



Sir John Moore Community School

BUS ZONE

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WEATHER: We have had quite the mixed weather throughout all of November. Please be sure to dress your child in layers and send clothing appropriate for them to be outside for 20 minutes twice per day.

PICTURE DAY: Picture Day has been scheduled with Lifetouch for December 8th. There will be no class photos this year only individual photos. Lifetouch will be following risk mitigation protocols set out by Lambton Public Health. If you have any questions or concerns regarding picture day please reach out to the school.

MASKS: We have had a number of bus driver reports indicating that students are not keeping their masks on while riding the bus. Please speak with your child and remind them that grade 4-8 must wear a mask on the bus and remain in their assigned seats.

WATER BOTTLES: A reminder that the water fountains are not open at school. Students must bring a water bottle and use the filling station. There has been a significant increase in the number of students without a water bottle. Please ensure that your child packs a water bottle each day.

Thank you to Noelle's gift for providing water bottles to all of our grade 1 and SK/1 classrooms! We appreciate this gift of kindness.

COVID 19 SCREEN: Please ensure that your family is doing the COVID 19 screen each morning. If the screen gives you "do not go to school" it will outline the next steps for your child. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

REPORT PLATFORMS: All remote platforms are up and running. If your child is home sick, awaiting covid test results, or unable to attend school due to other circumstances, please remember that you can reach out to the teacher to access work from the classroom through your remote platform. This will help support attendance as well as keeping students up to date. If you have any questions about the remote platform or need help setting things up at home please connect with the classroom teacher.

CHANGE OF LEARNING MODEL: There are opportunities throughout the year to change the learning model that best supports your families needs.

Families wishing to transfer between face-to-face learning to Learn at Home or transfer from Learn at Home to face-to-face instruction must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

- **Winter date: Families notify school by JANUARY 12. Student begins new program type on FEBRUARY 3.**
- Spring date: Families notify school by March 30. Student begins new program type on April 20.

Students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s).

If space is available, the LKDSB will attempt to accommodate all requests sooner than the dates above; however, this will vary from school-to-school and grade-by-grade and may not be possible. Transportation delays may also occur.

MOVEMBER: As a school community we raised \$1775 for Movember! What an amazing feat by our community.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Merci, Miigwech, Thank you to Mme Saunders for the enormous amount of work that went into our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. The entire school was silent while watching.

FAMILY REMINDER: A reminder to families that when dropping off your child or forgotten items, please do not enter the school. The school is open to essential visitors only. When Mrs. Harrison or Mrs. Doran buzzes the door please only send your child in. If you are dropping something off, someone will meet you at the door. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe.

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS:

- December 14:** Christmas Socks and Hats
- December 15:** Sweater Day
- December 16:** Christmas Shirt's Day
- December 17:** Silver and Gold or Sparkle Day
- December 18:** PJ Day

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: Students are currently preparing holiday presentations in their classrooms and these will be shared in 5 virtual assemblies within the school the week before the break.

Please note: Due to Public Health Protocols, sharing and distributing of pre-packaged goods or homemade treats is not permitted. Additionally, the sharing and distributing of non perishable items (cards, stickers, etc.) is also not permitted. Thank you for being mindful of these protocols as we get closer to the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: Friday, February 18th will be the last day before the break. Students return to school on Monday, January 4th. Have a safe holiday.

STAFF UPDATES: We are very happy to welcome our new clerk, Sarah Doran who will be supporting the office for 3.5 hours each day as well as doing supervision support. It is wonderful to have Mrs. Doran join our team.

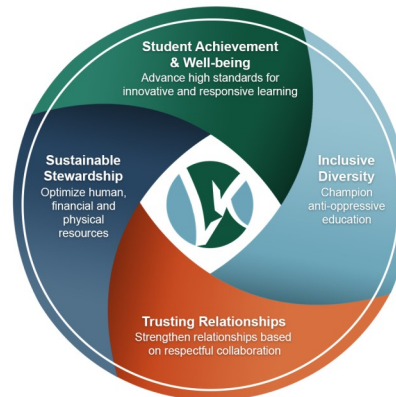
KINDERSTART: Kindergarten registration is not that far away! Typically this would occur in the month of February. Please watch for dates to be posted on Facebook and our January newsletter for the Kindergarten registration dates for the 2021-2022 school year.

SCHOOL BUS NOTIFICATIONS: Winter has arrived! Please take a moment to download the MySBI app from student transportation. This service will notify you of delays and cancellations for your school and specific buses.

CELL PHONE USE: Please be advised that cell phones are not permitted for use at school by students at any time. We recognize that many students carry cell phones and the expectation is that they are stored in their school bags or in a locked place within the classroom. ALL COMMUNICATION with home MUST go through the school phone system. If issues or concerns with cell phones arise, you will be contacted and students will no longer be permitted to bring them on school property or store them in their backpacks. We thank you in advance for your co operation in ensuring that we maintain the integrity of the learning environment.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: If someone in your care attends the Y Program, which can be reached at 519-862-5071 X 221, you must notify their staff of any changes to the schedule. This cannot be done through the school office. The Aamjiwnaang Daycare, which can be reached at 519-344-5831, is offering both before- and after-school care for students with busing being provided to and from their facility.

LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIOTITIES:



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2020/21 - 2025/26

VISION
Our Students - Shaping Our World

MISSION
Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day



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.

