

Home of the Skyhawks

Sharon Public School

York Region District School

September, 2019

From the Administration desk...



WELCOME BACK GREETINGS!

Welcome to our new students / welcome back to our returning students to our Sharon Public School community! Over the first few days of school we will be settling into routines and re-establishing our expectations. We will be gathering for an assembly to emphasize the character trait of RESPECT, review YRDSB Safe and Supportive Schools' expectations and to kick off our school spirit.

We are looking forward to partnering with all of our parents/guardians so that our students achieve to the best of their abilities. We are always happy to meet with parents /guardians regarding any questions or concerns you may have. Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter and **please make sure to look at our Student Information Handbook about our school routines (which was sent home the first day of school) and return the completed forms.**

We would like to acknowledge our teaching and support staff for their preparations over the past few weeks readying their classrooms and school.

Kudos are also extended to our fabulous caretaker, Mr. Kevin Collins for his efforts making our school sparkle and to Mrs. McPhail and Mrs. Priebe for their preparations readying our main office.

On behalf of all our staff here at Sharon Public School, we look forward to a memorable 2019-20 school year!

Staffing Updates:

We would like to welcome the following new / returning staff to Sharon PS, :

- Mr. Baynham-Principal (former Principal of Park Avenue PS);
- Mrs. Daniel -Acting Vice-Principal (former Principal of Glen Cedar PS);
- Mrs. Winch (MID Community Class teacher);
- Ms. O'Quinn (DECE);
- Mrs. Roberts (DECE);
- Mrs. Priebe (Secretary);
- Ms. Lepine (Educational Assistant);
- Mrs. Jenkins (Special Education / prep);
- Mrs. Cormier (Reading Recovery/Library);
- Mrs. Lewis (Educational Assistant);

School Council Meeting

All are welcome to attend our School Council meeting on Monday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm in our library.

Save the Date-Meet the Teacher BBQ

Plans are underway to host a 'Meet the Teacher BBQ' for our families on Thursday, September 26th. More details and order forms will be coming soon.



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Principal

Mr. Bruce Baynham

Acting Vice Principal

Mrs. Cheryl Daniel

Office Staff

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"Daily Schedule

Warning Bell	8:55 a.m.
Entry Bell	9:00 a.m.
Period 1	9:00-9:40 a.m.
Period 2	9:40-10:20 a.m.
Period 3	10:20-11:00 a.m.
Recess	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Period 4	11:30-12:10 p.m.
Period 5	12:10-12:50 a.m.
Lunch	12:50-1:50 p.m.
Period 6	1:50-2:30 p.m.
Period 7	2:30-3:10 p.m.
Period 8	3:10-3:30 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

'Tentative' School Classroom Organization

Listed below is our 'tentative' school classroom organization.. Direction from Collective Agreements and the Ontario Government aimed at reducing class sizes in the primary grades has established strict limits on the number of students that may be included in each classroom from Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 3. The changes will enable more attention to the individual needs of each student and better learning environments for all primary children. As a result, the teacher your child is assigned at the beginning of September may change. We will monitor our enrolment numbers over the first few weeks and if necessary will make changes later in September.

Please note:

Class placement decisions are the result of a comprehensive consultation process involving staff and optional family input and are subject to Ministry of Education and Collective Agreement requirements. As a result, we are not in a position to consider requests for changes to individual class placements at this time.

Teaching Staff

JK/SK	Mrs. Jones
SK/1	Mrs. Brown
2	Mrs. Bick
3	Mrs. Diakos
4	Mrs. Dennys
5	Ms. Cooper
6	Mrs. Martin
6/7	Mr. Ballantine
7	Mr. Baxter
8	Mrs. Baxter

Community Classes:

Autism	Mrs. Patenaude
MID	Mrs. Winch

Special Education

Mrs. Nagy(Junior/ Intermediate, SSC)
Mrs. Motiar (SERT)

Library / Reading Recovery / Prep	Mrs. Cormier
French	Ms. Dumont
Music / Transitions	Mrs. Nagy
Prep	Mrs. Jenkins

Support Staff

DECE	Alison Roberts / Samantha O'Quinn
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Wagner / Ms. Martin Ms. Guitard / Ms. Tatton /Ms. Lewis /Ms. Lepine
Office Staff	Mrs. McPhail (EOAA) Mrs. Priebe (Secretary)
Caretaking Staff	Mr. Collins / Ms. LaFleur



On Friday, September 20th students will be invited to walk / run in our Terry Fox Run to show their support. Toonies for Terry (optional) will also be collected. Parents are more than welcome to join in too!

Hope to see you there!

Book of Forms and Emergency Forms !!!!

