

SOUTH C.I. HOME OF THE LIONS

August 2019

- Aug. 26th – 29th Football Practice
Jr Team: 4pm-6pm
Sr Team: 6pm-8pm
26th – 29th Girls Preseason Basketball Camp
29th – Grade 9 Orientation
- Sep. 2th Labour Day - holiday
3th First Day of School
4th Picture Day
13th Jr Football Jamboree
27th PA Day
- Oct 11th Homecoming
14th Thanksgiving
16th Parent Teacher Interviews
25th PD Day
28th Picture Retake Day
31st Halloween



A Message from Principal Rosati

As the calendar turns to August and the days begin to shorten enough to notice, we know that the new school year is nearly upon us. It's an exciting time of preparation and anticipation for all that lies ahead. I

have always loved the start of the school year in September and hope that the students and staff of South enjoy a smooth and successful start to the 2019-2020 school year.

Sadly, I will not be joining you in September. I have been appointed to the position of Learning Supervisor, Culture for Learning and will be serving the school district of Thames Valley in a system role to promote equity, inclusion, mental well-being and student achievement. This opportunity arose through the summer, which is an awkward time to leave a school. While I am excited about this new position, I must admit my heart is having a hard time with saying good-bye to South. Fortunately, I will have the opportunity to say good-bye in person as I will be joining students and staff during the first week of the new school year. I'm pleased to announce that the principal appointed to South for next year, commencing in the second week of September, is Joan Cooper. Joan has been the principal of both Laurier and Banting and brings with her a wealth of incredible experience, which South will be lucky to benefit from.

Being the principal of London South Collegiate Institute has been a singular honor and privilege, both professionally and personally. I am grateful to everyone for your kindness, commitment and trust in my leadership. I was fortunate to serve my first principalship in a school with a long tradition of excellence and rich relationships within the school community. This gave me the opportunity to focus on the learning agenda and collaborate with staff to ensure that program opportunities are available to meet the needs of all students at South.

We listened to student voice who told us that the physical learning environment and campus at South affects learning, so we responded with a variety of measure to improve this for students across the school. We have worked hard to identify the areas of greatest need and worked together as a staff to find effective ways to help students reflect on and take ownership of their learning (I.e. metacognition). Student success has been a focus of the work and more students are meeting with greater success and credit accumulation.

The greatest gift South has given me has been the quality of relationships with students, teachers, support staff and parents. I have so many memories that connect me to amazing people. I appreciate having had the opportunity to work for and with such incredible human beings. The students of South are amazing and are a source of inspiration for a hopeful future for us all. The staff are talented and committed and funny and 'education at South' is entirely due to the expertise and service of these teachers to kids. South is a beautiful school that is lovingly maintained by a custodial staff that take pride in their work. This crew has been a pleasure to work with. Our office staff is our front lines and the first to receive students, staff and guests to the school. If you have had cause to communicate with the school office, you will know how wonderful these ladies are and I can tell you that it's only a glimpse of the dedication and talent they bring to South to keep our school operations on-point. My good fortune doesn't end there as I've had an administrative partner, Michael Embree, who was a terrific addition to our school last year and will continue to work hard to keep South safe and running smoothly.

All the best,

Doriana Rosati

The Arts

VISUAL ARTS

Follow the South Visual Arts Department on Twitter [@SouthVisualArts](https://twitter.com/SouthVisualArts)

DANCE

Congrats to the Grade 12 Dance Class and their production of "Moving Pictures". The dancers demonstrated creativity in their choreography.



MUSIC

Concert band rehearsals will resume in September. We are looking forward to another busy year that will include performances at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kiwanis Music Festival, and Variety Is.

Guitar is back at South! We are very excited to announce that South CI will be bringing back their guitar ensemble. We will be performing songs from different composers and artists. It will be a fun, entertaining, rocking time!

Do you sing for fun, or do you have a passion for it? South Choir will be starting up again in September. We will cover songs from various pop and musical theatre artists/shows. We are looking for all voice types, male and female!

These groups are open to all Grade 9's through to Grade 12's. Sign ups will be posted at the beginning of the year. Stay tuned to morning announcements in September for more information!

