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### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! A warm welcome to those students, staff, and community members new to Queen Elizabeth II Public School-Sarnia. You have joined a dedicated school community that consistently supports each other and puts students at the centre of everything we do. At Queen Elizabeth, we strive to create a warm and welcoming environment. We aim to ensure that students and their families feel listened to, appreciated, and supported throughout the learning journey. Please reach out if you have any information about your child that would help us support their daily growth and development.

### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND US**

**Address:** 60 Aberdeen Ave, Sarnia, ON, N7S 2N8

**Phone:** 519-344-0801

**Fax:** 519-332-4057

**Twitter:** @QESarnia

**Facebook:** Queen Elizabeth II-Sarnia @QueenESarnia

**School Website:** <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabeths/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

### **PARENT COUNCIL**

If you are interested in becoming a Queen Elizabeth’s Parent Council member, please get in touch with the main office to be added to the email list. This is an excellent opportunity to stay current on events at Queen Elizabeth and share ideas and input. The Parent Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the school.

### **MEET THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PUBLIC SCHOOL TEAM**

<b>Office Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cam Gordon	Principal
Angeline Davison	Vice-Principal
Amy Reinders	Secretary
<b>Teaching Staff</b>	
Jenna Willsie	FDK Teacher
Sarah Raslan	FDK Teacher
Becky Beach	Grade 1/2 Teacher
Mary Hilpert	Grade 1/2 Teacher
Amy Fraser	Grade 2/3 Teacher
Kate Gillesby	Grade 3/4 Teacher
Keenan Bourke	Grade 3/4 Teacher
Sarah Taylor	Grade 4/5 Teacher
Randy Thingstad	Grade 5/6 Teacher
Steve Edwardson	Grade 6 Teacher
Joel Ainsworth	Grade 7/8 Teacher
Kevin Rowana	Grade 7/8 Teacher
Melissa Prue	FSL & Curriculum Partner
Jackie Duckert	Curriculum Partner



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Meaghan Lyon	Ojibwe & Curriculum Partner
Charlene Akiwenzie	Indigenous Language Teacher
Julie Ireland	Resource
Becky Barnes	Resource & Curriculum Partner
<b>Early Childhood Educators</b>	
Shellie Storey	FDK
Emily Gilfoyle	FDK
<b>Educational Assistants</b>	
Samantha Brimmer	
Mary Bruce	
Amy Holmes	
Emily Miller	
Della Willick	
Joy Wilpstra	
<b>Custodial Staff</b>	
Michelle Hyde	C1
Teresa Burns	C2

**BELL SCHEDULE**

Start of the School Day	8:40
Learning Block A	8:40-10:40 (120 minutes)
Nutrition Break #1	10:40-11:00
Recess #1	11:00-11:20
Learning Block B	11:20-1:00 (100 minutes)
Nutrition Break #2	1:00-1:20
Recess #2	1:20-1:40
Learning Block C	1:40-3:00 (80 minutes)
Dismissal	3:00

**VICE PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME**

It is with excitement that I introduce myself as the new Vice Principal at Queen Elizabeth School. My name is Angeline Davison and I am thrilled to be joining this incredible team. I am honoured to have the opportunity to work with a dedicated staff, amazing students, and a supportive school community. I have been committed to student learning and well-being with the Lambton Kent District School Board for over 20 years. I strive to ensure students are at the centre of all school-based decisions. It is essential to foster a safe and caring learning environment strengthened by embracing diversity and respecting self and others. Relationships between school staff and families are vital to the success of our students and our school. I have an open-door policy and encourage you to stop in or call during school hours. I look forward to meeting you soon.

**STUDENT PLACEMENTS**

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative at this time. Additional changes could occur over the next



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few weeks and throughout the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

### **SAFE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

Safe drop-off in the morning (8:25-8:40)

- Double check the information communicated home to confirm which door your child will enter the school.
- This is the SAME door they will exit at the end of the day.

