

# Confederation Central School



September 2023

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## Welcome

Welcome back Colts!

The entire Confederation Central would like to welcome students and families back for a new school year and extend a warm welcome to any new families that are joining our school community this year. Our staff have been hard at work preparing the school and classrooms for our students. I am excited to be joining the Confederation school community and eager to continue the great work that has taken place here.

Over the next few weeks, we will be focused on laying the foundations for a successful year. Building positive relationships, establishing clear, fair, and equitable expectations, as well as getting to know one another's strengths and needs will support learning all year long. I am looking forward to working alongside students, families, and staff to create opportunities for success for every student. If at any time, you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

## Daily Schedule

8:05	Students Arrive
8:20	First Bell
10:20-10:40	Recess
10:40-11:00	1st Nutrition Break
12:40-1:00	Recess
1:00-1:20	2nd Nutrition Break
2:40	Dismissal

## Confederation 2023-24 Staff

Staff Member	Assignment
Mrs. T. Forsten	FDK
Mrs. J. Viggers	ECE (LTO)
Ms. L. Wadden	FDK
Ms. K. Ross	ECE
Mrs. T. Griffin	Gr. 1
Mrs. J. Rea	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. C. Fournie	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. D. Sittler	Gr. 3/4
Mrs. A. Brydges	Gr. 3/4 and Learning Commons
Ms. J. Heaman	Gr. 4/5
Ms. S. Swan	Gr. 5/6
Mrs. C. Fraser	Gr. 7/8
Mr. Errol White	Gr. 7/8
Mme. L. Wark	FSL/Curriculum Partner
Mrs. D. Hamilton	FSL/Curriculum Partner
Mr. T. Schaefer	Curriculum Partner
Ms. T. Prevost	Resource / Guidance
Mrs. J. Griffin	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Richardson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Brown	Secretary
Mr. T. Ngo	Principal
Mrs. D. Hillman	Custodial
Mrs. T. Brydges	Custodial
Mr. M. Cornwall	Custodial
Ms. K. Flemming	Supervision Support

## First Day Procedures

When students arrive at school on the first day, either from the bus or the parking lot, please have them move directly to the tarmac where they can connect with their classmates until the bell rings at 8:20.

Signs will be posted with grades on them, when the bell rings, students should gather near the sign with their respective grade on it. Teachers will collect their classes and enter their designated doors to enter classrooms.

Please see list below for designated doors:

FDK Yard – all FDK students

Primary Door – Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Rea, Mrs. Fournie

Junior Door – Mrs. Sittler, Mrs. Brydges, Mrs. Swan

Intermediate Door – Ms. Heaman, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. White

## School Cash Online

For your convenience, Confederation Central uses SchoolCash online to pay for hot lunches, field trips, etc. It is easy to use, safer, as students do not need to carry cash or cheques, and enables simple tracking and monitoring.



Register today at

<https://lkdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

## Nut Aware

Confederation Central is a Nut Aware school as we have students and staff with severe allergies and sensitivities. Your cooperation in providing your child with nut free lunches and snacks is very much appreciated.



## Attendance

If your child will be late/absent, please help us with our Safe Arrival Process of ensuring that all students are accounted for by using our School Messenger system.



## Safety Drills

Throughout the months of September and October we will be conducting several safety drills. This is to ensure that we are prepared in the unlikely event that we have an emergency. We will be doing a fire drill, lockdown drill, and tornado drill. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety drills, please contact the office.

## Prevalent Medical Care

In the first few weeks of school, students with known medical conditions will be sent home packages that will need to be completed and/or reviewed. Please review all the details on the form, make edits, sign it, and return it to the school so that our plans of care reflect up to date information. If you are new to Confederation Central and your child has a medical condition, such as requiring an Epi Pen, is asthmatic, has Epilepsy or Diabetes, please connect with our main office immediately so that we can ensure that we have proper procedures in place in the event of an emergency.

