



Timberwolves Tribune September 2015

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Simcoe County District School Board

Doors are Locked During the School Day

Our doors will be locked during the day beginning at 9:20 am and will be opened again at 3:20 pm. To access the building during the school day, you will need to ring the buzzer. Staff in the office will be responsible for checking the monitor and buzzing visitors in. It's one more way we can monitor who is visiting our school. It will help us ensure all visitors sign in at the office. We will also make an announcement for all students so they know they will need to use the doorbell if they arrive late for school, or return to school after an appointment. We wanted to make sure you were aware of this security enhancement at our school. As always, if you have any questions, please call or visit the office.

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We thank you for your patience, as you may have to wait a moment for assistance.

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The Simcoe County Transportation's policy for students riding buses states that each student must ride their **HOME** bus to and from school. Exceptions may be made for regular daycare arrangements and emergency situations.

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Students will no longer be able to ride a bus that is not their HOME bus unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.



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Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Holidays to Note:

- ◆ October 12, 2015
Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ October 23, 2015
P.A. Day
- ◆ November 13, 2015
P.A. Day
- ◆ December 19 until
January 3, 2016 Inclusive
Christmas Break

Yard Supervision Begins at 8:55 am

With the beautiful summerlike weather continuing, many students will be riding their bikes, scooters and even walking to school. This is just a reminder that students may not be on the school yard until supervision begins at 8:55 am.



Students! Wear your helmets to be safe and remember, it's the law.

Thank you.

Keep Connected with Your School and the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and your school board, including possible labour situations. Please feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions or concerns.

You can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at http://***.scdsb.on.ca. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at the SCDSB's website: www.scdsb.on.ca. The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363. Follow our school on Twitter at [Timberwolves@TosorontioPS](https://twitter.com/Timberwolves@TosorontioPS) or follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb)

Through SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog (www.sharingsimcoe.com), we share stories of some of the amazing people involved in our schools. The blog features stories and tips from our own in-house experts and experts we work with in the community, as well as good news stories about our schools.

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca to check for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

School Bus 'Bus Tag' Program

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) launched the Bus Tag program in September 2014. The Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school identified students by providing a process to match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and to also identify they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop.



The program provides a colour coded Bus Tag with the assigned p.m. route number to be attached to the student's backpack and a colour coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the Tag is matched to.

New for the 2015-2016 school year:

- ◆ The SCSTC will provide access to a new tag for students who are walkers and/or remain at an on-site daycare. These tags will be printed at the school with notes specific to the student.
- ◆ School Staff will update and provide walker and/or on-site daycare tags to JK/SK and other school-identified students that require either tag.

The SCSTC and Bus Operators have established policies and procedures that are used on all school vehicles to ensure students in JK/SK and other school-identified students are met at their afternoon bus stop. The Bus Tag program has been established to assist schools and school bus drivers to load students on the correct afternoon bus and identify they are to be met at their bus stop by a parent or guardian. For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.

Pay for Field Trips, Lunch Days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

The SchoolCash Online program is available at our school, offering parents the option to pay online for lunch days and other items. Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future. To create an online account, go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com.



Please contact the school office with any questions.

Student Accident Insurance 2015-2016

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the Board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage for all instances of injury. The Simcoe County District School Board has selected the “insure my kids” program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider with regards to purchasing student accident insurance coverage for the upcoming school year. The coverage is for 24 hours a day. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.



Giving Back to the School Community - Volunteer in our School

Volunteers are an important part of what makes our school a great place to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers. There are many opportunities available, including school council, snack program, reading help, assisting in the classroom or library and much more. Everyone who volunteers in a school must have a criminal record check, which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Please call or visit the school office for more information about opportunities available or if you'd like to volunteer!

Packing a Healthy School Lunch

School lunches should give children the energy and nutrients they need to be ready to learn, be more alert and perform better at school. When planning lunches, keep these tips in mind:

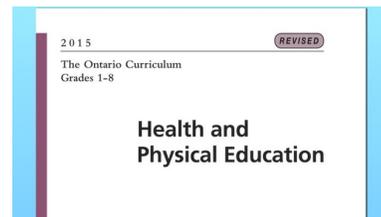


- Include one serving from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide
- Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy lunch kit with divided containers and small bite-sized cheese cubes, leftover chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices
- Get your kids to eat more veggies! Try sending cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip
- Don't have them drink their fruit - send water or milk instead

For more information, call the Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-5720 and speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. Also, check out the SCDSB's *Sharing Simcoe* blog post on healthy school lunch ideas your kids will actually eat: www.sharingsimcoe.com.

Ontario's New Health & Physical Education Curriculum

The world has changed since the sexual health education section of the curriculum was last updated in 1998. Research shows that children now enter puberty earlier. Young people now have widespread access to the Internet, social media and smart phones, giving them easy access to both helpful and potentially harmful and incorrect information. Educating children with accurate and current information, and skills and strategies to help them navigate a digital world can help keep them safe and healthy. Ontario's updated Health and Physical Education Curriculum includes sexual education. Get accurate information about the topics and concepts students learn in school – by grade level – at www.ontario.ca/hpe.



Upper Canada Child Care Centre



Tosorontio Child Care would like to welcome all new and returning students to the brand new school year of 2015-2016! TCC is a licenced Before and After School Child Care Program located at Tosorontio Central Public School. Our hours of operation are 6:30am – 9:00am and 3pm-6pm Monday to Friday. Professional Development (PD) Days and many School Holidays are available for full day care, such as Christmas and March Breaks. There are a number of children registered for September and spaces are limited, however, we offer a range of care schedules to meet the needs of families and we welcome you to call us for more information at (705) 718-0482 or email tosorontio@uppercanadachildcare.com or you are invited to join us on Thursday, September 10th 2015 from 4-6pm for a fun and engaging event with the staff and students of Tosorontio Child Care.

Ontario Early Years



Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Alliston! The OEYC is a **free** service for all adults with children 0 to 6 years of age. Adults and children participate in activities together. Children have the opportunity to play with other children and participate in many different types of programs and activities, which promote early learning and school readiness, and they are **FUN** for children and adults alike.

Do you have a child starting school in 2016? Participating in activities at the OEYC is a great way to help prepare your child for this exciting transition. OEYC staff have resources for kindergarten preparation. Just drop by and ask!

Calling all adults home with pre-school children! Vicki from the Ontario Early Years Centre is facilitating an early learning program for children 0 to 6 years of age accompanied by an adult, which will include literacy and sensory experiences, songs, crafts and more, at Tosorontio Central Public School. Fun, early learning for children! *Next date is Friday October 9th at 9:15 am.* Please sign in at the office.

Check out our website, www1.e3.ca or call (705)435-4308 for hours, directions and more information.

Children do not come with a manual! Are you looking for some parenting tips and ideas? Do you have questions about parenting? Check out these Triple P seminars:

- **The Power of Positive Parenting**
- **Raising Confident Competent Children**
- **Raising Resilient Children**

These will be offered at the Well Café in Alliston, Wednesdays September 30, October 7 & 14 6:30 pm. Limited childcare is available. Please call (705)435-4308 to register or for more information.

September 2015

SCHOOL BUS WEATHER ZONE: SOUTH — www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>First Day of School for SK through Grade 8</i>	9	10 <i>First Day of School for Junior Kindergarten Students</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Terry Fox Run & POGO Celebration</i>	26
27	28 <i><u>Vaccinations</u> HPV - Grade 8 Girls Hep B & Men C Grade 7 Students</i>	29	30 <i>School Picture Day!</i>	1	2	3

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