

Sir John Moore C.S.

Mrs. Carrielyn Smith, Principal
Mrs. Sally Parkinson, Vice Principal



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Mrs. Nancy Harrison, Secretary
Mrs. Sarah Doran, Receptionist

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Everyone has been busy preparing for a safe arrival of students to Sir John Moore Community School and throughout LKDSB. We have successfully welcomed students in for JI transitions as well as several students who have requested to have tours prior to start up. We were very excited to see these students in the building and even more excited to see all the students fill our classrooms!

There are many new faces at SJM, so please check out our Facebook post which welcomes our new staff and gives you a face to put with a name.

SJM would like to formally welcome and introduce Mrs. Parkinson, who is our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Parkinson is very familiar with our school and many of our students through her role as math coach at SJM for the past few years. Mrs. Parkinson has worked in many of the classrooms at SJM supporting students and working alongside teachers to help build strong math programs and develop fluent and flexible thinking in students.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Parkinson join our school team and look forward to continuing to learn alongside her throughout this year.

CoVid 19 CONFIRMATION OF SCREENING

All students are required to complete the daily screener prior to coming to school each day.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

For the first 2 weeks of school, we are required to obtain confirmation of completion of the screen and receipt of “Go to School”. For grades 4-8, this confirmation will be done verbally in class with the teacher. For grade K-3, you will receive an email from school messenger each day and be asked to check off confirmation that the screen was completed, and your child received “go to school”; this will need to be done for each child in your home in K-3. Students who come to school without the confirmation completed, Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Harrison will need to call home to obtain confirmation of screen completion. We really appreciate your support throughout these two weeks as we work through this together.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Thursday, September 30, 2021 – 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”. Respectfully, flags at all LKDSB schools and facilities will be lowered on this day.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks. If your family is impacted by a classroom change you will be notified by a classroom placement letter or phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

RETURN TO LEARN

For the most up to date information regarding school information, please see the [Reopening Our Schools Document](#).

OFF PROPERTY LUNCHES

This year students grade 6 and up will be permitted to go home at 2nd lunch with parent/guardian permission. Students must finish their lunch prior to returning and once returned cannot leave again. Permission forms can be obtained from the office.

MASK EXEMPTIONS

Masking is mandatory for all grade 1-8 students and encouraged for students in JK/SK. For students with pre-existing or underlying medical conditions or risk factors which prevent them from wearing a face covering, parents/guardians should:

1. Consult your physician to consider the health risks and make an informed decision about returning to school that best supports your child. A medical note is not required but would be helpful to support the request for the exemption process.
2. Contact the school to discuss available options (such as various face covering options – a gaiter for example) and support.
3. The Plan of Care for Prevalent Medical Conditions should be updated to include reference to a mask exemption, as appropriate.
4. Students with sensory, breathing difficulties and/or severe processing difficulties may be exempted by the school principal on a case-by-case basis. For the safety of the student, other students, and school staff, if a specific class has multiple requests for exemptions, it may not be able to be structured safely and may result in a request denial.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The LKDSB and Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS) continues to work closely with all child care providers who provide child care options in LKDSB schools to ensure that before- and after-school programs are available to support our students and families.

More information can be found at the following link: <https://cklass.ca/covid19/child-care/>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

To support physical distancing and minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use SchoolCash Online. Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCashOnline

BUSSING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones. **SJM is in ZONE 3. However, we do have buses running in other zones.** Download the MySBI app for your bus information. Please visit <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/> for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students.

If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time.

When logging into the parent portal and reviewing bus pick up and drop off times, please be sure to click on "contacts" and scroll down to look at the seat assignment for those in your family riding the bus. CLASS has assigned seats again this year to help with contact tracing should there be a positive case that impacts the bus. **As a reminder all students grade 1-8 are expected to wear a mask while riding the bus.**



Check out the NEW and IMPROVED Parent Portal www.schoolbusinfo.com

Create an account today to access:

- Bussing Information
- Application forms
- Email notification subscriptions
- Medical/Safety Information

Student Transportation 
Tel: 877-330-4287

BELL TIMES

Classes commence at 9:00 (supervision begins at 8:45 when buses arrive).

