

Dear Parents/Guardians,

January 9, 2024

**Illness and School Screener**

Just a reminder to continue to keep your child/children at home if they are ill. Please note that the Ontario School Screener continues to be the website where you can and should go to determine the course of action for symptoms your child/children may be experiencing such as fever, coughs and runny noses.

The school screener, which is updated by the Ministry of Health still indicates that a student should remain home for a minimum of 48 hours from their last bout of vomiting or diarrhea. For the health and safety of all our staff and students, you are asked to please keep the school screener in mind when there is illness in your home.

Here is the link to the screener: [Ontario Self Assessment](#)

**Kindergarten Registration**

If your child will be turning 4 before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, it is time to register for Kindergarten! Our first visit for families will be on Thursday, February 1 from 4-7 PM and Friday February 2 from 9Am-3PM. Families will be welcomed by the school administrators and secretary and have an opportunity to have questions answered and tour the Kindergarten wing.

If possible, please complete the registration forms online through this link: [Kindergarten Registration](#) (An account will need to be created, please follow the steps as indicated). You are asked to bring proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, etc.) as well as proof of residency (bill of sale, rental agreement or gas/hydro bill – a driver's license cannot be accepted).

We look forward to meeting our newest Panthers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**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. There will be a presentation highlighting graduation requirements, supports, school facilities and extra curriculars as well as guided tours, demonstrations and displays. Draws and prizes, too!

**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!

Please consider joining as new voices bring new ideas and considerations. If you would like to attend but need childcare, please contact Mrs. Townsend and we can arrange for care in the school during the meeting.

**Spirit Wear – On-Demand Store**

Team Outfitters has opened up the possibility to order school spirit wear at any time of the year! Please use the link below to access the online store: [Online Store](#)



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Zone 2

### **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 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.**





## 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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**Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email [info@kdsb.net](mailto:info@kdsb.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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