



BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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January 8, 2020



Principal's Message

Happy 2020!! I hope each of you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. It's hard to believe we are once again beginning a new decade!!

We are continuing to intentionally focus on the best methods of instructional pedagogy to support both our Mathematics and Literacy school goals. Additionally, some of our intermediate students are looking forward to exciting basketball seasons of competitive play and good sportsmanship. Good luck to both the girls and boys teams and thank you to coaches, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Bogart and Mr. Dawson for all your volunteer time; I know the students appreciate it!

As a reminder, parents are required to stop in to the office and obtain a school guest pass if they need to be in our building for any reason. Not only is this a courtesy to students and staff, who may not know you, it is also part of our school safety protocol. Your cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pratt, Principal



EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION FOR IN-AREA STUDENTS 2020/2021

To establish enrolment numbers and facilitate class organization and staffing allocations, it is very important that parents register JK or SK age children by February 7th. Parents/Guardians may pre-register their child online via TVDSB's website prior to going to the school to show their proof of address

and their child's proof of birthdate **TVDSB – Parents – Kindergarten Program** Registration packages are available in the main office **starting January 20th**.

Eligibility Requirements for September 2020:

- Your child must be four years old by December 31, 2020, for Junior Kindergarten enrolment.
- Your child must be five years old by December 31, 2020, for Senior Kindergarten enrolment.

When registering your child, you must produce proof of age (birth or baptismal certificate, registration of birth, or passport) as well as proof of address.

KISS N' RIDE!!

Begins MONDAY, Jan. 13th

As our school population grows, so does the amount of parking spots our staff require on a daily basis. Additionally, winter months always create more parking congestion, as we lose further spots to snow plow piles. I am worried that this increased congestion will not only be frustrating for parents who choose to drop off their kids on a daily basis, but will also have an impact on student safety.

The issue has been brought forth to School Council and we have agreed to share some united messaging to our Somerset school community:

- 1) Please avoid driving your child(ren) to school whenever possible. If they're not 'walkers' then they should be arriving by school bus on most days.
- 2) If you choose to drive your children (especially, parents of K1K2 students), please consider parking on the street at both drop off and pick up times. Additionally, please do not park on the road directly in front of the school as this is our school bus zone.
- 3) IF YOU MUST enter our school parking lot, PLEASE **do not park your vehicle**, but instead, proceed around the one way loop until you reach the front of the parking lot by the FLAG POLE. Beginning on **Monday, January 13, 2020** a 'Kiss n' Ride' zone will be located in this area, marked by 2 fluorescent green 'turtles' with a red flag. These 'turtles' will serve as a SAFE ZONE to stop your car for 10-15 seconds, while your child(ren) exit(s) your vehicle and proceed(s) safely around to the back of our school where the portables are located.
- 4) After dropping off your child(ren), please **TURN RIGHT** and follow Whisperwood Ave. back to Griffith St., so as to avoid any further unnecessary congestion.
- 5) The **same process will occur at dismissal time**, where you will circle the parking lot (PATIENTLY ☺) waiting for your child(ren) to be present at the 'Kiss n' Ride' zone. When your kid(s) see your car, they will simply hop in your vehicle and away you would go. If you circle around to the 'pick-up zone' and your kids are still not there, you will simply re-enter the circle of traffic once again and swing around for a 2nd or 3rd time until your child(ren) arrive.
- 6) **ADULT student supervision, will be present at the beginning and end of the day to help facilitate this process smoothly.**

The busiest periods of time at school are **between 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.** Your flexibility and cooperation are most appreciated by School Council and School Administration. Thank you.



Pizza Day Orders






This month's pizza day is **January 20th**. Orders must be done online if you wish your child to have pizza these days. **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted.



December Award Winners

Grade	Somerset Star	Mathematicians
Ms. Parkes' Gr 1 Class	Tiffani F.	Joseph C. Ryder T.
Ms. Newell's Gr 1/2 Class	Riley E.	Malin P. Hudson W.
Mrs. Singer's Gr 2 Class	Rosie S.	Reid L. Sophia S.
Mrs. Fleming's Gr 2 Class	Mikail P.	Grace G. Landen P.
Ms. Weightman's Grade 3 Class	Ayoung S.	Brody K. Cameron P.
Mrs. Armeniakos' Gr 3/4 Class	Daijah Y.	Parker B. Ailin N.
Mrs. Varey's Gr 3/4 Class	Bar B.	Elyse M. Sam M.
Mrs. Mikel's. Grade 4/5 Class	Connie H.	Darya S. Knoxten S.
Mrs. Best's Grade 4/5 Class	Sami W.	Jayden K. Hannah S.
Mr. Gale's / Mr. Thomson's Gr 5/6 Class	Maya S.	Riese C. Aiden H.
Ms. Kieken's Grade 6 Class	Cooper S.	Kalia S. Matt Z.
Mrs. Russell's Grade 7/8 Class	Yemi O.	Quinn B. Amanda W.
Miss Desrochers' Grade 7/8 Class	Michael J.	Connor H. Gabrielle R.
Mr. Dawson's Grade 7/8 Class	Tyler B.	Josh H. Maya P.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Day 6 Back to School Pizza Lunch 	7 Day 7	8 Day 8	9 Day 9	10 Day 10	11
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5 Snack Day 	18
19	20 Day 6 Pizza Lunch  School Council 6:30 pm	21 Day 7	22 Day 8	23 Day 9	24 PA DAY	25
26	27 Day 10	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4 Team Jersey Day 	

Upcoming Events in February:

3rd – Pizza Lunch

13th – Grad Photos @ 9:00 am

14th – Pizza Lunch

17th – Family Day