

Message to Families Re: April Break

Dear Parents and Families,

As we approach next week's April Break, we would like to take a moment to share a few items of information and good news from our school:

**Math Contest Winners:**

This week, 25 students from grades 9 to 12 from DDSB@Home participated in the University of Waterloo Math contests. Congratulations to our medal winners and certificate earners!

Pascal Medal	Minglun Shao
Pascal Certificates	Minglun Shao, Sophia Sun, Niva Patel, Neha Kasoju
Fermat Medal	Jeevsidak Singh
Fermat Certificates	Jeevsidak Singh, Spence Pilkey

**Student Senator Elected from DDSB@Home:**

We would like to extend congratulations to Kayla Malcolm who has successfully been voted in as the Student Trustee for Ajax/Pickering for 2021/22. Kayla currently serves as one of our student representatives for the SCC. Well done Kayla!

**School Clothing:**

A reminder to families that school clothing is available for purchase. Information on available clothing and prices can be found at the link below. The last day to order clothing is April 18<sup>th</sup>.

[https://secondaryathome.ddsb.ca/en/families/resources/School-Communications/School-Clothing-2021\\_ONLINE-INSTRUCTION-NEWSLETTER.pdf](https://secondaryathome.ddsb.ca/en/families/resources/School-Communications/School-Clothing-2021_ONLINE-INSTRUCTION-NEWSLETTER.pdf)

**Health and Safety during the April Break**

At this critical point in the pandemic, the following [public health measures](#) are crucial to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Socialize with your own household.
- Stay home and get tested for COVID-19 if you feel ill.
- Screen every day for COVID-19 symptoms before attending school or child care (you can use the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) to help you with this).
- Practice good hand hygiene habits, masking, and physical distancing.
- Refer to [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](https://ontario.ca/covidresponse) to learn what public health measures are in place in our community.
- Refrain from travelling.

For the week of April 12 to 18, pharmacies that currently offer testing and assessment centres across the province will accept appointments from students and education staff for asymptomatic testing. Children attending childcare, and childcare staff, will also be eligible to access this testing. We have included more information on the variety of COVID-19 testing opportunities available to you in [this document](#).

**Ramadan 2021:**

Ramadan begins next week. Please watch this video put together by our MEND Student Ambassadors representing every secondary school in the DDSB spreading Ramadan wishes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9PVIErfMfk>

On behalf of our entire school team, we wish you all the best for a safe and healthy April Break and a great start to Ramadan for those observing.

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