



2024

## Kate S. Durdan Public School



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### A MESSAGE FROM ...

### HELLO OCTOBER...

Happy Fall KSD Families!

We had a terrific September with some exciting activities, and we all enjoyed getting to know one another in our classrooms! Our Sports Teams have begun, and we have celebrated many efforts from our Cross Country and Soccer Teams! Our turnout of children participating was fabulous and seeing kids play and learn together as a team has been amazing. We look forward to our Flag Rugby Team's start up this month!

This month we are excited about our Open House, Picture Day and the roll out of our new Students' Council! It is a great time to be at KSD, and we thank you for sending your children to us each day!

Have a wonderful Fall!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donofrio and Ms. Wilson



### SAVE THE DATE

**Oct 1**— Taco Day via Food for Good

**Oct 2**—Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

**Oct 3**— Open House 4-6pm

**Oct 8**— Picture Day

**Oct 8**— Pizza Day via Food for Good

**Oct 14**—Happy Thanksgiving (No School)

**Oct 15**—Chicken Day via Food for Good

**Oct 22**— Taco Day via Food for Good

**Oct 29**— Pizza Day via Food for Good



Achieving Success Together



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

To ensure the accountability and safety of our students, it is imperative that parents use the **SAFE ARRIVAL** Schoolmessenger app or by calling **1-866-606-5567** when their child is going to be absent or late. Instructions for setting up an account can be found on our school website main page at <http://katedurdan.dsbns.org>

## WHAT IS SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees and/or complete parental/guardian permission forms. If you haven't already registered, please do by visiting:

<https://dsbn.schoolcashonline.com/>



## BUSSING

Is your bus student late coming home? Please check the transportation website at [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) to check for **Delays and Cancellations**. Transportation delays greater than ten (10) minutes are posted by operators on this website. You can view delays and cancellations on the website, or parents can subscribe to this feature so that delays and cancellations impacting your child's bus route can be emailed directly to you.

## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day with is **Tuesday, October 8th**. For parent and student assistance, contact **Edge Imaging** by phone at **1-888-416-3343** or at [www.edgeimaging.ca](http://www.edgeimaging.ca).



## FLU SEASON IS HERE!!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after:

- coughing or sneezing
- blowing your nose
- using the washroom
- playing with pets
- playing outdoors
- before preparing meals and eating



Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt.

## School Start-up Checklist have you...

1. Returned your **corrected & signed verification form**
2. Returned **Prevalent Medical Conditions** paperwork *if applicable*
3. Completed the **Permission to Participate Forms** on school-cashonline.com for Participation in **Physical Education and Digital Technology**

# Thank you!



**The junior soccer team were absolutely amazing. The team showed wonderful spirit and played their hearts out in every game bringing home 2 wins and 1 draw. It was a fantastic day and everyone had fun. Way to go Knights!**

# Junior Co-ed Soccer



# Intermediate Co-ed Soccer



**Congratulations to the intermediate coed soccer team who finished second overall in the Tier 1 Division Tournament. Team Members: Morgan (Goalie), Niyah, Haeyeon, Ava, Shiya, Brennan, Mason, Harry, Joseph, Hunter, Jongho, Austin. Way to go Knights!**



# Blue for Pitt-Hopkins



Our KSD Knights wore blue to support Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome day. It was beautiful to see a sea of blue among the students.

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or 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](#).



Our school participating in Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing orange.  
Way to go Knights!



Thank you KSD ...



As of September 27th, 2024

\$2427 was raised by donations and t-shirts sale towards

The Terry Fox Foundation by  
our generous school community.







Mrs. Stewart's grade 3 class participated in the walk/run for Terry Fox.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

There will be no school on **Monday, October 14th** as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish all of our KSD families a safe and special holiday together. Be thankful!!