## Asthma Legislation

Legislation from Queen's Park known as "Ryan's Law": An Act to Protect Asthmatic Pupils, requires that schools be "asthma friendly". This may require, should the need arise, that certain items be proscribed from being brought into the school. At this point in time, there are no such items have been identified.

## Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms will be sent home this week. Please take a moment to look over this information. It is very important to VERIFY your email address and if there is not an email address shown please update one as this is used for all School Messenger communication. We would appreciate you making any changes on the form and have your child return it back to the homeroom teacher **by Monday, September 18, 2023 SIGNED** with or without corrections. The office will update your child's information in the student database accordingly. If there are changes to your child's information throughout the year, please contact us so that we have the most up to date information.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that our records are accurate.

## Student Transportation

CLASS is planning service for all eligible students; there is no need to register for busing. Additional information is available on the CLASS Student Transportation website:

<https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

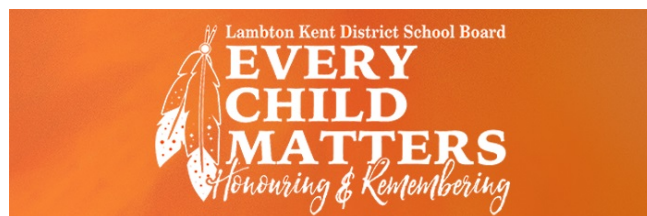
MySBI Mobile App- The MySBI Bus Status app provides up to date bus service information for schools. Users can subscribe to receive alerts for Inclement weather cancellations and school bus delays.

Please follow the link below for instructions:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FhyF9TiaAHn5bPycvJ6lFHn20Xn7\\_ziQ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FhyF9TiaAHn5bPycvJ6lFHn20Xn7_ziQ/view?usp=sharing)

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 29, 2023 – Orange Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts to honour and remember those impacted by residential schools.



## School Council

Education is a shared responsibility involving school staff, students and their families, and members of the community. All these groups should, therefore, have the opportunity to advise in educational matters with the aim of strengthening schools to improve student performance. Our first School Council Meeting will be **October 4th at 6:00**. Meetings usually last about 1 – 1.5 hours in length. New members are encouraged and welcome! Please email me at [Tien.Ngo@lkdsb.net](mailto:Tien.Ngo@lkdsb.net) or call the school, if you are interested in joining us.

## Volunteers

We would love to have your help! There are several opportunities to help in our School Community throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of the team, please call the school or complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/642regKZuKAvFvGq5>



## Before and After School Care

The LKDSB and Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS) continues to work closely with all childcare providers who provide childcare options in LKDSB schools to ensure that before- and after-school programs are available to support our students and families. More information can be found at the following link:

<https://cklass.ca/services/child-care/>

If any changes are required throughout the day regarding your after-school care, please connect directly with the YMCA. Their cell phone is 519-328-4772.

## VTRA Fair Notice

Violent Risk Threat Announcement - (VTRA)  
To Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of  
Students in the Lambton Kent District School  
Board:

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations.

Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

## School Year Calendar

### Holidays

- Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 Labour Day
- Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 Thanksgiving
- Monday, Dec. 25-Jan.5 Winter Break
- Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 Family Day
- Monday, Mar. 11-15, 2024 March Break
- Friday, Mar. 29, 2024 Good Friday
- Monday, April 1, 2024 Easter Monday
- Monday, May 20, 2024 Victoria Day

### P.A. Days

- Friday, Sept. 15, 2023
- Friday, Oct. 6, 2023
- Friday, Nov. 17, 2023
- Friday, Feb. 2, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, June 7, 2024
- Friday, June 28, 2024

## Important September Dates

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 First day of school
- Friday, Sept. 15 P.A. Day (No School for students)
- Sept. 18-21 Book Fair
- Thursday, Sept. 21 Meet our Families Open House 4-6pm
- Friday, Sept. 22 Little Caesars Hot Lunch
- Weds., Sept. 28 Photo Day
- Thurs., Sept. 28 Terry Fox Run
- Friday, Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day