



STELLA NIAGARA EDUCATION



Summer Newsletter

Educating students since 1908

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Summer hours - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday-Friday

The school will be closed on Thursday, August 5 for a planned power outage.

If you plan to stop in, please contact the school office beforehand. This will ensure someone will be available to let you in Door B.

The 2021-2022 Calendar-at-a-Glance is included with this newsletter.

Please see the attachment regarding tuition assistance and billing.

Uniform News:

We are excited to announce we will be offering a second option for uniform purchases. Families will soon have the ability to order uniforms from Tommy Hilfiger's online store. Their prices are cheaper for some items such as the girls' jumpers which we thought was a nice advantage. Once they have the store set up, we will send an email to all families with the link. They will also offer sales from time to time so sign up for their alerts!

Reminder, before you buy new uniforms, especially jumpers and plaid skirts, please check out what is available in our uniform exchange located in the school store. Please contact Terri Brown to make an appointment to peruse the availability. If you have gently used jumpers, skirts, pants and polo shirts that you would like to donate to the uniform exchange, please contact Terri as well to make arrangements. You can reach her at (716) 754-4314. Please, no torn or stained uniforms, socks or other unrelated apparel.

Outdoor education is also accepting gently used winter gear.

Survey

The results are in!

The results of the lunch survey we recently sent out are in. Please see the attachment for more information. Thank you to all who participated!

In mid-August, we will mail to each family, information on the lunch program and forms to be filled out and returned to school by the first day. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in returning these important forms to school.



School Supplies

All school supply lists can be found on our website: <https://stella-niagara.com/parents/school-supply-list/>

Please remember to purchase all items from the classroom list as well as the Outdoor Education list. Agendas for the school year will be for sale on the first day of school by our Student Parent Partnership (SPP). More information about the agendas will be sent out as we get closer to the first day!



Please notify the school office of any changes in your address, phone number or email.

Thank you!



A reminder from the nurse.....

All NEW families must have a physical and immunization record for each child sent in before the start of school. Please have your pediatrician fax the information in to us (fax number is at the top of this newsletter).

For our returning families, you should have received a notice from the nurse with the report cards if your child requires an updated physical or immunizations.



Congratulations to the students in 4th - 8th grade, who made the honor or high honor roll for the 4th quarter! 72% of the students in these grades achieved this status!

Eighth Grade: High Honor Roll - Anna Cumbo, Ada Onyenma, Jack Riley, Jenna Sweeney, Ava Taylor, Delilah Winker, Arian Zohur.

Honor Roll - Mirabella Abbondanza, Daman Khabra, Elle Pauly, Zoe Ranieri,

Seventh Grade: High Honor Roll - Ella Kutis, Giuliana Slepian, Caleb Walker

Honor Roll - Cassidy Crogan, Caden Koepcke, Adam McNab, Francis Murphy, Cameron Panepinto, William Wagner

Sixth Grade: High Honor Roll - Grace Burton, Elizabeth Cumbo, Aliye Huzmeli, Josie Riley, Maimouna Samb, Elliot Slepian, Olivia Taylor

Honor Roll - Victoria Christensen, Isaac Lauger, Henry Wynne

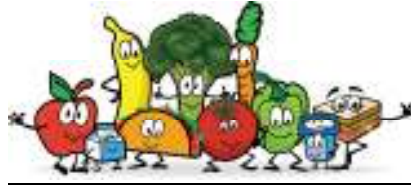
Fifth Grade: High Honor Roll - Lily Hartloff, Caleb Koepcke, Reina Straub, Santino Valencio

Honor Roll - Muhammed Cise, Emma Grace, Rocco Hall, Addison Papaj, Rinaldo Slepian

Fourth Grade: High Honor Roll - Clara Riley, Lola Schimmelpenninck, Cameron Stack, Drake Straub

Honor Roll - Zehra Huzmeli, Evan Kutis





School Lunch Survey Update

Thank you to all the parents who filled out the school lunch survey. Many of the children in Grades 3-7 filled out a student survey and offered very good suggestions.

