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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.

In whose class will my child be next year?



Every year, a great deal of effort is put forth in loading next year’s classes. We try to balance each class in terms of strengths, needs and gender. We look at the learning styles of students and the teaching styles of teachers, and try to match them. We also look at which combinations of students work well together in order to increase the likelihood of creating a compatible mix. The needs of the resource teacher must also be met with respect to instructional groupings. We also look at friendships and ask ourselves whether keeping certain groups of students together is counterproductive. Sometimes, it is beneficial to allow new social relationships to form. We also need to observe mandatory class sizes in the primary division, and overall Board averages in the junior and intermediate divisions. Furthermore, we do our best to ensure that no student has the same classroom teacher more than twice consecutively. Finally, we consider requests from parents. Once the tentative class lists have been prepared, they are, once again, carefully examined in order to do our level best to ensure that the best possible combinations of students have been put together. Unfortunately, not every student will be as pleased with his/her placement as we would like. It is a matter of how the adults respond to this disappointment that will make the difference. We can best do this by working together co-operatively.

Lost and Found



Despite our best efforts to alert our families that we have set up a lost-and-found booth outside the community room, there are still some items remaining. Anything that is still there after school ends will be bagged and kept for parents to have one last look at during the first week of July. After that, it will be donated to a worthy charity. We would like to start September with new and improved lost clothing.

TELP iPads



In accordance with Board policy, grades 7 and 8 students will be turning in their iPads to the school on or before the 14 of June. **Please note that the iPad must come back with a cord and charging block.** The iPads will be re-distributed to students in September.

District Track & Field: Tuesday 4 June with a Rain-date of Wednesday 5 June



The date for the district track and field event has been set for Wednesday 5 June with Friday 7 June being the rain-date. Parents will be responsible for arranging transportation to and from the event. They must check in with Mrs. Dargatz-Wu when they arrive and before they leave.

Pizza Day: 12 June; Milk Sales end 21 June



Pizza will be delivered on Wednesday 12 June, which is in support of the intermediate division’s year-end trip. This will be the last pizza day for this year. In order to close out our milk account, milk sales will end on 21 June.



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

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



There are two very easy ways to determine whether buses are running and schools are open. The first is to visit 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 or you could navigate to www.schoolbusinfo.com .w

Our Dress Code



Every year, our School Advisory Council reviews and decides on the appropriateness and sufficiency of our school's dress code. This is in compliance with Ontario Regulation 612/00, which sets out the duties of the Board with respect to school councils. During our most recent meeting, the members of Council reviewed our current policy and determined that it continues to meet the needs of our school's community. The dress code is printed in your child's agenda-planner beginning at page xvii. Our dress code reads, in part, as follows:

Whereas it may be considered fashionable to wear clothing that is inappropriately revealing, for example, "short shorts", doing so is not acceptable in a school. For this reason, students who are so dressed will be required to correct the problem before returning to class. In some cases, a teacher may choose to ask a staff member who is of the same gender as the student in question for his/her assistance in discussing this with the student in order to minimise any discomfort that may arise from such a discussion. The best way to prevent this from occurring is for students to exercise discretion in dressing themselves for school.

Parents are asked to review this section with their children with a view to helping them understand that school is not the appropriate place to be dressed in this fashion. In the event that a student has such a fashion mishap, it might be possible to borrow an item from the lost-and-found in order to make it through the day. We will certainly do everything reasonable to avoid calling home; however, we very much need your help in this matter. Your support is truly appreciated.

Spirit Days for demin-giizis | June | june



Our student parliamentarians have chosen to hold two spirit days this month. The first will be on the 11th and will be "Neon Day". Members of Student Parliament will provide more information to students. The second spirit day will be "Extreme Colour House Day" and will be held on the 20th.

Family Life Lessons



The Lambton Health Unit will be presenting family life lessons to grades five through eight variously from 11 through 18 June.

No Snack Program



By way of reminder, Sir John Moore has no official snack program. Students are reminded to be sure to pack enough food and drink to make it through a busy day at school.

Grade Eight Commencement: Tuesday 25 June



Plans are now under way for this year's grade eight commencement ceremonies, which will take place on Tuesday 25 June. It is still not too late for those who would like to become involved in planning for these ceremonies. Should you fall into that category, please contact the relevant grade eight teacher as soon as possible.

The format for the ceremony is the same as last year: the class photo, however, will **not** be taken by a professional photographer. Instead, there will be an opportunity for families to take their own pictures at 5:45 and the ceremony itself will begin at 6:00. After the ceremony, students will make their own way to Ferry Dock Hill in Corunna for a leisurely cruise on the *Duc d'Orléans*, which will begin at 8:00 sharp and end at 10:00 sharp. Parents/ guardians are asked to pick their children up promptly at the end of the cruise. Given the large number of students from three schools all disembarking at the same time, there will be no realistic manner for teachers to sort out which child goes with which family.