Emergency forms will be sent home with your child to ensure we have accurate contact information. Please return this critical information (accurate phone numbers, email address) by **Friday, September 13th** and update the office if there are any future changes. If no changes are needed please initial the top corner and return to the main office. Please also fill out the Book of Forms and return them to the school by **September 13th**. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

September

- 20 Terry Fox Run
- 23 PA Day (no School)
- 23-27 Safety Week
- 24 Grade 7 immunizations
- 26 Meet the Teacher night
- 30 Orange Shirt Day

October

- 2 School Photos (retakes Nov 4)
- 7 School Council meeting
- 14 Thanksgiving Monday

Parent Communication

We will continue to promote using the YRDSB EDSBY platform for communicating information such as our weekly / important updates etc. to enhance our parent / guardian communications. More details will be shared over the month of September as we promote the use of EDSBY as an informative communication tool for our parents/guardians. Stay tuned!



Weeklies will be shared electronically via email and in EDSBY in lieu of printed paper copies as part of our Eco- Schools commitment.

As well, we are resuming to regularly update our Sharon Public School Twitter Account...check us out!

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Student Busing Eligibility Reminder

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Your Child's Safety Comes First at S.P.S.



**No Peanuts, Tree-nuts or Nut by-products
or Sesame products at Sharon P.S.**



School staff, students and parents are responsible for creating a safe and healthy environment for all of our students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with life threatening allergies. While it is impossible to create a risk-free environment, together we can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions.

Please help your child understand that they should not share their lunches. The children at risk may also be made aware, on a regular basis, that they should not take any food other than what has been sent by a parent or guardian. Also remember to pack lunches that are free from products which contain peanuts, tree nuts such as walnuts, almonds, pecans etc or nut by-products including sesame.

If your child has a severe allergy, please contact the office staff to let them know. You will be required to fill out a medical care plan and provide the school with **two Epi-pens**.

In keeping with this policy, please do not send baked goods or products containing nuts to school with your child to celebrate his or her birthday. We are asking food **not** be brought in to be distributed to students as these products do not guarantee that they have not come in contact with nuts. An alternative to food would be to send in a pencil or any loot bag type object to share with classmates.

Free' Medic Alert "No Child Without Program"

PAPS is pleased to offer our students who may have special medical needs / allergies etc. (e.g. severe allergies to drugs, food, insects, anaphylaxis, Asthma, Autism, Epilepsy, Diabetes, Hemophilia etc.) Free Medic Alert support through the "No Child Without Program."

A child participating in this free program will receive membership to MedicAlert, a MedicAlert wallet card, a MedicAlert bracelet or necklet, 24 hour access to the MedicAlert hotline and notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of an emergency. This support is offered free of charge for all students attending Sharon PS. Please visit the link <https://www.medicalert.ca/no-child-without> for further details.



School Zone Safety

The rush of cars, buses and children arriving at school can create many dangers. Everyone plays a role in ensuring the safety of children when they are going back and forth to school.

Drivers, to keep kids safe in the school zone:

- Reduce your speed and be ready to stop at all times. Avoid distractions like a cell phone
- Drive cautiously and follow the rules (even when you're late!)

Parents, teach your children to:

- Stop, look and listen before stepping out of the car or bus
- Walk only on the sidewalk
- Be sure that drivers see them before they cross by making eye contact



Your Child's Safety Comes First at S.P.S.



Please remember that the first place to visit at school is the office. The only way that we can assure the safety of all students is with your full participation! A "Sign-In" binder is located in the office, and requires all visitors or volunteers to sign in when entering the building. Please sign in at the office and obtain a "parent visitor" badge so that you can quickly be identified by staff in the halls. Going directly to your child's classroom only causes clutter and confusion in the hallways. Make arrangements to meet your children at their specific entry/exit doors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and makes it easier for staff to identify anyone who should not be in the school. Thank you!

Safe Schools Reminder

Parents are reminded to ensure that their child does not bring any replica weapons, knives, multi tools with knives attached, air guns, or replica guns to school at any time. The Safe Schools policy is very clear to ensure safety for all. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Baynham /Mrs. Daniel at the office.



Lockdown / Hold and Secure Procedures

Once again school staff and students will participate in our 'Lockdown' and 'Hold and Secure' drills intended to practice school responses to emergency situations. The purpose of the 'Lockdown' response is to minimize risk to students and staff to the presence of an armed or dangerous intruder or other similar violent threat within the school. The purpose of the 'Hold and Secure' response is to have students stay inside the school, lock all exterior doors, and resume business as usual in our school. The 'Hold and Secure' response would be used if an armed or dangerous intruder was in our neighbourhood. We will practice our first Lock Down drill during Safety Week (week of Sept. 23rd).

School Council Meeting

All parents /guardians interested in attending our School Council meetings are MORE THAN WELCOME! Our next meeting is Monday, October 7th @ 7:00 pm in our school library.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!



Thank you!
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A HUGE thank you to Mr. Kevin Collins for his efforts over the hot humid days during the summer months to ensure SPS is sparkling for our new school year!