

# LAMBTON CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Sometimes normal is refreshing. After our second foray into Remote Learning this year, it has been great to be back at school with our students even though it definitiely is not business as usual. We very much appreciate the parent support we have received during our return to school amid the changes in masking policy and other regular Covid-19 protocols.

We continue to ask that you perform the Covid-19 Self Assessment before sending your child to school each day. The QR code below can be scanned to access the assessment if you prefer to access it from your phone or tablet.



#### PICTURE DAY/GRADUATION PICTURES

School pictures by Lifetouch will be taken on March 16<sup>th</sup> following Covid-19 protocols. One of the changes is that there will be no class photos this year. Also, Grade 8 students will have their graduation photos taken on this date. We will be encouraging parents to use the online ordering option in order to minimize the exchange of money and photos within the school. More information will be sent home shortly.

#### MARCH BREAK

Please be aware that the March Break has been rescheduled until the week of April 12 – 16.

# **NEW ATTENDANCE SYSTEM**

Beginning March 1 a new attendance reporting system was implemented for our school as well as other schools within the District. Parents will be able to report their child's absence electronically through an app, website or toll-free phone number. Attendance calls for unreported student absences will be made using an automated call out system at approximately 9:45 a.m. each day. Information on how to use the system is attached to this newsletter.

#### SWITCHING TO VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The deadline for indicating that you wish to switch your child(ren) to the Virtual School is March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m. (noon). This is also the deadline for students in the Virtual School to declare they wish to return to Lambton Centennial. If you wish to make a change, please contact the school before the deadline.

### **BUS NEWS - ZONE 4**

Student Transportation Services offers the MySBI mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit <a href="https://www.mysbi.ca">www.mysbi.ca</a> for additional details.

Please remember that if the buses are cancelled due to snow in the morning, they will **not** run in the afternoon. If they are cancelled due to fog in the morning, they will run in the afternoon!

#### **PEDICULOSIS**

Your assistance in early detection of head lice is greatly appreciated. Please check your child(ren) for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to notify parents/guardians in the classrooms affected so that they may check their child(ren).

Children who are suspected of having live head lice will be excused from school until appropriate treatment has been administered.

# PLAYGROUND AND SNOW/ICY CONDITIONS

With the colder temperatures, the playground equipment is closed for the winter. When this happens children are **not** to play on the equipment at any time, including before and after school. Winter weather in the form of ice and snow can also create safety hazards on the yard. Please remind your child(ren) to play safely and always watch for buildup of snow and ice. Children must be made aware that snow has to remain on the ground - ice or snowballs can cause serious injury.

#### SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Please join our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lambtoncentennialpanthers Information is posted regularly to help you stay up to date with what is happening in the school.

IN CLOSING.....

#### IMPORTANT MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

| March 5  | Funky Hair Day                   |
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| March 12 | Silly Sock Day                   |
| March 16 | School Pictures/Grad Picture Day |
| March 17 | Green Day                        |
| March 19 | Farm Day                         |
| March 26 | Panther Spirit Day               |