



Newsletter

November/December
2016

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School Office Hours

Please note that school office hours, including phone coverage, are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Principal's Message

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to return to SAERC in an administrative role. I look forward to working with everyone in the school community and encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mr. Keay

Upcoming School Events

- Thursday, November 24th
Parent/Teacher Sessions; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 25th
No Classes, Morning School Based In-Service and Afternoon Parent/Teacher Sessions; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 30th
No Classes, Regional In-Service
- Friday, December 16th
Christmas Ball
- Wednesday, December 21st
Last School Day Before Break
- Tuesday, January 3rd
Classes Resume
- Tuesday, January 24th – Friday, January 27th
Examinations



Note from Guidance/Mrs. Matheson

SAERC Guidance has been busy meeting with grade 12 students to assist with post-secondary planning. All grade 12 potential graduates are encouraged to meet with Mrs. Matheson if they haven't already done so. Also, grade 12 students and their parents are encouraged to be checking the SAERC website under the "Guidance" tab for updated bursaries and scholarships, as this is where they are posted once received in the Guidance Office (community bursaries will become available after March, 2017). The AARAO Tour was held at SAERC on September 26 where 50 recruiters from colleges and universities set up in the gymnasium, and many of these institutions have returned for lunch time visits at SAERC to further assist students. If you have any questions about graduation and/or post-secondary planning, please contact Mrs. Matheson in the Guidance office at any time.

Thank you,

Mrs. Matheson

Share and Care Update

With Christmas Holidays quickly approaching SAERC's Operation Share and Care is in full swing as this particular year marks the tenth anniversary of this community fund raiser. Students and staff have been active securing the continued support of community businesses through donations, our craft fair and participation in SAERC's own Polar Bear Dip. Once again, SAERC will be working closely with Leaside Transition House as we assist families in providing the spirit of Christmas. Looking back over the past decade, over 400 children have enjoyed Christmas because of the tremendous support Operation Share and Care has received; over \$114,000 in donations. With continued commitment from our students and support from the community, we hope to continue this tradition of service learning this year and into the future.

Thank you,

Mr. Allan

School Advisory Council

Parents, staff, and community members are welcome to join our School Advisory Council, a group dedicated to the betterment of our school community. All new members are welcome to attend. Come join us!

This next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Bus Passes

Parents are asked to ensure that your child has a note for a bus pass each day it is required. Passes will only be issued with a note containing the bus driver's name, date and the civic address of where your child is going. Phone pass requests are not accepted.



Students are asked to request bus passes at the office as soon as possible in the day to avoid a rush at the day's end—preferably before recess. Due to combined bus routes and students being dismissed simultaneously, there is an increased number of students on the buses. Please be aware that there may be times when a student may not be able to travel on a specific bus due to lack of seating for that bus

Medical Information

Parents/Guardians are asked to contact the school if your child has a medical condition or allergy which we should be made aware of (if you have not already done so). This will allow us to take some proactive measures to ensure the safety of your child. Please note that no prescription or non-prescription medicine (ie: Tylenol, cough medicine) will be distributed to a student without a completed school medical form. Please refer to SRSB policy to view the Board's new policy "Administration of Medications and Medical Procedure: IVB-2."



VOLUNTEERING & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TRANSPORTATION

Parents/Guardians, grandparents or community members who are interested in doing some volunteer work at the school, either on a regular basis or for special activities/events, should contact the school.



As of June 4th 2015, the SRSB has a new transportation policy in terms of student travel (IV-B-6) to extracurricular activities. In order to transport students (other than their own children) parent/guardians/volunteers will have to do the following:

1. Completed a criminal record check and a child abuse registry check. (These are good for three years)
2. If transporting a student complete a J form and this will require the school have a copy of the following:
 - Driver's license
 - Vehicle registration
 - Proof of insurance
3. Confidentiality Form
4. Volunteer Application Form

Parents are a very important support in the running of extra-curricular and sports activities at the school. We very much appreciate your efforts and support! Please call the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Bus Loop

Please note the Bus Loop in front of the school is for buses only. All other vehicles must access the other entry points of the facility. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