Safe pick-up at the end of the day (3:00)

- Students will exit the same door they entered in the morning.

### **Late Arrivals**

- All late arrivals are asked to enter through the school's main doors and report directly to the office.

### **REGISTRATION VERIFICATION FORMS**

Registration Verification Forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The office must have updated contact information in case of an emergency, so your assistance in the speedy return of these forms is greatly appreciated. Communication through email will be ongoing, and having the most up-to-date email address will ensure that you are receiving the most recent school updates. An essential aspect of the verification form is the medical information and allergies section the school needs to know about your child(ren). Please inform us of any medical/allergy information changes.

### **ALLERGIES**

Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. We ask for your help as a caring and responsible school community member. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter. Allergies and sensitivities to fragrances can have severe health implications. We ask that scented products and scented school supplies not be brought into the school.

### **PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (i.e., Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).

### **CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION**

If a student must take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. Students should place any medication in the teacher's hands when they arrive at school.

### **APPENDIX B: Permission for the use of Student Personal Information**

Throughout the school year, we may photograph, audiotape, or videotape students involved in activities and recognize their achievements in school/classroom newsletters, our school website, school Facebook, etc. In addition, the newspaper or local media may be present to cover certain events. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, signed permission is required to photograph or film student participation in these activities.

If you give permission, please complete Appendix B – Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal



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Information and return it to the school as soon as possible.

### **BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP**

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will give subscribers real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, including service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit: <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

There has been a new upgraded version of our MySBI app. All existing users must download the new app to continue receiving school bus notifications.

Queen Elizabeth II Public School-Sarnia is in Bus Zone #2 for bussing and weather information. If you choose to drive your child/children to school when the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, you will need to pick them up at the end of the school day at 3:00 p.m.

### **SCHOOL MESSENGER ATTENDANCE REPORTING**

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our most significant priorities is ensuring students arrive safely at school every day. You may have received a notification about your child's absence from our School Messenger automated attendance messaging system. We have now added a School Messenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence.

Parents/guardians can use School Messenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

- Option 1: Call a toll-free number and follow the prompts.
- Option 2: Set up a secure online School Messenger account and log in to a website.
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) on a smartphone or tablet.

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

School Cash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips, and much more from your home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children, include their student numbers (which can be found on the Student Verification Form), and in no time, you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms, so come in and check us out!

Register here: <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – 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".

In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB had commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available to order by interested families. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore families can submit payment online directly to Screenart. The website is



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[https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb\\_ecm/shop/home](https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home). The store will remain open until Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier and distributed to the students by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL FOUNTAINS AND FILLING STATIONS**

All our drinking fountains and filling stations are in working order. These devices continue to be flushed as per routine water flushing procedures. Students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

Parent volunteers are an important part of the Queen Elizabeth school community, and we look forward to welcoming volunteers into our school. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested in volunteering at the school. The school will be able to provide more information about the volunteer process.

**PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

Fall is one season when head lice (pediculosis) cases are most prevalent. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice and nits weekly. Please contact the school immediately if you find evidence of head lice and nits. This will allow us to confidentially notify other parents/guardians in the classroom(s) affected so that they may check their child and help to limit the spread. Children suspected of having head lice and nits will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Head lice and nits infestation is an unpleasant nuisance but not a health problem. By working together, we can help control the spread of head lice in our community.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

- Friday, September 15, 2023
- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023
- Friday, February 2, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, June 7, 2024
- Friday, June 28, 2024

**HOLIDAYS**

- Monday, October 9, 2023 THANKSGIVING
- Monday, December 25, 2023 WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS
- Monday, January 8, 2024 RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Monday, February 19, 2024 FAMILY DAY
- March 11-15, 2024 MARCH BREAK
- Friday, March 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY
- Monday, April 1, 2024 EASTER MONDAY
- Monday, May 20, 2024 VICTORIA DAY