



Winter 2022



The year is just flying by with so many exciting events and activities taking place. Please refer to our calendar that is posted on our website for the most up-to-date information.

gordon.dsbn.org

A few reminders:

-Nov. 30 – Dec. 2: Scholastic Book Fair is at Gordon. Items can also be ordered online.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5197736>

Dec. 1 – M&M Meats “Gordon” Day – our school earns 10% of every purchase (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.), when you mention our school.

-Dec. 5: Last day to order your poinsettias through **Vermeer’s** – Gordon SAC fundraiser.

-Dec. 6: Gr. 1 French Immersion Open House (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.) – open to SK families only.

-Dec. 15: Jr/Int. students have been invited to Centennial for a Winter Concert. See School Cash Online for the permission form and details.

-Dec. 20: Gordon Joy Day – Winter activities by division, hot chocolate and cookies for all!

-Dec. 19-23: Week of Joy – spirit days chosen by our Leadership Team, see our Gordon Calendar for details.

Gordon Gives Hope!

The Gordon Public School Student Leadership Team is hosting a Food Drive in support of the Hope Centre. Our Twelve Days of Giving will take place from Thursday December 1st until Friday December 16th. We are open to any and all donations of non-perishable food items. The Hope Centre has indicated that they are most in need of the following:

- canned vegetables
- canned meats
- pork and beans
- pasta sauce
- quick meals (Hamburger Helper, Sidekicks, Kraft Dinner, Canned Pasta)
- large soups
- Boost or Ensure
- Baby Supplies
- Hygiene Products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo)

We will also be continuing with our tradition of creating a mitten tree. We are looking for donations of new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks to decorate our tree. Please help us to help our community's most vulnerable be warm and fed this winter. Thank you!

Learning opportunities...

Did you know that your child has at-home online access to the following?

LEARNING SUPPORTS FOR OUR STUDENTS
AT HOME

Literacy Support JK - Gr. 6

Math Supports SK - Gr. 7

SPARK
Reading
Canadian Digital Library for Young Canadian Readers
• 700+ levelled books • Indigenous perspectives
• Canadian content • Curated for Canadian schools

DreamBox
Learning Math
Individualized, game-based math adapts to kids' needs

Check with the classroom teacher for access to your child's account.

Dreambox Link is accessible on our school website.

These licenses have been purchased by our school to help support to home/school connection. If you have any questions or require any support, please reach out to your child's teacher.

From the DSBN...

The Mental Health & Well-Being and Special Education Teams are partnering to once again offer the parent workshop: "Funding and Supports for Children with Physical and/or Developmental Disabilities". This workshop provides information about funding, supports, resources, and grants within the community for children ages 0-18 with physical and/or development disabilities. This workshop will help support parents/guardians by providing an understanding of services within the community, eligibility for supports, the process for accessing these services, as well as tips for contacting and connecting with community service providers.

The workshop will be offered virtually on **Monday, December 12th, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. Registration is now open until **noon on December 12th, 2022**, after which a Teams link will be sent to all registrants.

Parents and guardians who are interested in attending, please use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/z8qRFrMUWG>

Inclement Weather

Now that the weather has turned, please ensure that the students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play (i.e., proper boots, coats, hats, mitts, and snow pants). Indoor shoes are required and an extra set of socks and/or mitts would be helpful.

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to: <https://www.dsbni.org/inclementweather>

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbni.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and remote learners. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbni.org, all school websites, DSBNI social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Elementary Schools: Snow Day activities for kindergarten to Grade 8, will be available on the DSBNI website on days when schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Secondary Schools: When secondary schools are closed, students are reminded they may access their course's online platform (D2L or Google Classroom) to review classroom notes, lessons, and complete any outstanding assignments or projects.

INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

The **Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team** had a wonderful season! They played incredibly well as a team and showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the entire season. On Monday, November 28th they also took part in the DSBNI Volleyball Tournament and made it to the semi-finals, only losing the game by 2 points! We couldn't be prouder of our Gordon team! Congratulations to: Sabrina D., Lily T., Kendra L., Rhaya B., Edie J., Hannah L., Elizabeth M. and Madi F.

A big thank you to Aria A. and McKenna M., who volunteered to be our scorekeepers throughout our entire season and the DSBNI tournament. They were such incredible helpers and cheerleaders! ~ Mme Hauer

Congratulations to the **Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Team** who displayed major skill development over the season. The players always represented Gordon with respect, cooperation, teamwork, and support for one another. There were some big highlights throughout the season such as qualifying for the DSBN tournament and making it into league playoffs. The boys should all be proud of their improvement throughout the season.

Team Members:

Coach - Mr. Charles

Players:	Evan G	Daniel H	King C
	Carter F	Elijah B	Manamidu M
	Ryker B	Zain F	
	Memphys P	Austin M	

Player/Manager/Scorekeeper - Ryland Warren & Isaac Stout

Congratulations on a fun season!!!

-Mr. Charles

Junior Girls Volleyball Team

2022

Eden I.	Rahimah	Lexie	Mary S
Stella P.	Georgia	Kori D	Tatum R
Sinead	Kendyl J	Jessa	
Michelle M.	Ella	Jayla C	Coaches: Mrs. Bendlis & Ms. Bardoel

Junior Boys Volleyball Team

2022

Connor L.	Dominik D	Bodhi V	Lincoln R	Luke B
Dante S.	Ivan S	Hudson	Shoaib	Mark S
Ian B.	Avan	Jack B	Soochan	Owen

Coaches: Mrs. Bendlis & Mr. Munderich

We are so proud of all of Grizzlies! They have been working hard and trying their best every day!

On behalf of all of the Gordon Staff, we wish you all a wonderful Winter Break! School resumes Jan. 9, 2023!



OUR OCTOBER COURAGE AWARD WINNERS

Teacher	Gr.	Recipient	Teacher	Gr.	Recipient
Munderich	FDK	Aryan Audrey	Naik	1 FI	Simon Harrison
Cabaj	FDK	Ezra Elliot Hannah	Hauer	½ FI	Nora Chey
Degelman	FDK	Keegan Skye	Bursey	⅔ FI	James Sophie
Guitard	1	Jace Rowgan	Benson	3 FI	Anson Nicole
Clarke	½	Emerson Destiny	Stickles	¼ FI	Aliyah Kori Hudson
Knockaert	⅓	Jax Lina	Gardiner	¼ FI	Rory Maddy Sorauren
Gaspich	3	Jameson Jaxson	Chatel	¼ FI	Owen Jessa
D'Amico	4	Sebastian Leah Ben	Timlock	6/7 FI	Sarai Abby
McClay	¼	Lexie Trenton Lucas D	Munderich	⅞ FI	Ellie Hailey
Bendlis	¼	Jason Kat Aurora	<p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to all our award winners. Our Character Trait for November is RESPONSIBILITY!</p>  		
Bardoel	¼	Ryder Hallie B.D Cristobal			
MacPherson	6/7	Rowan Elijah			
Charles	⅞	Lucas Brooklyn			
Jones-Webb	8	Jaxxon Nicole			