First Nutritional Break:

11:00-11:20

First Recess: 11:20-11:40

Second Nutritional Break:

1:40-2:00

Second Recess: 2:00-2:20

Dismissal Bell: 3:20

Families are permitted to pick up and drop off K-2 students right at their dismissal doors but we kindly ask that you stay back along the perimeter until our bus lines have exited so that the area is not congested. We also ask that you model distancing and protocols for our students.

****Please DO NOT block the kindergarten gate as we have students and families using this exit ****

PLEASE Do not park in the front lane of the school between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. as this is reserved for school buses only.

Those who choose to drive the children in their care to school please avoid blocking the bus areas, so the loop remains open.

We greatly appreciate your support in helping keep pick up and drop off safe and efficient for students and families.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Throughout the school year, you are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns. For classroom related items, it is best to first contact the classroom teacher before reaching out to the office. The relationship between classroom teacher and home is an important one that benefits from open communication.

For special education questions or concerns, you are still encouraged to connect with the classroom teacher as they are the ones responsible for programming for the child in your care. You may also want to reach out to the appropriate resource support person:

Mrs. Pharazyn:
FDK – Gr. 4/5 & 5/6 FI
Mr. Gardiner:
Gr. 5/6, 6, 7/ 8 6/7 FI, 7/8 FI

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A REMINDER THAT WE ARE A NUT AWARE AND FRAGRANCE-FREE SCHOOL. Please do not send nut or nut substitute products in your child's lunch. There are several students with anaphylactic allergies and fragrance sensitivities; we want to do our part to ensure a safe and healthy environment.

ASTHMA LEGISLATION

Legislation from Queen's Park known as "Ryan's Law": An Act to Protect Asthmatic Pupils, requires that schools be "asthma friendly". This may require, should the need arise, that certain items be proscribed from being brought into the school. At this point in time, no such items have been identified.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CARE

In the first few weeks of school, students with known medical forms will be sent home packages that will need to be completed/reviewed. Please review all the details on the form, make edits, sign it and return it to the school so that our plans of care reflect up to date information.

DRILLS

Throughout the months of September and October we will be conducting a number of safety drills. This is to ensure that we are prepared in the unlikely event that we have an emergency. We will be doing a fire drill, lockdown drill, and tornado drill. If your child comes home indicating that one of these drills occurred, rest assured that we are just practicing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety drills, please contact the office.

PAPERWORK

Arriving home with your child is a bundle of coloured forms, which you are asked to complete and return to the school. Please watch for these forms and return them as soon as possible:

- Appendix B: Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal Information

Important and Confidential Forms:

- Student Registration Verification Forms

These forms have been sent home and are specific to the children in your care. Please take a moment to look over this information. It is very important to VERIFY your email address and if there is not email address shown please update one as this is used for all school messenger communication.

Please note that if you would like to continue to receive email notifications you must check the checkbox on this form.

We would appreciate you making any changes on the form and have your child *return it back to the homeroom teacher by FRIDAY, September 17, 2021, SIGNED with or without corrections.* The office will update your child's information in the student database accordingly. Please note that it is your responsibility to contact us throughout the school year when any changes occur regarding any pertinent information regarding your child's status: address, phone numbers, contacts, etc. Thank you for your help to keep our information up to date.

NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR

Follow us on Facebook and be sure to have an updated email address on file. All newsletters and additional information will be sent electronically through school messenger and posted to our school website.

The school calendar can be subscribed to by going to our school website and clicking the calendar tab and clicking the subscribe button. This will sync our calendar events to your phone calendar.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The LKDSB code of conduct can be found at www.lkdsb.net under Policies and Procedures: Code of Conduct- Includes Bullying and Progressive Discipline (Safe Schools).

LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



CONCERNS AT SCHOOL?

If you have concerns at school, please follow the conflict resolution chart shown below.

