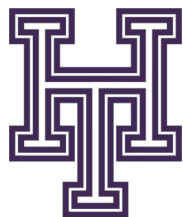


Harriett Todd Public School



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Our Administrative Team

Hi Harriett Todd families!

Thank you to everyone who is using kiss and ride safely at the beginning and end of the day. Lately there have been reports of vehicles coming in the Westmount Drive driveway. Just a reminder that this is an exit only lane.

Students are permitted to bring balls or small toys to play with at recess. Having something to play with generally keeps students active at recess.

Progress Reports will be sent home November 12th. Parent/teacher virtual conferences will take place the week of November 16-20. Your teacher will be sending information home about this soon. We are excited for students to share their successes and next steps with you.

Outerwear

Students will continue going out for recess regardless of the weather. Just a reminder to send appropriate outerwear with your children. Please send extra clothes just in case, and some warm mittens and hat.

November PA Day

Please note that Friday, November 20 is a PA day for all secondary and elementary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school. Please refer to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Pick up and Drop off

Thank you to the families who are wearing a mask for arrival and departure every day. We appreciate your commitment to student safety. We are doing everything that we can to prevent the sharing of germs. This is a reminder that masks must be worn by visitors on school property during arrival and departure.

Please drop your child off at their respective doors between 9:00—9:15 AM. Students should only enter the front doors after 9:20 AM and come to the office for a late slip.

If you are changing arrangements for pick up, your cooperation in communicating this to the classroom teacher in advance is appreciated. Please avoid calling the school with changes. We cannot guarantee that messages called in later in the day will reach the student.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL SAFE ARRIVAL IF YOU CHILD IS ABSENT

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Covid Screening

Please remember to screen children every morning for symptoms of Covid 19. You can use either the Ontario Government web-site screening tool here - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/The> or use the one from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit [https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/covid-19--parent-assessment-tool-for-children-\(003\).pdf?sfvrsn=10](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Return-to-school/covid-19--parent-assessment-tool-for-children-(003).pdf?sfvrsn=10)

Google Classroom

All in-school teachers are maintaining a Google Classroom site with work that they are doing in class. If your child is ill at home or waiting on Covid test results, they can access their Google classroom and keep up to date on the work that is happening in class. If you have questions about this, please send your child's teacher a message using See Saw.

Grade 1 French Immersion information

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Historically, in-person Grade 1 FI Family Information Nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, due to restrictions to large-group public gatherings, in-person Family Information Nights will not be held. In lieu of this, an [information page on the board's public website](#) has been created to allow families the ability to access and learn about the program and the application process.

The online Grade 1 FI application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 until 4 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020. In Grade 1, enrollment in the FI Program is limited to a maximum of two classes of 20 students per class at each host site for the FI program. The electronic applications will be processed in the order determined by a digitally randomized lottery system.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the North zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](#) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will happen virtually this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Different pathways and courses offered will be explained. Visit your school's website for more information.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Clinical Services changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Vision screening

The SMDHU will not be offering the Vision Screening Program for JK/SK for the 2020-2021 school year. Eye exams are free, with an OHIP card, for children 19 years old and under. Visit the [College of Optometrists of Ontario](#) to find an optometrist near you.

Oral health

Oral health screening at school will be delayed this year. The SMDHU will be looking for an opportunity to offer this screening later in the year if possible.

Screening and fluoride varnish application continues to be available in our offices by appointment for children 17 years and under.

Immunization

The SMDHU will not be holding immunization clinics at your child's school during the 2020-2021 school year. We are planning to have school-based immunizations offered in the 2021-2022 school year for Grade 7 and 8 students.

For families of current Grade 8 students who have not completed their immunization series of Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra due to COVID-19, we are offering immunization clinics at our health unit offices throughout Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Immunization clinics start November 2, 2020 and are by appointment only. No walk-ins will be immunized. Please call us at 1-877-721-7520 x8827 to book your child's appointment.