

# DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY



## Newsletter# 10 - June 2022

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### Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program will run until Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We would like to extend a special thank you to all those who helped with our program in regards to donation, as well as their time. Your kindness is much appreciated.

### Grade 8 Clothing

The grade 8 grad clothing should be here the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will confirm with parents closer to the date.

### Dates to Remember



**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to Borrow Library Books**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Grade 7 Parent Tour**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Library Will be Closed for the Year**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Black Excellence Day – to show support supporters are being asked to wear black t-shirts**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7 pm – PTO will be hosting an ice-cream social in the back field**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – Grad Clothing will Arrive (week of)**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Field Day (rain date June 23)**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Closing Ceremony**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for Cafeteria**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for Breakfast Program**

### Library

There are many overdue books from the library. Notices will be going out in the next week. If your child receives a notice, please help him/her look for it. If the book can't be found, please sign and return the notice to the school.

*The last day of borrowing is June 7<sup>th</sup>. The library will close on June 17<sup>th</sup> for the school year.*

### Special Note for Parents and Students of DSA

It is with a sense of pride, joy, and excitement that I announce my retirement from Dartmouth South Academy effective June 30. Thank you for trusting me with your children and your support throughout the last four years. It goes without saying I will miss the students and my colleagues; however, it is time I start a new chapter in my life.

Never forget to hug your children every day and listen when they want to talk. Each one has left special footprints on my heart.

My best wishes to you all.

Warm regards,

Janet Baxter

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## Level Up Summer Camp—Gr 7 & 8

I'm pleased to invite your child to register for the Level Up camp this summer.

**Level Up is a free 2-day camp developed and led by HRCE Schools Plus staff. Level Up helps students get prepared for high School and feel more confident moving to their new school.** Your child will spend two days doing games and activities with other students who are also starting at Dartmouth High School. This will allow students to:

- Get to know their new school building
- Practice some key life skills and social skills they'll use in their new school
- Learn to prepare some healthy snacks
- Level Up will also include a daily recreation component, and lots of time for students to ask questions about high School.
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### Details about this two-day camp:

- **July 13 and 14 2022 at 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM both days.**
- **The camp will be held at Dartmouth High School, 95 Victoria Road Ext, Dartmouth**
- **Invited students currently in grade 7 & 8 at Dartmouth South Academy.**
- **HRCE Schools Plus staff (Child & Youth Care Practitioners) will be leading all activities and supervising students during Level Up.**
- Students will not be allowed to leave school property during Level Up.

· Have questions during the school year? Phone or text Abieyuwa Olowu @ 9022252857 or email Abieyuwa.olowu@hrce.ca

**If you think Level Up is a good fit for your child, obtain the parent permission form from Janet Baxter (School Counsellor) and return the form to Janet Baxter (School Counsellor). Registration deadline is June 7, 2022. Spaces are limited, so register early. You will receive an email or phone call to confirm your child's registration.**

## Black Excellence Day

For the **first time ever**, Nova Scotia's public schools will be celebrating **Black Excellence Day** on **June 17, 2022**.

**Students and staff** in Nova Scotia's public schools as well as supporters are invited to **wear black T-Shirts** to celebrate and stand in unity in support of the **success of Black students**. Black Excellence Day celebrates Black Achievements, Black stories, Black Art, Black innovations, and Black people and their communities.

This is also an opportunity to commemorate the ongoing struggle by Black Canadians for Civil and Human rights and to remember that small actions can make **BIG** differences.

Nova Scotia's Inclusive Education Policy is a commitment to ensuring a high-quality, culturally and linguistically responsive and equitable education to support the well-being and achievement of every student. Black Excellence Day is an opportunity for students to see themselves represented, acknowledged, and celebrated and to grow understandings that create an inclusive education for all students.

**Black Excellence T-Shirt Day** acknowledges the authentic and diverse intersectionality of the African diaspora as beautiful with many diverse cultures, ethnicities, faiths and lived experiences and the **400-year legacy of people of African ancestry** within the province of Nova Scotia.

As such, we welcome school community support in celebrating **Black Excellence Day** in meaningful ways that resonate with individuals. Black Excellence is a day for **every student** to both acknowledge and celebrate Black Excellence!

## Grade 8 Closing

We are pleased to announce that Grade 8 Closing will be held on the afternoon of Friday, June 24th.

Will we be having a BBQ for students, and then the ceremony for families afterward.

## Cafeteria

The cafeteria at Dartmouth South Academy will be closing for the school year on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.