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<u>Art Battle:</u>

A huge congratulations to our Visual Arts students: Lyonne Brown, Abby McDonald, Michaela Adams, Bella Johnson, Gavan Rubel & Riley Wright; for participating in the 2024 Art Battle at Laura Secord Secondary School today! This year, teams were asked to choose 3 random prompts and create an interesting composition that makes use of juxtaposition and the 3 chosen words in just 3 hours! These students demonstrated their talents and creative problem solving, creating two awesome final paintings. Our Sr. team won the <u>STUDENT CHOICE</u> <u>AWARD</u> in today's battle - please congratulate these talented artists if you see them!

Congratulations Arts Team !!



Honour Roll Breakfast:

Congratulations to all students who obtained Honour Roll status in grade 9, 10, or 11 for the 2023-2024 school year. We had a celebratory catered breakfast to recognize these individuals this morning.

Our records indicate that ~320 students achieved at this academic level which is calculated at 80% or over for their combined marks in the previous year.

Congratulations on this incredible achievement!

In order to ensure success in mathematics for all of our students, we are pleased to offer a variety of supports:

LUNCHTIME MATH SUPPORT

Lunchtime math support is available daily, from 11:00-11:30, as per the schedule below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mr. Bolle	Mr. Diramio	Ms. McCaughey	Mr. Huff	Ms. Minniti
Room 207C	Room 130	Room 207C	Room 207E	Room 207A

Please arrive by 11AM, with your math questions ready.

ONLINE MATH SUPPORTS - "TVO Mathify"

- Monday Friday, 9AM-9PM; Saturday and Sunday, 3PM-9PM
- Use your DSBN email and your OEN number to login (please ask your teacher if you are unsure what your OEN number is)
- Click the link TVO Learn Mathify | Free 1:1 Online Math Tutoring

We hope that our students can utilize some or all of these supports, to ensure they experience a high degree of success in math this year.

Cyber Safety:

The Niagara Regional Police Service is urging youth and the community to understand the serious consequences of making online threats, even when intended as a joke. Threats, whether made in person or online, are treated as real until proven otherwise, as public safety is the highest priority.

Things to Consider:

- **Understand the Law:** Threats, regardless of intent, can lead to criminal charges. A "joke" online can result in an arrest, court appearances, and a criminal record, which can impact future education and career opportunities.
- **The Real-World Impact:** Online threats disrupt schools, cause fear and anxiety, and drain community resources as law enforcement investigates every report thoroughly.
- **Think Before You Post:** Social media is not anonymous, and any statement that causes fear or alarm can have lasting consequences.
- **Parental Guidance Is Key:** Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss responsible online behavior with their children, emphasizing the consequences of poor digital choices.
- The NRPS is committed to ensuring the safety of all schools and takes every threat seriously. They remind the public that even seemingly harmless jokes can have profound and unintended consequences.

Literacy - OSSLT update:

Many students completed the literacy test this week, and they are congratulated on their effort!

For the remainder of students that are writing next week, please ensure that you are aware of the date, time and location of where you are scheduled to complete this assessment. If students have any questions or concerns, they are asked to contact Mr. Pierce at <u>chris.pierce@dsbn.org</u>

2023-2024 Yearbook:

This is a reminder to those students and/or families that purchased a 2023/2024 Yearbook. If you ordered the Yearbook but have not yet picked it up, please report to the main office.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you, T.Thompson