



Sir John Moore C.S.

December 2019

BUS ZONE

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HONEY AND POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: Thank you for your orders! Your support of this fundraiser helped the school bring in \$1756 to go toward students! Thank you to our amazing school council for their time and effort for this fundraiser. A big shout out to Ronda Wright who headed it up!! The big winner of the pizza party is Ms. McFadden's classroom!!

Orders are available for pick up on **December 4th, 2pm-6pm** at the YMCA doors.

SCHOOL CHOIR: Our wonderful school choir has been invited to sing for the trustees at the Board meeting on December 3!

Thank you to Mme Curts and Mlle Millar for leading our choir, and for all of the families for getting your child to the Sarnia Ed. Center for that performance.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES: We will have 30 minute assemblies throughout the week before Christmas. All times have been added to the school calendar (don't forget to subscribe to it). These short assemblies will feature a couple of classroom performances as well as a short sing-a-long. Please connect with your child's teacher for specific dates for their classroom.

WEATHER: With cooler weather coming it is important to send your child with coats, hats and mitts. It is also not a bad idea to send an extra pair of cloths for younger children who get wet in the rainy day puddles.

ILLNESS: We have students in our building who are susceptible to streptococcal infections and it would be appreciated if the school is notified should your child be diagnosed with this infection.

SBI APP: If you have not done so already, please download the SBI (School Bus Information) App and choose the buses for SJM. This is the best way to receive bus information regarding fog and snow days, as well as bus delays. Fog and snow days will also be posted on our FB page whenever possible.

MOVEMBER: Congratulations to our school team for raising \$902.86 to donate to the Bluewater Health Foundation! Together we can accomplish great things! Thank you to Mr. Black for this amazing idea and to the Student Parliament for their hard work promoting it. Mr. Woltz, Mrs. Rutherford and Mr. Black's classrooms will all receive a pizza party as top classroom donations. Special mention to Mr. Black's class for raising the most money in the school!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE: We are collecting donations for the Moore Optimist Christmas tree canned food drive until December 11. Donations of non-perishable food, toys and monetary donations will be accepted. Each classroom will be participating in a challenge for top collection within their divisions.

KinderSTART: Please Mark your calendars for FEBRUARY 11th for Kindergarten registration at Sir John Moore Community School. More information to come as we get closer to this date.

LEGO CLUB: This club is continuing to run after school on Tuesday's. Thank you Mlle Mclaughlin, Mme Walker, Mlle Zuniga and Mr. McMahon for volunteering your time every Tuesday after school for this club!

HARRY POTTER CLUB: This club is available at second nutrition break on Wednesday's! Thank you to Mlle McLaughlin and Ms. Kennedy for volunteering their time for this club.

HOMEWORK CLUB: Mrs. Rutherford's homework club also is continuing throughout the month of December. Thank you to Mrs. Rutherford for giving up her time to support academics for all students participating in this awesome opportunity.

MOVIE NIGHT: Mrs. Core is hosting an afterschool movie night featuring the movie ELF on December 6th!! This is a free event and our way to give back to our community. Families are invited to the school for 6pm with a movie start time of 6:30. Popcorn, candy and drinks are on us!! This will also be your opportunity to order spirit wear!! More information to come.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT:

Our intermediate leaders have named the five days before holiday break "The 5 Days of Cheer", which will have one holiday-theme each day. These themes are:

Monday 16th - Christmas Socks and Hats

Tuesday 17th - Christmas Sweaters and Shirts

Wednesday 18th - Santa's Helpers - Elves and Reindeer

Thursday 19th - Silver and Gold/Sparkles

Friday 20th - PJ Day

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE: School Cash Online is the preferred method of payment for school purchases. If you are not currently registered on school cash online please do so as this is the preferred method of payment. If you need support in registering or need your student number, please contact the office and someone can help you get set up.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

NOELLE'S GIFT: We have access to an amazing support fund through Noelle's gift and would encourage any family who would like some support to purchase items like winter coats, boots, hats or mitts to contact the school and talk to your classroom teacher or Mrs. Smith.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: As a reminder to all of our families who use the before and after school program, you must drop your child off at the doors for each program. We understand that it is more convenient to walk through the hallways but our doors must remain locked and families are expected to walk around the outside of the building to drop their child off at the other program. Thank you so much for your support.

ATTENDANCE: We need your help to ensure that students are here ON TIME and EVERYDAY. Attendance is critical in ensuring that your child is active and learning in the classroom community.

If your child will be late/absent please call the school to let us know to help us with our Safe Arrival Process of ensuring that all students are accounted for. Please note our new attendance text number for this school year **226-909-7197**.

CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES: Please note the following updates have been made to the school code of conduct. The updates added cannabis to any statement that included alcohol and it includes the new legislated cell phone provisions. Below is the summary of changes.

- ... respect and treat others fairly, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or disability.
- as to discourage the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and, except by a medical cannabis user, cannabis.
- respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that personal mobile devices are only used during instructional time for the educational and permitted purposes in the following circumstances:
 - for educational purposes as directed by an educator
 - for health or medical purposes
 - to support special education needs
- give alcohol or cannabis to a minor.
- be in possession of, or be under the influence of alcohol, cannabis (unless the individual has been authorized to use cannabis for medical purposes), and illegal drugs.
- provide others with alcohol, illegal drugs, or cannabis (unless the recipient is an individual who has been authorized to use cannabis for medical purposes).

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN GOALS

Numeracy: To increase staff, student and community understanding of the math continua.

- Staff should have an understanding of where each student is at on the continuum and be able to offer feedback to steer, suggest or strengthen strategy use
- Students should be able to articulate which strategy they are using
- The community should be familiar with the math continua and know why it is being used and the importance it has for development of flexible thinking and sense of number

Literacy: To increase primary and maintain junior/ intermediate reading and writing by continuing to implement a balanced literacy program that incorporates non fiction science and social studies concepts.

Indigenous Education: To increase cultural awareness throughout the school and foster relationships with our community partners.

Equity & Inclusion: To create a sense of belonging for students, staff and community at SJM and ensure that everyone feels welcome and connected to our school.