



## TWENTY VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# December Newsletter

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear, Twenty Valley Families,



It is hard to believe that it is December already! The holiday season is here and with it comes spending quality time with family and friends, which truly marks this time on the calendar.

We want to thank you for your outstanding participation in the parent-teacher conferences. The teachers have told us how much they have learned about your children by meeting with you. We hope you have learned a lot about your children as students as well. We value our partnership with you and look forward to a continued relationship throughout the remainder of the school year and beyond. The progress report is an important indicator as to how your child is doing in each subject area. Please discuss the report with your child so you can continue to be a support in their task to achieve academic excellence. Now through spring, your child will grow tremendously academically and socially. Your continued commitment to support your child's learning can only enhance this natural development.

On behalf of the staff at Twenty Valley, We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all you do and for the gift that you are to our school. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season with your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. De Divitiis & Mr. Clarke

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".*

—Sir Winston Churchill

## Dates to Remember

- Dec. 3 -Joy Day-Dress Festive
- Dec. 3 - School Council Meeting
- Dec. 10 -14 Community Care Food Drive
- Dec. 14 - Polar Express PJ Day
- Dec. 18 - Intermediate Christmas Dinner Dance
- Dec. 19 – Lunch Lady Turkey Dinner
- Dec. 20 – Holiday Concert
- Dec. 21 - Ugly Christmas Sweater and Red and Green Day
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 Winter Break



**Integrity is  
doing the right  
thing even  
when no one is  
watching.**

**-C.S. Lewis**

**Integrity Assembly—November 30th**



**Please refer to our TVPS website calendar regularly  
for upcoming events!**

Also, Mrs. De Divitiis' Remind App will keep you in-  
formed of school wide events and celebrations.

Code: [rmd.at/tv20182019](https://rmd.at/tv20182019)

**Candy Drive & Community Care Food Drive**

Thank you for supporting our Ronald  
McDonald House Candy Drive and We Scare  
Hunger Food Drive for Community Care. All  
your donations were so welcomed and  
appreciated.

Thank you to Ms. Kadwell and the Me to We  
Club for organizing.

**POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please do not post pictures/video of Twenty Valley  
students on personal social media unless you have the  
permission of all parents of children in the picture/  
video. This includes pictures/video from sport events,  
clubs, spirit days, etc. It is important the privacy of  
our Twenty Valley Families is respected at all times.



## Thank you for Supporting Movember!

Through the sales of baked treats and stick-on mustaches, Twenty Valley raised \$405 to support men's health. The donation was sent to the Movember Charity.



## Go Green Day—December 21st

This December, don't be an elf who sits on a shelf, take your Green Route to school.

On the December 21st, students are encouraged to take their green route to school by riding the bus or walking. Less cars in the parking lot means a safer spot for students and less exhaust emissions from cars.

Perhaps there will be a visit from Santa...

If you want to join our school travel planning efforts let Mrs. De Divitiis know.

Join the movement!

## TVPS Clubs & Sports

### Currently happening at Twenty Valley...

- Makerspace Club
- Colouring/Drawing Club
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Sign Language Club
- Eco Club
- Dance Club
- Jewelry Club
- Me to We Club
- Volleyball
- Gymnastics
- Karate

### CLEAN YOUR HANDS

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors



Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

## Math Corner: Comparing Things Around the Home

### **Benefits**

Just by comparing items around the home, your child can begin to understand some basic principles of measurement:

- Sometimes, we can estimate an amount. We don't always need an exact measure.
- The same object can be measured in different ways.
- A measuring tool needs to be used the same way each time.
- Ask your child to estimate how many of a grocery item (for example, a type of fruit or vegetable, bread or pet food) your family will need for the week. Ask, "Why do you think that amount will be needed?" At the end of the week, have your child count the number actually used.
- Gather containers, boxes and packages from the cupboard. Ask your child to put them in some type of order (for example, taller and shorter, holds more and holds less, empty and full, heavier and lighter).
- Gather empty containers of all sizes and a coffee scoop, a plastic cup or the scoop from a box of laundry soap. Have your child use sand in a sandbox or water in the sink to measure and compare the capacity of several containers. Have your child count and compare the number of scoops or cups it takes to fill each container. Ask, "Which container held the most? Which one held the least?"



