



Sir John Moore C.S.

September 2023

Mrs. Erin Gower, Principal
Mrs. Angela Côté, Vice Principal



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Mrs. Jennifer Jarrett, Secretary
Ms. Chelsea Kukura, Clerk

Welcome

Welcome back! All the staff at Sir John Moore 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. We are all eager to get back into the classroom and are looking forward to the new learning that will take place. We have been working hard to ensure that students are welcomed into a warm, inviting, and safe environment both in the classroom and throughout the school. In the first few weeks there will be a focus on student well-being, positive mental health and creating an inclusive environment. We are looking forward to another school year to work 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 contact your classroom teacher, Mme Cote, or myself in the office.

Daily Schedule

8:45	Students begin arriving
9:00	First bell
11:00-11:20	1 st Nutritional break
11:20-11:40	1 st Activity break
1:40-2:00	2 nd Nutritional break
2:00-2:20	2 nd Activity break
3:20	Dismissal

Sir John Moore 2023-2024 Staff

Staff Member	Assignment
Ms. Tonya Lahey	FDK
Ms. Patty Jamieson	ECE
Mme Riley Adair	FDK FI (LTO)
Mme Jessica Capes	ECE FI
Mme Mezzatesta	FDK FI
Ms. Julie Blankenship	Gr SK/1
Mme McLaughlin	Gr 1/2 FI
Mme Curts	Gr 1/2 FI
Ms. Keirstyn Daye	Gr 2
Ms. Wendy West	Gr 3/4
Ms. Gillian Richardson	Gr 3/4
Ms. Karen Dargatz	Gr 3/4 FI
Mme Kelsey MacNeill	Gr 3/4 FI (LTO)
Ms. Kyla Jeansonne	Gr 4/5
Ms. Rhonda Leitch	Gr 5 FI (am)/ prep (pm)
Ms. Diana Hamilton	Gr 5 FI (pm)
Ms. Beth Moran	Gr 5/6
Mr. Curtis Wilson	Gr 5/6
Ms. Laura Pash	Gr 6/7 FI (am)/ Gr 7/8 (pm)
Mme Tara Brydges	Gr 7/8 FI (pm)/ Gr 7/8 (am)
Ms. Stephanie Clarke	Gr 7/8
Ms. Jenny LeFaive	Gr 7/8
Ms. Kasey Martin	Gr 7/8
Mme Michelle Hillier	FSL/ Curriculum Provider (LTO)
Mme Allison Saunders	FSL/ Curriculum Provider
Ms. Alicia Whiteye McGee	Ojibwe / Curriculum Provider
Ms. Claire Kennedy	Resource
Ms. Kara Middleton	Resource/ Guidance
Mrs. Dawn Marie Primeau	Education Assistant
Ms. Cristina Young	Education Assistant
Ms. Lorraine Dickson	Education Assistant
Ms. Heather Lambert	Education Assistant
Ms. Jacqueline Vercouteren	Education Assistant
Mr. Talon Whiteye	Indigenous Support Worker
Ms. Jennifer Jarrett	Secretary
Ms. Chelsea Kukura	Clerk/ Supervision Support
Ms. Erin Gower	Principal
Ms. Angela Cote	Vice- Principal/ Prep
Mr. Rick Wise	Custodial
Ms. Corrin Knight	Supervision Support

School Cash Online

To minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use SchoolCash Online to make purchases throughout the year. Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCashOnline. If you require assistance, please contact the main office and we can assist you.



Nut Aware

Sir John Moore 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/ Pick Ups

Absent- Late: 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. You may also call the school and leave a message with our secretarial staff. If we have not received the message by 9:15, a safe arrival call will be made.

Early Pick Up: Please make every attempt possible to make arrangements for pickups prior to your child coming to school. However, if you need to make changes to your pickup time/ location, please ensure to call the school by 2:30 so that your child and their teacher can be notified in a timely manner. The end of the day becomes very busy in the office, and we want to ensure that we allow enough time for the messages to be received.

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 or your child's teacher.

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/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 Sir John Moore 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, no such items have been identified within Sir John Moore.

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 has planned service for all eligible students; there is no need to register for busing. Additional information is available on the CLASS Student Transportation website, including drop off/pick up times and location:
<https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

MySBI 4 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. There has recently been an update that needs to be completed manually.

Please follow the below link for instructions for first time users or how to upgrade:

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



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. In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB had commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available for order by interested staff and students from Screenart, a company in Wallaceburg. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore staff and families will submit payment online directly to Screenart. You are able to purchase shirts through the following website: https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home. The store is open immediately for purchases, and will remain open until Monday, September 11th. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools by September 28th.

We will continue to wear Orange Shirts throughout the year at Sir John Moore every Wednesday.



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 on educational

matters with the aim of strengthening schools to improve student performance. Our first School Council Meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00. Meetings usually last about 1 – 1.5 hours in length. New members are encouraged and welcome!

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 contact Mrs. Gower by either calling the main office or through email at erin.gower@lkdsb.net.

Concerns

Throughout the school year, you are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns. For classroom related items, it is best to first contact the classroom teacher before reaching out to the office. The relationship between classroom

teacher and home is an important one that benefits from open communication. Please see the following chart to help with any concerns that may arise.

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.

If any changes are required throughout the day regarding your after-school care, please contact the YMCA directly.

VTRA

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

Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

Concerns at School

1	Speak with your child's teacher
2	Speak with your child's Principal
3	Speak with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of your school
4	Speak with your school Superintendent
5	Speak with the Director of Education

Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee:
Speak with the Chair of the Board

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Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net.
Learn more at www.lkdsb.net

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.on.ca.



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, October 9, 2023- THANKSGIVING
Monday, December 25, 2023- WINTER HOLIDAY
BREAK BEGINS
Monday, January 8, 2024- RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday, February 19, 2024- FAMILY DAY
March 11-15, 2024- MARCH BREAK
Friday, March 29, 2024- GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 1, 2024- EASTER MONDAY
Monday, May 20, 2024- VICTORIA DAY

P. D. Days

Friday, September 15, 2023
Friday, October 6, 2023
Friday, November 17, 2023
Friday, February 2, 2024
Friday, April 26, 2024
Friday, June 7, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024

September Dates to Remember

September 12- School Council Meeting- 6:00
September 15- PD Day
September 20- Terry Fox Run
September 25- Book Fair Begins
September 28- Meet the Teacher Night
September 29- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

