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Kate S. Durdan Public School



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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 2024-2025 school year. We are so happy to be able to get involved with after-school activities and in school clubs, and we invite you to come to our after-school activities and watch your amazing children in their extra-curricular sports.

One after school activity we have coming up for the whole community is our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. That evening you will be able to tour the school and your child's classroom and meet the teacher! There will be a snack of pizza (cheese) for all to enjoy, as we gather as a community! We look forward to seeing you all that night!

As the school year progresses, if you need to speak to myself, Mrs. Wilson 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.

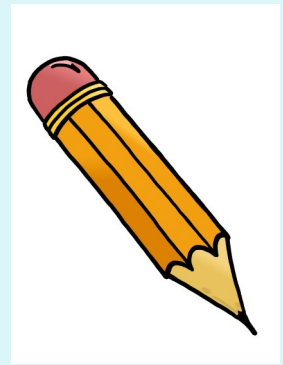
Calling ALL PARENTS/Guardians! Please come to our first Parent Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Your voice matters, and we love the activities that our parents/guardians put on for our kids throughout the school year!

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 to start our school journey for 2024-2025 year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donofrio and Mrs. Wilson



SAVE THE DATE...

Sept 3rd- First Day of School

Sept 12th— Lunch Lady

Sept 17th—Pizza Food for Good APP

Sept 27th - Terry Fox Run

Sept 24th—Chicken meals Food for Good APP

Sept 24th—Parent Council 5:00 PM

Sept 30th - Orange Shirt Day

Oct 3rd—Open House 4-6 pm

Oct 8th— Picture Day

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 Kate S. Durdan 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 2024-2025

Entry	8:30 AM
Period 1	8:30 AM – 9:20 AM
Period 2	9:20 AM – 10:10 AM
Jr/Int Fitness Break Primary Nutrition Break	10:10 AM – 10:30 AM
Jr/Int Fitness Break Primary Nutrition Break	10:30 AM – 10:50 AM
Period 3	10:50 AM – 11:40 AM
Period 4	11:40 AM – 12:30 PM
Jr/Int Nutrition Break Primary Fitness Break	12:30 PM – 12:50 PM
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Period 5	1:10 PM – 2:00 PM
Period 6	2:00 PM – 2:50 PM
Dismissal	2:50 PM



It’s Terry Time at Kate S. Durdan

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, Sept 27, 2024.

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>

T-Shirts will be available for purchase on Schoolcash online starting Monday Sept. 9th until Sept 18,2024.

Terry Fox T-Shirts!
THE 2024 SHIRT HAS OFFICIALLY DROPPED.
T-Shirts are available on Cash Online for \$20-\$25.



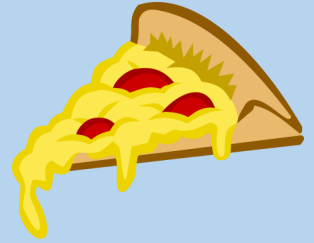
the Lunch Lady

Our first Lunch Lady day will be on **Thursday Sept 12, 2024**. If you are interested in ordering for your child please visit the link attached.

order.lunchlady.ca



Our 1st Pizza Day via Food for Good APP is Tuesday Sept. 17, 2024



To access the menu and place orders for your child's school lunch, please visit the website at <https://booking.foodforgood.ca/foodforgood/parent/>. On the website, you will find a user-friendly platform where you can select the desired meals from the menu and proceed to checkout. You can schedule orders in advance, making it quick and hassle-free.

NEW MENU ITEMS

Pizza will no longer be sold weekly. See the schedule below for food options.

Tuesday Sept 17—Pizza

Tuesday Sept 24 — Popcorn chicken or Chicken Fingers

Tuesday Oct 1—Tacos or Quesadilla

Tuesday Oct 8—Pizza

Tuesday Oct 15—Popcorn chicken or Chicken Fingers

Tuesday Oct 22—Tacos or Quesadilla

Tuesday Oct 29—Pizza

<https://foodforgood.ca/food-for-good-menu/>



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. 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