

# — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



## Welcome Back Simcoe Street Stingers!!!!

We are so excited to begin another wonderful year here at Simcoe Street School. We hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy, safe and relaxing summer! We cannot wait to see you all back at school on **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms for the start of the year. Thank you so very much to Ms DeRose and Mr Major for all of their hard work over the summer. The school looks incredible and is ready to welcome back all of our students! A big thank you also goes out to Mrs Reeb for all of her support in helping our staff, students and families to get prepared for the new school year.

We would like to Welcome Mrs. Pysher-Graovaz, Miss Mestek, Miss Bourdeau and Ms. Schachtschneider to our Simcoe Street team! We know that they are going to love it here!

We already have so many exciting things planned for the upcoming school year. Don't forget to check out our website at <https://simcoestreet.dsbns.org/> or follow us on Twitter @PsSimcoe



Just a reminder that our bell times have changed!

**School Begins at 8:35 am** (Supervision will begin at 8:20)

**School Dismissal is at 2:55 pm**

### COMMUNICATION



You will be hearing from your child(ren)s class teacher soon. Each classroom teacher will inform you how they prefer to communicate with parents. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.



### **REFILLABLE WATER STATIONS and SUPPLIES**

The water bottle filling stations will be available to our students. Please send a refillable water bottle with your child to school so they have water to drink throughout the day. Students will also need indoor shoes, their snacks and lunch items. If you need any support with these items, please let the school know. You are welcome to provide additional supplies, such as pencil crayons or markers if you are inclined, however, it is not necessary as we will also have these available for student use.

### **SNACK PROGRAM and BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

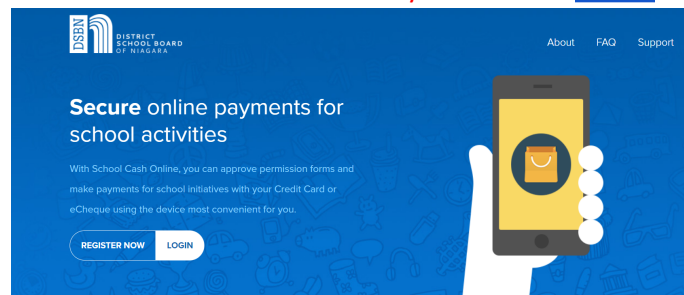
We will begin to offer our Snack program during the first week of school. It will be a grab-and-go service (in classroom bins) where prepackaged healthy snacks will be provided to students. We hope to have our Breakfast Club back up and running by the end of September. If you are interested in volunteering for our Breakfast Club please contact the school office.



### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

Many important forms will **ONLY BE POSTED ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**. Even if you don't use [School CashOnline](#) to make school payments, you will need to create an account to complete these forms.

It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able to access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "[School Cash Online](#)." You'll find



more information about the system and links to registration and support there. You can use School Cash Online confidently; it is a safe and secure portal. If you need help with this, please contact the Office and Mrs. Reeb will be happy to help you out! This is an important program and many back-to-school forms that need to be completed throughout the year will be posted here.



### **PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out a Plan of Care and submit it to the school. You can download the forms at

<https://www.dsbni.org/prevalent-medical-conditions> or you can get a paper copy at the office. Please remember to send in any needed medication, such as Epipens and inhalers. For more information, please contact Mrs. Reeb in the office.

If students require medication while at school, a medical form will need to be completed. Please make sure you let the school know if your child requires medication during the school day. We will develop an action plan together so your child's medical needs are met immediately. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



## **ALLERGIES**

We strongly encourage parents and students to respect those who have an anaphylactic condition. We are asking students to bring snacks that are free from nuts. Peanut and nut allergies are usually severe and can be fatal. Even tiny amounts of nut particles or residue can cause someone with a nut allergy to have a strong reaction.



## **IMPORTANT PAPERWORK**

Next week, your child will bring home an important form (verification form) that will need to be completed.

In order to participate in physical education, extra curricular activities, and to use the computers/technology at school, forms must be completed on [School Cash Online](#). These forms are really important so please complete them as soon as possible!

## **REPORTING AN ABSENCE**

To report an absence please use the Safe Arrival System [www.dsbn.org/safearrival](http://www.dsbn.org/safearrival) or call 1-866-606-5567. If you cannot access the Safe Arrival System, please call the school as we have an answering machine after hours which will take your messages. Any unexplained absence will be checked using our call-back system. This means we will call home/work to find out where your child is.

### REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. The District School Board of Niagara is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences. Using the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

Call toll-free before bell time:  
**1-866-606-5567**

Logging on to the web portal by **clicking here**. Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.  
[LOGIN](#)

Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.  
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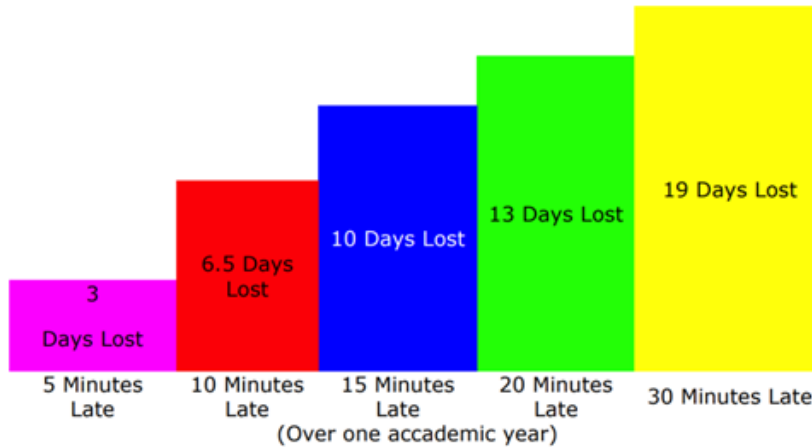


We know that some mornings, despite best efforts, students occasionally arrive late. Your child's safety and whereabouts are critical to us, because of this, it is essential for us to know when your child is absent or late from school. Please use the REPORT AN ABSENCE link on our school website or call the school if your child is going to be late.

Being on time for school is an important habit to teach your child. We stress the need for every student to be at school on time in order not to miss important lessons or information being shared. Late students must report to the office to obtain a late slip for their teacher.

## Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



### DRESS CODE

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment. When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we ask that members of the school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e., clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)

### CONCUSSION

The DSBN has a concussion policy and procedures to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return-to-learn strategies. Please contact the school if your child has sustained a suspected concussion while not at school.



### FIRE DRILLS AND LOCKDOWNS

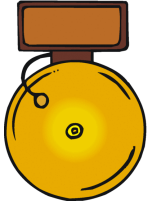


We are committed to maintaining our school as a safe place for your children. To create and maintain a safety culture, we practice fire and lockdown procedures several times during the school year. School staff work with students to ensure they understand these procedures and feel comfortable so we can all respond to an unpredictable situation in a predictable way. You will be notified before we practice our lockdown procedures.



### ELECTRONICS

Just a reminder that all electronics are best left at home. Electronics are expensive and we cannot be responsible for any lost or damaged items. Please keep these valuable items at home.

**BELL TIMES**

8:35	Entry
8:35 - 9:25	Period 1
9:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:15 – 10:55	First Nutrition/Fitness Break
10:55 - 11:45	Period 3
11:45 - 12:35	Period 4
12:35 – 1:15	Second Nutrition/Fitness Break
1:15 – 2:05	Period 5
2:05 – 2:55	Period 6
2:55	Dismissal

**YOUR 2023-2024 SIMCOE STREET STINGER TEAM**

NAME	Position		NAME	Position
Ms. A. Arsenault	Kindergarten		Mrs. D. Iacobaccio	FSL
Ms. L. Trcovic	Kindergarten ECE		Mrs. D. Elliott-Krause	Educational Assistant
Miss E. Mestek	Kindergarten		Ms. J. Bhatti	Educational Assistant
Mr. J. Spence	Kindergarten ECE		Ms. L. Barrow	Youth Counsellor
Mrs. C. Hoday	Grade 1/2-1		Mrs. S. Bennett	Social Worker
Mrs. W. MacDonald and Ms L. Schachtschneider	Grade 1/2-2		Ms. C. Crawley	Social Worker
Mr. D. Stephenson (Miss M. Bourdeau)	Grade 2/3		Mrs S. Rebb	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. L. Goldsworthy	Grade 3		Ms. D. DeRose	Head Caretaker
Miss. C. Jonovich	Grade 3/4		Mrs. D. Carr	Evening Caretaker
Ms. H. Costiff	Grade 4/5		Mr. D Major	Evening Caretaker
Miss C. Mimms	Grade 5/6		Ms. S. Shapton	Lunch Supervisor
Ms. K. Weaver	Grade 7/8 -1		Mrs. G. Jokoo	Lunch Supervisor
Mr. S. Thompson	Grade 7/8 - 2		Mrs. H. Cochrane	Instructional Coach
Mrs. C. Harbin	LRT		Ms. J. Nicklefork	Multilanguage Resource Coach
Mr R. Beresh (Ms. A. Pysher-Graovaz)	Prep		Mrs J. Walton	Principal

We look forward to working with students, families and the community to ensure the success of all of our students. Together, we can accomplish amazing things! Go Stingers Go!