## INDOOR SHOES

It is important that our students wear indoor shoes at school for safety reasons. Children who walk around in socked feet could get their feet and socks wet or injure themselves.

Should there be a fire emergency, students need to vacate the school immediately. There is no time during an emergency to put shoes on. Please remind your child to bring a pair of indoor shoes to be worn in the school.



## WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for colder winter weather. He/she should have a hat and mittens, boots and a warm winter coat. Please label all clothing. If you need support in purchasing these items, please contact Mrs. De Divitiis.



## HEAD LICE PREVENTION TIPS

Head lice can be found in all types of hair. Please do the following to prevent infestation:

- Encourage your child not to share combs, brushes, ponytail holders or other hair accessories.
- Keep long hair in a ponytail or braids.
- Avoid sharing, hats, coats and scarves or other personal items
- Routinely check your child's hair and if lice is found, please contact the office.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please listen to the radio for information about schools and bus transportation during inclement weather. If travel to and from school becomes dangerous for the school bus, the Board will make an announcement on local radio stations on the 7 am news. Here is a list of radio stations that will broadcast school closures:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines  
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines  
CHSC (1220 AM) St. Catharines  
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton  
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton  
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton  
CHML (107.9) Hamilton  
Y-108 (107.9) Hamilton

The DSNB website ([dsbn.org](http://dsbn.org)) and the Twenty Valley School Website ([twentyvalley.dsnb.org](http://twentyvalley.dsnb.org)) will also post school closures and transportation cancellations.

## PIZZA DAY PROCEEDS

As in the past, proceeds from pizza sales each year are used to fund the Grade 8 Graduation in June. Our Grad is always a spectacular event, creating everlasting memories for our TVPS students and their families!

## Community Care Food Drive

Dear Twenty Valley Community,

Once again, we find ourselves approaching that festive time of year! As the tradition has been established, we are once again supporting our local Community Care Food Drive. With the economic struggles in past years there has been an increase in the number of families needing to access these types of services in all communities. We hope that you will be able to support those in our community this holiday season and in the months to follow.

## Community Care of West Niagara **Wish List Inspired by Kids & School Lunches!**

**Monday, December 10: Cereals** (Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Mini Wheats, Captain Crunch, Special K, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Fruit Loops) and Crackers (Swiss Cheese, Vegetable, Ritz or Goldfish)

**Tuesday, December 11: Can Goods** (Cans of fruit, applesauce, fruit leather, fruit snacks, jams, jellies, WOWButter)

**Wednesday, December 12: Cookies** (Oreos, chocolate chip, maple, oatmeal, shortbread, variety packs, granola bars, Snack packs, pudding, Jell-O)

**Thursday, December 13: Drinks** (juice, juice boxes)

**Friday, December 14: Furry Friends** (cat food, dog food, pet toys)



# French Immersion Registration

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Central French Immersion School is very excited to be welcoming our potential Grade One students! On Thursday, January 10, 2019 Central will be hosting our Grade One Open House. This is a great opportunity for new and old families to learn about the French Immersion program at Central and ask any questions that they may have. Please pass this information to any families you know might be interested. More information will be sent home with all Senior Kindergarten students in the new year.

On line registration will be open as of January 7, 2019.



# TV's Winter Wonderland

Thursday, December 20th, 2018

Daytime Performance: 11:00 am

Evening Performance: 5:30 pm

Dear Twenty Valley Families,

Twenty Valley students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 are busy rehearsing for another amazing Holiday Concert! There will be a wonderful assortment of songs for everyone to enjoy when you enter our Winter Wonderland!

With our large Twenty Valley family, we ask that only **3 people** per family attend the **evening** performance. If you have additional people who wish to see your child(ren) perform, we ask that they attend the daytime performance at 11:00 a.m.

**All parents and/or family members are welcome at the daytime performance.**

Thank you for respecting our obligation to keep within our gym capacity and keep everyone safe. Our evening and daytime performances will be the exact same show.



For the 5:30 performance, please bring your child(ren) to their classroom at 5:00 p.m. The doors will be open for seating at that time. *Please note that both of the Gr. 3 classrooms will meet in Ms. Kadwell's room.* Following the Holiday Concert, please pick up your child(ren) from their classroom. If your child is unable to attend the evening performance, please let their teacher know as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on December 20th!

Thank you,

The Twenty Valley Staff