

Winston Churchill

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our returning Bulldogs and we extend a warm welcome to our new students and staff! The 2022-2023 school year will be great! Our staff list can be found on our website—on the Staff tab. Please join us for our Meet the Staff event on Thursday September 22 from 4:00-6:00!

Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child(ren)'s success. If you have concerns or questions, please speak directly with teachers. Do not postpone concerns until report card time or the end of the year. To set up an appointment, please contact your child's teacher through SeeSaw, Google Classroom, or phone the school to arrange a meeting time.

School information will be posted on our website: <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/winstonchurchill/Pages>. The calendar will be updated regularly, so please check it often. Monthly Newsletters will not be sent home but will be posted on the website (first week of each month). Information about Board initiatives, School Bus, School Cash Online can also be found on our website.

Please refer to our Information Guide, including the Student Code of Conduct on our website--in the About tab documents.

Follow Winston Churchill on Facebook and Twitter

Check out our Twitter account and keep up to date on what's happening at the school. See photos and daily news! Go to @WCPSBulldogs. Like us on Facebook too!

School Pictures

School Pictures will be Thursday, September 23.

Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt is a movement that officially began in 2013 and recognizes the plight of many first nation children who experienced life in residential schools. That is why we ask everyone to wear an orange

shirt on Friday, September 30. Orange shirts can be purchased through Screenart, a company in Wallaceburg. Families can order t-shirts and hoodies online, directly from the company- https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home. The store is open now and orders will be accepted until September 9. All orders will be delivered to WC by September 29 and sent home with your child.

Daily Screening

Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily. Please refer to the COVID-19 school and childcare screening (link below) and follow the direction given by the screener.

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

It is important that the screening be completed each day.

Nut Aware School

A reminder that Winston Churchill is a "Nut Aware" school. Students may not bring any nuts, peanut butter or nut products, or food made with these products in their lunch. Food purchased as Peanut substitute products are not permitted. Nutella is not permitted at school. We ask parents to not bring in baked goods, due to the risk for our students with allergies. **Any baked goods brought in will be sent home.**

School Bus Expectations

LKDSB Policy is firm that students are not allowed to ride a bus on which they do not have a designated seat.

This means absolutely no rides for social occasions, babysitting duties, vacationing parents, etc. Students must get on and off the bus at their designated stop. If your child regularly rides the bus, please send a note to the teacher if there is a change in plans on a particular day. Please reinforce these bus procedures and expectations with your child:

- Wait in a safe place, away from traffic, at your pickup site.
- Stay away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the door opens
- Stay in your designated seat from the beginning until the bus stops completely
- Keep yourself and all items inside the bus
- Be sure you are visible to the driver and the driver is visible to you when approaching the bus
- Always obey the directions of the bus driver

Please be aware that busing is a privilege that will be withdrawn if your child's behaviour is unsafe, disorderly or outside the behavior that is expected.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online gives families the ability to pay for student items online. Parents/guardians can make payments, print/view their receipts and their current account history all in real-time. School Cash Online provides multiple payment options, including eCheck (direct withdrawal from your bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card). Please note, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. Further information is available on our school website:

<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/winstonchurchill>

Lunches

Our first Pizza Order Form will be sent home mid-September. Pizza will be served during the 1st Nutritional Break. The first day for Pizza will be Tuesday, October 4.

Student Absence-School Messenger

School Messenger gives parents/guardians some flexibility in how they report your child's absence or late arrival to school.

Option 1

Set up an online SchoolMessenger account and login to schedule and report absences or late arrival. To create your account or login, click [School Messenger](#)

Option 2

Download the free SchoolMessenger app (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences or late arrival.

- Click here to [Download the app for Apple devices.](#)
- Click here to [Download the app for Android devices.](#)

Option 3

Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number [1 \(844\) 487-3695](tel:1(844)487-3695) and follow the prompts to report your child's absence or late arrival. **For your security it is recommended that you set a PIN.**

Click the links below to view the Reference Guides for information on signing up, setting preferences, reporting an absence, and setting a PIN.

- [School Messenger Quick Reference Guide & Sign-Up Instructions](#)
- [School Messenger Parent Guardian Guide for Mobile App](#)

Attendance

All students are required to attend school on a regular basis. Studies have shown that regular attendance has a positive effect on the academic achievement of students. A parent can make a request, in writing, to remove their child from school for short term periods- under 15 consecutive school days (family reasons or vacations). An alternative program of study will not be provided for these absences. Requests for absences over 15 days, in writing, will require that a program of study be provided and must be completed by the student. If a student is absent for more than 15 days without a written request or a program of study, the student will be removed from the school register.