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Prince Philip February 2021

Important Dates At a Glance

Feb. 5 - Hockey day in Canada

Feb. 11 - Red/White day

Feb. 12 - P.A Day

Feb. 15 - Family Day

Feb. 19 - Twin Day

Feb. 24 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 26 - Super Hero Day

Feb. 24 - School Council meeting

February is Black History Month. See more information below.





Hi! I'm Barkley. Your child's Kindergarten sidekick.

I'm here to tell you that it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Normally I'd invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms your child could look around with me,

but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another I can do is help you find all the information you need to register for Kindergarten at the DSNB! I put it on www.dsnb.org/kindergarten for you. It has important information like:

- How to register your child online
- A video about a typical day in Kindergarten
- A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour
- An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears

Register today at dsbn.org/kindergarten. I can't wait to meet you and your child at school!

Report Cards

Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning

Due to the extension of remote learning, the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be issued over two days between February 18-19. Families can expect to receive additional information about the Report Card distribution process from their school administrator, once further information about the return to "in-person learning" becomes available.

Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence in order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.



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This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the **math curriculum** for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a **four-year math strategy** designed to:

- improve student performance in math
- help students solve everyday math problems

increase students' employability to attain the jobs of the future

Updates to Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics (Grades 1-8)

To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the Elementary Report Card as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student's growth in learning.

The Ministry has provided more information about the new math curriculum for parents on the following website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>. If you have any questions, please make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

For those of you who are looking to engage in online Black History Month learning and celebrations, here are some opportunities:

- Join the Ontario Black History Society as they kick off Black History Month 2021, featuring community recognition profiles, Black history, entertainment, museum tours and more. No cost.

[Part 1 OBHS Black History Month Speaker Series](#)

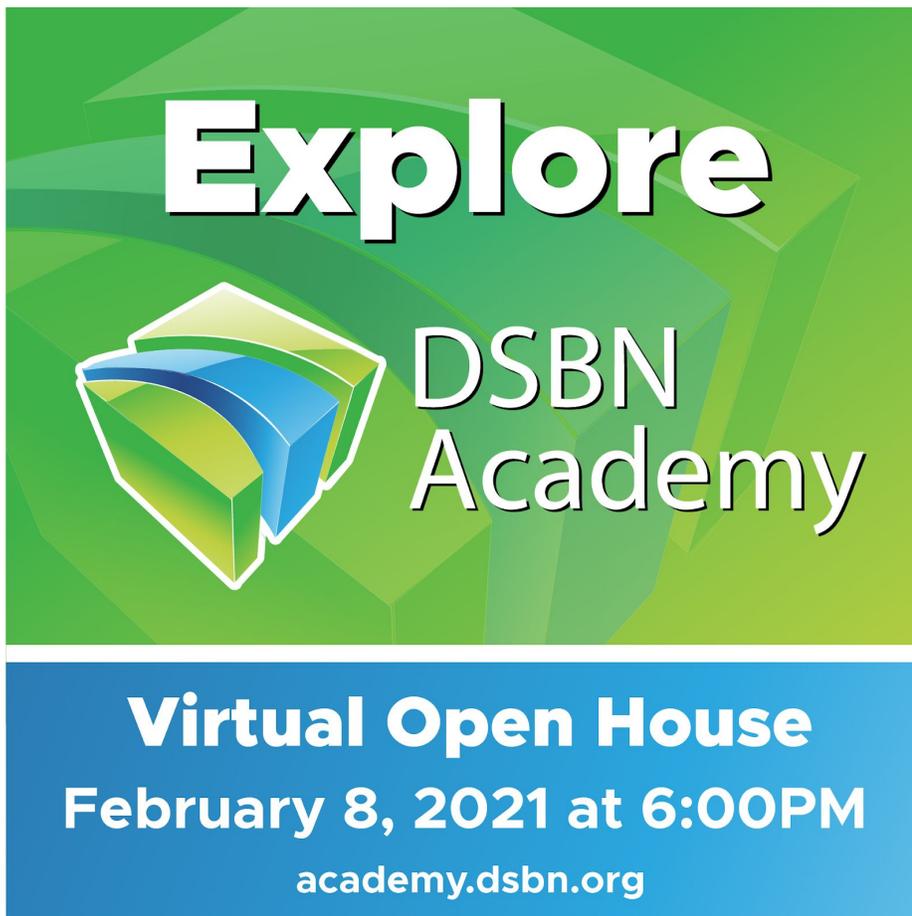
[Part 2 OBHS Black History Month Speaker Series](#)

- Black History in Canada will be examined by a three-part virtual series hosted by Niagara Parks. The series will explore perspectives on Black history and culture in

Canada delivered by leading historians and commentators. The online events will be held on the last Wednesday of the month in February and March. Speakers in the series include author Saladin Allah (February 24) and historian Rochelle Bush (March 31), both of whom presented at Niagara Parks' Black History Symposium last February. Tickets are \$15 per event or \$35 for the series and can be purchased online at niagaraparks.com/blackhistory. All sessions will begin at 7 pm.

- [York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities presents Black History Month Event](#) The theme of this event is Sankofa - Inspiration from the Past to Enlighten the Present and the Future which features a keynote speaker and session/workshops including:
 - The History of Drumming
 - Celebrating Black Canadian Innovation
 - Black Health Matters: caring for yourself inside and out
 - Fashion Show
 - Children Workshop

This event is for the entire family. No cost.



The graphic features a green background with a white and blue 3D cube icon on the left. The word "Explore" is written in large white letters with a black outline at the top. Below it, "DSBN Academy" is written in white. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "Virtual Open House", "February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM", and "academy.dsbn.org" in white.

Explore

DSBN
Academy

Virtual Open House
February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM
academy.dsbn.org

Join us to find out:

- How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit
- If the DSNB Academy is a good fit for your child

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

From January 11-29, Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in a Virtual Roadshow during class time to learn more about the DSBN Academy and everything it has to offer. More information about Registration and the Virtual Open House will be shared in January 2021.

Online registration opens on JANUARY 7, 2021 at [ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY](https://academy.dsbn.org/apply). Registration will close on FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Limited spots available.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student is entering Grade 6, 7 or 8 in September 2021
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program
 - If a sibling has attended post-secondary but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student
- Student is achieving current grade level expectations or just below
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving “good” or “excellent” learning skills
- Student is willing to attend a school that may be out of their community with free transportation provided
- Student understands there are mandatory after-school academic supports and *ENCORE* programs
 - After-school *ENCORE* options include: Mixed sports, Board games, Photography, Yoga, Makerspace, Choir, Reading, and many more!
- Families understand that the DSBN Academy is a single track pathway beginning in Grade 9 (academic level only)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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PA Day

Friday February 12th is a P.A. Day for DSBN. There will be no school on this day.

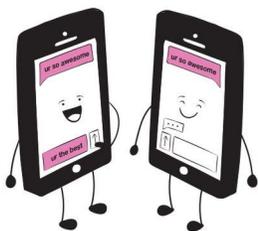
Family Day

The Family Day holiday falls on Monday, February 15th.

We hope you get to enjoy some time with your family and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday February 16th.

School Council

Our School Advisory Council will hold our next meeting on February 24, 2021@ 6 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. This will be a virtual meeting.



PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday February, 24th, 2021



In today's digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead, using the internet to spread kindness - because we know that Nice Needs No Filter! Wednesday, February 28, is Pink Shirt Day across Canada. To show our support in the effort to end bullying, students and staff of the District School Board of Niagara are encouraged to wear their best and brightest pink items to school.



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At DSBN**