

# SIR JOHN MOORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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## NOTICE TO ALL FAMILIES REGARDING OUR “NUT-AWARE” POLICY AT SJM

In order to safeguard our students who are allergic to certain substances, Sir John Moore will continue to be a “nut-aware” school. Parents and guardians are asked to do their very best to ensure that no food products that contain peanuts and “tree-nuts” – this does not include coconut and nutmeg – are sent to school. We fully realise that this means that parents will have to carefully read labels for ingredients in order to help safeguard the wellbeing of these students. Fortunately, the food industry has been increasingly providing products that are specifically labelled as being produced in a plant where no nuts have been introduced. You will need to be certain that a label that reads “nut-free” does not mean just peanuts. In a school setting such as ours where we welcome all students, we sometimes need to make accommodations in order to ensure that those needs are met. When it comes to a matter of this level of medical necessity, we have a moral obligation to do so.

### Good-bye, Mrs Myers; Welcome, Mr Adam!



After four years as our vice-principal, Mrs Myers is moving down the road to Colonel Cameron as their new principal. Although she is sad to be leaving us, she also is very much looking forward to her new assignment. Replacing her is Mr Mike Adam, who most recently has been a resource teacher working in the central office overseeing a team of assistive technology teachers. Many will remember Mr Adam from his time as a teacher at Sir John Moore.

### School Council and Our Playground



We are delighted to offer our thanks to the hard-working members of our School Council who generously paid to have new lines painted on our tarmac. This means that our students can now enjoy games of four-square, basketball, snakes and ladders, and the like. Although snow is coming, we have asked our snow-removal company to gently scrape the snow away so as not to damage the new paint.

### A Reminder regarding Pizza and Popcorn Sales



By way of reminder, the proceeds from the upcoming sale of pizza will be directed towards paying down the cost of the intermediate year-end trip and the proceeds from the sale of popcorn will be used by our students’ parliament to pay for fun activities for the school. Most recently, they paid for gingerbread houses for each class.

### Spirit Days for January



Our student parliamentarians have chosen to hold a week of spirit days immediately upon our return to school in January as follows: Hat Day on Monday, Black & Gold Day on Tuesday, Superhero or Villain Day on Wednesday, Backward Day on Thursday, and Tacky Tourist Day on Friday.

### Kindergarten Registration



Although it is still some time away, please take note that Kindergarten registration will take place on Wednesday 13 February from 9:00 until 5:30 in our school library. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of residence to establish your legal address.

### Foul and/or Inclement Weather: Sir John Moore is in Weather Zone 3



It seems timely to again remind our school’s community that there are two very easy ways to determine whether buses are running and schools are open. The first is to visit [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) and the second is to listen to a local radio station. There is a link to the school bus site on our school’s website. The following stations will broadcast bus and school information in a timely manner:

CBC Windsor [1550 AM]  
CBC Sarnia [90.3 FM]  
CBC London [93.5 FM]  
CBC Chatham [88.1 FM]

The Rock [95.1 FM]  
CHYR [96.7 FM]  
CJBK [1290 AM]

CHOK [1070 AM]  
FOX [99.9 FM]  
K106 [106.3 FM]

CKSY [94.3 FM]  
CKPI [107.7]  
CFCO [630 AM]



❖ **NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO IMPERIL THE SAFE CONDUCT OF OUR BUSES** ❖

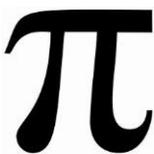
**Literacy**



The Board’s writing plan has remained unchanged from last year. The forms of writing called “report” and “procedure” will be integrated throughout the year in various subjects. “Recount” and “persuasive” will be taught during first term, and “narrative” and “explanation” will be taught during second term. Kindergarten teachers will be incorporating writing throughout the curriculum.

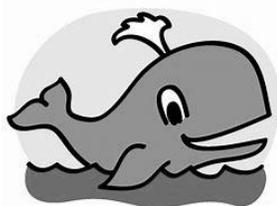
GRADES 1-8	September	Throughout the Year		TERM 1 (Ends February 2)		TERM 2 (Ends June 28)	
	Establish a Writing Community	Report	Procedure	Recount	Persuasive	Narrative	Explanation
	Students should be given a variety of opportunities to write on topics that interest them	Integrated throughout school year	Integrated throughout school year	October - Mid November	Mid November - End January	February - Mid April	Mid April - End June

**Numeracy**



In order to continue exploring a new direction in the presentation of math, our staff is working under the direction of the Board’s Program department on exploring the continuum of learning around math and providing feedback to students. Our focus is on determining what the next step is for our students and providing them with direction on how to take those next steps. Since the end of November, including the last week of December, several of our classes have had the opportunity to work with math coaches to have a more in depth look at how to use the continuum.

**“Swim-to-Survive” Program**



At some point in time between now and the end of the school year, students in grades 2/3, 3 and 3/4 will have the opportunity to take part in the “Swim to Survive” program, which has been sponsored by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Township of St. Clair. This program provides students with swimming instruction under a certified life guard. There is no charge for participation in this program. The appropriate consent will come home in due course. Different classes will attend at different times, possibly even during different months, depending on the availability of the pool at the sports complex.

