



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope everyone had a relaxing summer. A warm welcome to those students, staff, and community members new to Queen Elizabeth II Public School-Sarnia. You have joined a dedicated school community that consistently supports each other and puts students at the centre of everything we do. At Queen Elizabeth, we strive to create a warm and welcoming environment. We aim to ensure that students and their families feel listened to, appreciated, and supported throughout the learning journey. We are looking forward to another great year of learning. We hope to see you at our upcoming Parent Council on Tuesday, September 24th, and at our school Open House on Thursday, October 10th.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

Address: 60 Aberdeen Ave, Sarnia, ON, N7S 2N8

Phone: 519-344-0801 Fax: 519-332-4057

Twitter: @QESarnia

Facebook: Queen Elizabeth II-Sarnia @QueenESarnia

School Website: [https://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabeths/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabeths/Pages/default.aspx#/)

BELL SCHEDULE

Start of the School Day 8:40

Learning Block A 8:40-10:40

Nutrition Break #1 10:40-11:00

Recess #1 11:00-11:20

Learning Block B 11:20-1:00

Nutrition Break #2 1:00-1:20

Recess #2 1:20-1:40

Learning Block C 1:40-3:00

Dismissal 3:00

SAFE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Safe drop-off in the morning (8:25-8:40)

- Double check the information communicated home to confirm which door your child will enter the school. This is the SAME door they will exit at the end of the day.

Safe pick-up at the end of the day (3:00)

- Students will exit the same door they entered in the morning.

Late Arrivals

- All late arrivals are asked to enter through the school's main doors and report to the office.

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Principal: Cam Gordon
Vice Principal: Angeline Davison
Secretary: Amy Reinders



REGISTRATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Registration Verification Forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The office must have updated contact information in case of an emergency, so your assistance in the speedy return of these forms is greatly appreciated. Communication through email will be ongoing, and having the most up-to-date email address will ensure that you are receiving the most recent school updates. An essential aspect of the verification form is the medical information and allergies section the school needs to know about your child(ren). Please inform us of any medical/allergy information changes.

CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION

If a student must take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. Students should place any medication in the teacher's hands when they arrive at school.

ALLERGIES

Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. We ask for your help as a caring and responsible school community member. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter. Allergies and sensitivities to fragrances can have severe health implications. We ask that scented products and scented school supplies not be brought into the school.

APPENDIX B: Permission for the use of Student Personal Information

Throughout the school year, we may photograph, audiotape, or videotape students involved in activities and recognize their achievements in school/classroom newsletters, our school website, school Facebook, etc. In addition, the newspaper or local media may be present to cover certain events. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, signed permission is required to photograph or film student participation in these activities.

If you give permission, please complete Appendix B – Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal Information and return it to the school as soon as possible.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (i.e., Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).



BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will give subscribers real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, including service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit: <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/> There has been a new upgraded version of our MySBI app. All existing users must download the new app to continue receiving school bus notifications.

Queen Elizabeth II Public School-Sarnia is in Bus Zone #2 for bussing and weather information. If you choose to drive your child/children to school when the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, you will need to pick them up at the end of the school day at 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL MESSENGER ATTENDANCE REPORTING

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our most significant priorities is ensuring students arrive safely at school every day. You may have received a notification about your child's absence from our School Messenger automated attendance messaging system. We have now added a School Messenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence.

Parents/guardians can use School Messenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

- Option 1: Call a toll-free number and follow the prompts.
- Option 2: Set up a secure online School Messenger account and log in to a website.
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) on a smartphone or tablet.

PARENT COUNCIL

If you are interested in becoming a Queen Elizabeth's Parent Council member, please get in touch with the main office to be added to the email list. This is an excellent opportunity to stay current on events at Queen Elizabeth and share ideas and input. The Parent Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at the school. All are welcome. We hope you are able to join us.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips, and much more from your home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children, include their student numbers (which can be found on the Student Verification Form), and in no time, you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms, so come in and check us out!

Register here: <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Monday, September 30th, 2024 – Orange Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way as school communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because "Every Child Matters". In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB had commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available to order by interested families. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore families can submit payment online directly to Screenart. The website is https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home. The store is open currently and will remain open until 12:00 pm on Monday, September 9th. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier and distributed to the students by September 27th.

SCHOOL FOUNTAINS AND FILLING STATIONS

All our drinking fountains and filling stations are in working order. These devices continue to be flushed as per routine water flushing procedures. Students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are an important part of the Queen Elizabeth school community, and we look forward to welcoming volunteers into our school. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested in volunteering at the school. The school will be able to provide more information about the volunteer process.



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) Fall is one season when head lice (pediculosis) cases are most prevalent. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice and nits weekly. Please contact the school immediately if you find evidence of head lice and nits. This will allow us to confidentially notify other parents/guardians in the classroom(s) affected so that they may check their child and help to limit the spread. Children suspected of having head lice and nits will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Head lice and nits infestation is an unpleasant nuisance but not a health problem. By working together, we can help control the spread of head lice in our community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday, September 20, 2024
 Friday, October 11, 2024
 Friday, November 15, 2024
 Friday, January 31, 2025
 Friday, April 4, 2025
 Friday, June 6, 2025
 Friday, June 27, 2025

HOLIDAYS

Monday, October 14, 2024 THANKSGIVING
 Monday, December 23, 2024 WINTER
 HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS
 Monday, January 6, 2025 RETURN TO
 SCHOOL
 Monday, February 17, 2025 FAMILY DAY
 March 10-14, 2025 MARCH BREAK
 Friday, April 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY
 Monday, April 21, 2025 EASTER MONDAY
 Monday, May 19, 2025 VICTORIA DAY

Classroom Placements:

Student placement and classroom organizations are tentative in the first few weeks of school. Changes could occur over the next few weeks. If your child is impacted by a classroom change you will be notified. We appreciate your understanding.



MEET THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PUBLIC SCHOOL TEAM

Office Staff:

Cam Gordon Principal
Angeline Davison Vice-Principal
Amy Reinders Secretary

Teaching Staff:

Amaelia Macoritto FDK Teacher
Sarah Raslan SK/1 Teacher
Mary Hilpert Grade 1/2 Teacher
Abigail Forsey Grade 2/3 Teacher
Amy Fraser Grade 2/3 Teacher
Natasha Singh Grade 3/4 Teacher
Kate Gillesby Grade 4 Teacher
Sarah Taylor Grade 4/5 Teacher
Steve Edwardson Grade 5/6 Teacher
Randy Thingstad Grade 6/7 Teacher
Kevin Rawana Grade 7/8 Teacher
Joel Ainsworth Grade 7/8 Teacher
Melissa Prue FSL
Jessie Plain Indigenous Language Teacher
Julie Ireland Resource
Becky Barnes Resource & Curriculum Partner
Jessica Percival 0.5 Curriculum Partner

Early Childhood Educator:

Shellie Storey FDK

Educational Assistants:

Samantha Brimmer
Mary Bruce
Brandi Simard
Della Willick
Joy Wilpstra
Torey Vandervaart

Custodial Staff:

Michelle Hyde C1
Teresa Burns C2

Math Facilitator:

Karen Dargatz

Early Literacy Coach:

Amy Maw

