

EAST ORO PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

I would like to welcome everyone back after a prolonged time away! I am glad to be back and see all the smiling faces of our students and would like to give a shout out to all our at home learners who will be starting their lessons in the next little bit.

This year has been a unique year to say the least where we have had to change all of our routines. Our hallways are all lined with painter's tape and arrows to indicate direction, our washroom times have been scheduled once each block to keep cohorts together, our yard has been lined into sections and our recesses are now flipped so that we have half the kids on the yard together.

As indicated in my phone message, we are dismissing the students being picked up at 3:20 PM to alleviate the congestion at the end of the day both in terms of people bodies and cars parked on the road. This allows our bus students to safely board and our buses to get out of the parking lot a lot easier.

We are emphasizing electronic communication this year. We will be delaying agendas, as well as the permission and acknowledgement forms now have to be completed on schoolcashonline.

Newsletters will be distributed electronically through schoolconnects and will be posted on the school website.

Our school will be in a similar position as all schools in Simcoe County, where we will have to undergo a reshuffle due to online learning classes being generated. We have about 40 students participating in the learn at home program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

There will be school council nomination forms sent attached to this email with the newsletter. Joining school council as a member is a commitment to attend meetings because members are needed for votes and to make a quorum to allow votes to take place. You can still attend school council without being a voting member. If you are interested in being a voting member, please read the attached responsibilities and return the nomination form by Thursday, September 24, 2020.

TERRY FOX RUN

We have decided to do our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 2nd. Obviously things will be different this year as we are not collecting any money through the school. Donations can be made to the Terry Fox Online Website using this link and the proceeds will go towards our school totals:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/EastOroPSHawkestone>

Alternately, you can go to TerryFox.org and put our school name in the search box.

FUNDRAISING AND FIELD TRIPS

Because of COVID concerns, we will not be doing school fundraising or organizing field trips until things return to normal.

Self-assessment

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

No visitor access

Following the direction from our local health authority, the SMDHU, all SCDSB schools will be closed to parents/guardians and visitors. Parents/guardians may ring the doorbell at elementary schools to receive assistance. Parents/guardians will be asked to call the school's main office at secondary schools to receive assistance. School main office phone numbers will be posted on the doors of school buildings.

Instructions for when children become sick at school

Parents/guardians will be asked to provide multiple contacts who will be available to pick up their child(ren) in the event that they become ill while at school. Children who become ill while at school will not be able to travel on a bus home for the protection of the other riders. It is a good idea to be proactive and develop a plan for if/when your child does become ill at school with possible COVID symptoms and needs to be picked up from the isolation room, which will be located across from the office.

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the SCDSB. Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://eor.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It is easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that your contact information is up to date with the school. Much of our communication will be distributed via e-mail or using SchoolConnects, which allows us to mass send messages through the phone.

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Principal:
Chris Vandenberg

Secretary
Debbie Barnett

September 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attached is the school council nomination form for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in being a voting member of school council, please fill out the form and return it to the school by Thursday, September 24th, 2020.

You can participate in school council meetings without being a voting member. Voting members carry the responsibility of attending almost all meetings because if we do not have at least 50% of the voting members present, we do not have a quorum and cannot vote on decisions.

School council meetings may take place either in the gym or via online depending on the situation.

Thank you for your interest,

Chris Vandenberg
Principal
East Oro Public School

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT/GUARDIAN CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

_____ School Name

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (name and date of birth)
who is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described on the reverse side of this form.

I understand that as a school council member, my contact information including email address will be shared with school council members for the sole purpose of open and transparent communication amongst council members and that it shall not be used for any other purpose.

I understand that employees of the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) cannot run as parent/guardian representatives for school councils if they are employed at the school. If they are employed elsewhere in the board, they can run providing they inform their school community of their employment.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Time _____ Date _____

Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for parent/guardian representative on the School Council for

_____ has been received.

School

School Official

Date