



John Marshall

SEPTEMBER 2019

Home of the Bulldogs!!!

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Up Coming Events

Sept 10 - Snack Program Starts

Sept 12 - Milk Orders due

Sept 13 - Early Release

Sept 16 - Milk delivery begins

Sept 17 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Sept 25 - Wear Purple for Rowen's Law Day

Sept 26 - Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00pm

Sept 27 - Terry Fox Walk

INITIAL SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2019-2020

Our tentative class organization is listed below. **Please keep in mind that changes could occur depending on our school enrolment figures.** Any re-organization of classes will take place on Sept. 13 the Early Release Day.

Principal.....Mrs. J. McDowell
 Secretary.....Mrs. C. Lyndon
 Kindergarten 2.....Mrs. L. Sowa
 DECE.....Ms. S. Peacock
 Grade 1.....Mrs. K. Ten Den
 Grade 2/3.....Mrs. K. Colangeli
 Grade 4/5.....Mr. G. Leith
 Grade 5/6.....Mr. K. Nazwaski
 Grade 6/7.....Mrs. C. Morningstar
 Grade 8.....Mrs. G. Fortuna
 LRT/Prep.....Mrs. J. Maves
 French/Prep.....Mrs. L. Gabriele
 EA's.....L. Brys, L. Easton, J. Gautier, C. Bowes
 Youth Counsellor.....Mrs. A. Sample
 Head Caretaker.....Mr. B. Penny
 Part Time Cleaners.....Mrs. R. Deschamps
 Lunch Supervisors.....Mrs. K. Corfield

SCHOOL TIMES

8:35 Entry
 8:35—10:15 am Instructional Block 1
 10:15—10:55 am Fitness/Nutrition Break 1
 10:55—12:35 pm Instructional Block 2
 12:35—1:15 pm Fitness/Nutrition Break 2
 1:15—2:55 pm Instructional Block 3
 2:55 pm Dismissal

ALLERY ALERT We have a number of students with severe life threatening nut allergies (both peanut and tree nut) and are reminding all families to refrain from sending snack or lunch items with nuts. Please read food labels carefully when grocery shopping. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

STUDENT AGENDAS Each child in Grade 1—8 will be provided with a student agenda at a *cost to the student of \$5.00. Please pay using School Cash Online.* Our expectation is that this book be used as communication tool between home and school on a daily basis. *Please review with your child the School Code of Conduct which is located in the front of the agenda. Also take the time to review the Concussion Protocol Information.*

On September 25, Rowan's Law Day will be observed by our school. This is a day to increase awareness about the danger of concussions, and to positively promote injury prevention. Rowan's Law was created after Rowan Stringer, a 17-year old student died after sustaining two concussions. Because she did not tell anyone about her injuries or how she was feeling with her family, coaches, or friends her concussions went untreated. By observing Rowan's Law Day each year and educating our school community about concussions, we hope to promote a culture of safety at our school. Purple was Rowan's favourite colour, so we are asking students to wear purple to school on September 25 – it could be a purple shirt, socks, a ribbon – something to represent Rowan.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mrs. Lyndon, our secretary is in the office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each week day. We also recognize that from time to time it is necessary to contact the school to get a message to your child. Please try to make all of the necessary arrangements with your child/ren in advance to avoid any missed communication. Students are able to use the office phone and are not to be using their cell phones during the school day. Please contact your child at school through the office phone 905-358-3711 and not his or her cell phone. If your child/ren will be absent from school please do not call the school.

The DSBN has introduced a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. Please report your child's absence in advance using any of the 3 convenient methods below:

- School Messenger App
- go.schoolmessenger.ca
- 1-866-606-5567

Please be sure to set up your account if you have not already done so.

STUDENT FORMS

Today you received an envelope with a variety of notices and forms which will need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as soon as possible. The **Confidential Student Verification** form is kept on file at the office. It is very important that we have up-to-date medical and personal information each year as well as an emergency contact number in case we cannot reach you at home or at work. This contact person should be someone who is usually available and lives relatively close proximity to the school. *Please let us know if this information changes during the year.*

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

Any medication that is to be administered to student at school must have an authorization form completed by the physician on file in the school. *These forms are available at the school office.* This included allergy medication, puffers and epi-pens. **If your child requires an epi-pen or a puffer, please contact the office immediately so we can send home the proper paperwork and put emergency procedures in place.**

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

Chocolate or white milk available is available at second nutrition break beginning Sept. 16. Milk must be purchased in advance monthly at 85 cents per carton. Please complete the milk order on line through SchoolCash.net. Milk will be delivered to students at 2nd break. There will be no daily sale of individual cartons of milk. You must choose either white or chocolate for the order period.

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Use

Student cell phone use is not permitted at school unless give permission from a teacher for instructional purposes. The office phone is available for student use, with permission from a teacher. If students choose to bring a phone to school, to use on their way to and from school, the phone should be stored in their backpacks or in their locker. The school takes no responsibility if these items are lost, damaged or stolen. If students are found to be using phones during the school day, the phone will be held at the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day. Some students like to use a laptop or ipad for classwork. Teacher permission is required and the school does not take any responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen items.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The DSBN is a big supporter of Character Education and here at John Marshall we focus on a particular character trait each month. September's trait is **RESPECT**. At John Marshall we show respect with positive regard for others' thoughts, opinions and feelings. We are inclusive and fair in our treatment of others.

VOLUNTEERS

Here at John Marshall there are many opportunities for parent/guardians to volunteer with our students and to support the many activities that occur during the school year. Some opportunities include working at Breakfast Club, helping in the library, helping with pizza days or participating in supportive reading programs. We see this as a wonderful way to build our school, family and community connections. We welcome all who are interested and available, to please contact the office for a Volunteer Information Form.

Transportation

For transportation information please visit the Niagara Student Transportation Services website at www.nsts.ca or call 905-346-0290.

VISITORS

We welcome visitors and parents at John Marshall but you are reminded that you need to enter through the front door, sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge

TERRY FOX WALK

Our Terry Fox walk takes place on Sept 27. More information will come home closer to the date.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Thursday, September 26 from 6-7 pm you and your children are invited to our "Meet the Teacher Night". This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet the teacher.