The general consensus among parents is for our lunches to be healthier and include more fresh fruits and vegetables. Some suggestions include more meatless options, grain wraps, breakfast for lunch and to integrate cultural foods into the menu. Most parents would like ice cream to be brought back next year but only offered one day per week with options for other ala carte items offered on other days, muffins, cookies, pudding to name a few.

The general consensus among students is also for healthier choices and fresh fruits and vegetables---with dip! Our students are not fans of grilled cheese. They would like more pasta dishes/shapes, ie alfredo, pesto, lasagna. They like popcorn chicken bowls, mozzarella sticks and they love BRUNCH but with more pancakes. Most like the pizza, and ask to especially bring back the Hawaiian pizza. Some would like more sandwiches and subs. They would like us to consider adding fruit juice as a drink choice.

This year we participated in a fresh fruit/vegetable program that allowed us to purchase these items through USDA funds directly from Latina Produce. That program started a little late in the year but the students enjoyed oranges, NYS apples, celery, broccoli, watermelon and more. We hope to expand that program next year.

That being said, we will do all we can to meet and satisfy the nutritional needs of our students. A bit of background on the school lunch program, we are mandated to provide well rounded lunches to each child. Generally that includes a certain amount of protein, whole grain and fruits and vegetables. It is monitored by the State and we are audited regularly to make sure we are in compliance with the requirements of the program. The recipes and components are approved by the state. We receive some commodities from the USDA and a small reimbursement for meals served. The revenue comes from sales.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with suggestions to make the lunch program a desirable success.



2021/2022 Tuition Assistance & Billing

This is the time of year when we are closing up one school year and anticipating the next. Please be patient as we begin the process of awarding tuition assistance and sending out the 2021/2022 tuition billing.

Those who have selected to pay in full will be billed with a payment due date of at least 30 days from the billing date.

Those who have selected a credit card payment in full will be notified at least 10 days prior to SNEP processing the total due.

Those who have selected to pay over 10 monthly payments or 20 bi monthly payments through FACTS may set up that agreement at any time. You may choose to have payments run from August through May or September through June. The link is <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3MD6W>. Their phone number is 866-441-4637.

Please know that payments may be made over the summer if you wish to reduce the full amount due in the beginning of the school year.

Feel free to call/email Jo Merino at any time if you have questions. Her email address is finance@stella-niagara.com.



Stella Niagara Education Park | 2021-2022 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2021						
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- 01-02 Staff days
- 06 Labor Day
- 07 **First day of school (all) – Dismissal 11:30 am***
- 15 Parent Night – 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2022						
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- 21 Presidents' Day - **No school**

OCTOBER 2021						
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- 04 Feast of St. Francis
- 04-08 Peace Week
- 08 Five week mark
- 11 Columbus Day - **No school**
- 18-22 Terra Nova3 testing

MARCH 2022						
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- 04 Five week mark

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- 05 Qtr. I close
- 11 Veterans Day - **No school**
- 17 **11:30 am dismissal* Parent/teacher conferences 12:30 – 5:00 pm**
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess - **No school**

APRIL 2022						
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- 01 Qtr. III close
- 11-22 Easter Recess - **No school**
- 25 School resumes

DECEMBER 2021						
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- 17 Five week mark
- 22 **11:30 am dismissal***
- 23-31 Christmas Recess

MAY 2022						
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- 20 Five week mark
- 26 Spirit Day
- 27-30 Memorial Day Recess - **No school**

JANUARY 2022						
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- 03 School resumes
- 17 M.L. King Day - **No school**
- 27 Qtr. II close
- 28 **Staff Day – No school students**

JUNE 2022						
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- 10 MK/K Graduation – 9:00 am
- 15-24 Regents week – schedule TBD
- 17 8th grade Graduation
- 20 Juneteenth Holiday – **No school**
- 22 **11:30 am dismissal – last day***
- 23-24 Staff days

This is a preliminary calendar and general framework of the school year. A detailed calendar with the school events will be published in August. *11:30 am dismissal. No lunch served