

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December 1st, 2023

**Winter Holiday – Monday, December 25 – Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Concert**

Students have already been working hard preparing for class and club performances for the winter concert. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 20 to get ready for the big show on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Due to limited seating, we are requesting due to limited seating that only immediate family members attend.

**Elf Emporium is back!**

On December 19 students will be invited to the gym by class to choose gifts for up to 4 family members for just 25 cents each. Gifts will be wrapped and labelled for the students. All money collected will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

To make this happen, we need help from you! Families are asked to send in donations of gently used items such as toys & puzzles for all ages, kitchen & BBQ items, jewelry, small purses, movies, household items (candles, soaps, decorations), and small sports games.

Donations of gift wrap, gift bags and tape are also needed. **Donations will be accepted until December 14<sup>th</sup> at the office or send with your child(ren).**

**Great Lakes Grade 7&8 Information Night**

Great Lakes Secondary School is hosting a student and family information evening on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. A presentation highlighting graduation requirements, support, school facilities and extra curricular as well as guided tours, demonstrations and displays. Draws and prizes, too!

**Inclement Weather and the Bus App**

**Bus cancellations due to fog:** If buses are cancelled due to fog, they will bring students home at the end of the day.

**Bus Cancellations due to snow:** Buses will not run at all on these days. Schools remain open.

**In the rare event of a school closure, an email will be sent soon as the decision is made. Please check the school Facebook page as well.**

**MySBI4** is an app you can download that can send you notifications of any cancellations or delays. This version must be downloaded and is different than the MySBI app that the board has been using the last couple of years (if you currently have the MySBI app, it has become obsolete and should be deleted).

**School Council**

Being involved in your children's school is a great way to stay connected. This year our meetings are held in person in the learning commons. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome!



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Zone 2

### **School Messenger and Attendance Reporting**

Instructions for downloading the School Messenger app and navigating the website can be found here: [School Messenger](#). Please, use this to report any absences. There is an automatic call-out that we are unable to suspend that goes out about 9:30.

**If your child(ren) is going to be absent for 5+ days (i.e. a family vacation), please contact the office to receive a form that is required to be kept on file for auditing purposes.**

### **School Cash Online**

If you are new to the school, please register for a school cash online account in order to receive notifications when payments are due for items such as field trips and hot lunch days. The link to the website can be found here: [School Cash Online](#). Please contact Mrs. Orr in the office if you require your child's student number or assistance.

### **Nut-Free free school**

**We are a nut free school.** This includes all products made with nuts. Please ensure that any treats being sent in are pre-packaged and labelled nut-free.

### **Appointments During the Day/Picking up Early.**

If you need to pick your child(ren) up before dismissal, please call and let Mrs. Orr or Mrs. Rockwood in the office know and they will ensure your child is ready and waiting. Once you have arrived, ring the doorbell outside the main office doors to notify the office of your arrival and your child will be dismissed. It's always a good idea to send the classroom teacher a notification as well.

### **PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BEYOND THE FOYER FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH TEACHING STAFF OR ADMINISTRATION.**

### **Panther Sports**

We would like to send a big congratulations to our Intermediate volleyball teams! They are finishing up their season and have shown perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship to other schools. This week, the boys team brought home a 1-1 tie against Sir John Moore and our girls were able to win both games to continue their undefeated streak! Good luck next week as the teams take on Confederation!

**Members of the boys' team are:** Ethyn V, Ethan D, Markus, Shrut, Josh, Eli, Lucas, Jace and Devon

**Members of the girls' team are:** Everleigh, Kaydence, Darika, Mika, Taylor, Sofia, Avary, Zoe, Elizabeth, Muna and Mirium





## 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



### 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](mailto:info@lkdsb.net).  
 Learn more at [www.lkdsb.net](http://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](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca).



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