

COMMUNICATION

The relationship between parents and the school is a key component of student success. Our staff work hard to foster open communication with parents. If you have feedback or concerns about your student's education, we invite you to contact your student's teacher as a first point of contact.

We use a variety of tools to provide families and the community with timely information about the school and activities.

These tools may include:

- St. Catharines Collegiate Website (collegiate.dsbni.org)
- Online School Calendar
- Email and phone messages about important information and upcoming events. Please provide the school with your email address as this is the easiest way to keep you informed.
- Reporting periods

IMPORTANT DATES:

Semester 1:

September 5, 2022	Labour Day
September 6, 2022	First Day of School
September 13, 2022	Picture Day
October 7, 2022	Progress Reports Distributed
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
October 12, 2022	Parent Teacher Interviews
October 24, 2022	Professional Development Day
November 2, 2022	Take Our Kids To Work Day
November 9, 2022	Picture Retake Day
November 15, 2022	Midterm Report Cards
November 25, 2022	Professional Development Day
Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2022	Grade 8 Open House
December 19-21, 2022	Grad Pictures
December 26, 2022	Winter Break Begins
January 9, 2023	Classes Resume
January 25 – 31, 2023	Semester 1 Culminating Activities
January 27, 2023	SSTC Last Day of Classes
February 1, 2023	Professional Development Day

Semester 2:

February 2, 2023	Semester 2 Begins
February 10, 2023	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Mailed
February 17, 2023	Professional Development Day
February 20, 2023	Family Day
March 9, 2023	Progress Reports Distributed
March 13 – 17, 2023	March Break
March 22, 2023	Parent Teacher Interviews
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
April 25, 2023	Midterm Report Cards
May 19, 2023	Professional Development Day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
June 22-28, 2023	Semester 2 Culminating Activities
June 23, 2023	SSTC Last Day of Classes
June 29, 2023	Graduation
June 29, 2023	Professional Development Day
June 30, 2023	Professional Development Day
July 5, 2023	Semester 2 Report Cards Mailed

BELL TIMES:

Period 1	8:10am – 9:30am
Period 2	9:35am – 10:50am
Lunch	10:50am – 11:35am
Period 3	11:35am – 12:50pm
Period 4	12:55pm – 2:10pm

PARKING/SAFE DRIVING:

Parents and students are permitted to park in Heatherington street parking lot located to the south of the school.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

Pick up and drop off are some of the busiest times of the day. With many buses, students and parents in our parking lot. The procedures we have in place are designed to support a safe, smooth and efficient transition for everyone at these critical times.

To support student safety, we ask that you:

- pick up/drop off your son/daughter at the entrance to the school located on Maple Street (please be mindful not to block the residential driveways)
- please do not pickup/drop-off students on Catharine Street as this is used as our bus loading/drop-off zone

SAFE ARRIVAL/ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Our school has an easy method for you to report your student's absences. With Safe Arrival, you can report daily absences and schedule absences by using one of the following:

- Calling the toll-free phone line at 1-866-479-3261
- Logging on to the web portal at
- www.safearrival.com
- Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the School Messenger app

We ask that you report all absences prior to bell time for the current day. To support the safety of our students, if your student is not at school and has not been reported absent, our staff will attempt to reach you and your contacts to confirm their whereabouts. If a student arrives late to school or needs to leave early, they must sign in/out. It is the responsibility of the student to make up any missed work.

DRESS CODE

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment. When deciding on clothing, we ask that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)

AWARDS

Student School Letter

School letters are awarded at Graduation based on points earned throughout Grades 9 -12. Students who earn a school letter represent a well rounded individual with a demonstrated ability to succeed academically along with contributing greatly to the school community.

Points are awarded by teachers/coaches/advisors at the end of each semester for participation and achievement in the following categories:

Academics	Clubs	Technology
Arts	Leadership	Other
Athletics	Student Ambassadors	

A total of 140 points are required to be eligible to earn a school letter at Graduation. Points will be pro-rated for students who move to the school after Grade 9.

Students are responsible for initiating contact with the teacher/coach/advisor to have points recorded.

The Student School Letter system was implemented in the 2018-19 school year.

For the 2022-2023 School Year:

Students in Grade 9 will need to earn **140 points** by Graduation to earn a School Letter.

Students in Grade 10 will need to earn **140 points** by Graduation to earn a School Letter.

Students in Grade 11 will need to earn **105 points** by Graduation to earn a School Letter.

Students in Grade 12 will need to earn **60 points** by Graduation to earn a School Letter.

Students are responsible for completing the Student Points Tracking Sheet (Available from the school website) and have the teacher advisor/coach enter the points and sign the form. The teacher advisor/coach will determine the allotted points for the activity. The teacher/coach's decision is non-negotiable.

Students are responsible for submitting the form before June 15 of the current school year (with the exception of semester 2 honour roll which can be submitted until September 30 of the following school year)