

To learn more about School Cash Online and to register, visit dsbn.org/schoolcash or you can link through the Kate S. Durdan website at <http://katedurdan.dsbn.org>. Please note that School Cash Online offers instructions in various languages. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at 905-356-0488 if you require assistance.

Separate Accounts for Parent/Grandparents

Students can be added in up to five different "parent" accounts.

User Registration

Step 1 – Enter your first and last name.

Step 2 – Enter your demographics (address, phone, e-mail)

Step 3 – Password – set up your password

**** I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.**

At least one parent should be receiving e-mail notifications to stay informed of new purchases (eg: pizza days).

Add a Student

Student Number – leave the box checked (I don't have the student number).

Enter First and Last Name (Legal name).

Birthdate – MM/DD/YYYY must be in this format.

Make sure there are no spaces before or after the names. CONFIRM.

If there is more than one child, continue adding students.

There are 5 tabs on the Home Page. You can check ITEMS and PAYMENT HISTORY at any time to see if you have placed an order. If you are using "MY WALLET", you have to transfer money to My Wallet either by E-Cheque or using a VISA or MasterCard. You then have to place your order and use My Wallet to pay for your purchases.

HOME

- You can choose a Language
- Shopping Cart / Check Out

ITEMS

- Displays items available to purchase.

MY WALLET

- Add funds to My Wallet
- View Transaction History

PAYMENT HISTORY

- Displays record of payments

MY ACCOUNT

- Edit Personal Information
- Change Password
- My Students
- Add Another Student
- Manage E-mail Notifications