Math

All math students are reminded that a scientific calculator is required for all math courses at South. We have a limited number of calculators available for students to borrow while at school, they are not allowed to take them home. We will be making available the required calculator for students to purchase online during the first week of classes. This is a great deal for a calculator that has all of the functions required from grade 9 to grade 12 math.

Required calculator: EL510-Sharp 160-Function Scientific Calculator

Cost: Under \$10

Grade 9 and 10 Math Help

All grade 9 and 10 Math students have an amazing Math Help resource available to them. The Ministry of Education is providing evening tutorials, online, Sunday to Thursday evening from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. A qualified Math teacher is available to help with any homework concerns. Access the chat, try the tutorials, and check out the digital locker best sessions and the Listen & Learn. Students are required to have their OEN number to register (this can be found on your South schedule). Students can register online at: www.HomeworkHelp.ilc.org

MATH CONTESTS

Pascal/Cayley/Fermat
February 25, 2020
Registration Deadline – February 7, 2020

Fryer/Galois/Hypatia
April 15, 2020
Registration Deadline – March 27, 2020

Euclid April 7, 2020 - Registration Deadline - March 18, 2020

Previous contests and solutions can be found at the following website: cemc.uwaterloo.ca

The Academy Program

Welcome to any new students to South in our program for bright, gifted and talented students. Lots of exciting things are on the horizon.

See you in September.

Student Council

South Student Council will be selling SPC cards through the school. Cards will cost \$10, which is the same as their cost elsewhere. The cards can be purchased online. When students pay online, they should bring a copy of their receipt to pick up their card. Spirit wear will also be sold once school gets underway. Watch for the flyer! It's going to be a great year!

SCI Diversity Team

Looking for a committee that embraces diversity within our school and community? Join the FNMI South Council / SCI Diversity Group. Make sure to listen to the morning announcements for more information.

DECA Business Club

Demonstrating Excellence, Celebrating Achievement

DECA, an organization of a quarter million students across the world, prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in hospitality, marketing, law, finance and management in high schools and post-secondary institutions across the globe. Students learn how to communicate thoughts and ideas, how to organize a presentation and more about what businesses expect from employees, while gaining problem solving skills. Students'

experience empowers them to be an effective leader, and helps to connect school to the real world.

Members compete at Regionals, Provincials, and Internationals in a business case study competition, for awards and scholarships as well as in a variety of business paper competitions. Employers, universities, and colleges alike recognize the achievements of DECA members. More than 90% of DECA members say their experience empowered them to be an effective leader and connected school to the real world. DECA members indicated that their experience prepared them academically for college and career, influenced their college/university plans, influenced their career plans, and influenced their interest in entrepreneurship and owning a business.

Students compete specifically by writing an exam, and completing a case study role-play. The role-play consists of the students receiving a question, which consists of a situation, or a problem, for a business. The students have to present solutions to the problems by way of a conversation with a judge, while demonstrating their knowledge on the topic in a professional manner. In preparation for the exam and the role-play, the club works together to improve each member's knowledge and skills.

To learn more, please visit www.deca.ca.

First Robotics



To learn more about First Robotics go to:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/>

Athletics

Cross Country, Jr & Sr Boys Volleyball and Jr & Sr Girls Basketball will begin the first week of school.

South Football

Jr & Sr Football practices will begin on Monday August 26th and go to Thursday August 29th. Jr 4:00pm - 6:00pm and Sr from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Location will be at South if the field is ready. Otherwise we will meet at Thames Park.

Girls Basketball

Any girls interested in playing basketball this year are encouraged to attend the Lions' Basketball camp. It will run August 26th to August 29 from 10-12. Drop in!

Lions' Den

The Lion's Den (Room 102) is South's Student Success room and is run by Mrs. Baldacchino. Students who require academic, social or emotional assistance or who just need to catch up on course work are welcome to use this room. The Lion's Den will be open each morning and most lunch periods.

Breakfast Club

South's Breakfast Club will begin the second week of September and is open to any student who wishes to grab a healthy snack between 1st and 2nd period. Listen to announcements for more details and location.

If there is any interest to donate to our program, please contact Tara Baldacchino: t.baldacchino@tvdsb.ca

Guidance

Guidance Counsellors:

Mr. Dennis Karasek – Grade 10-12
Mrs. Sam Sidler – Grade 9

2019-20 Timetable Changes

Any student who is requesting a timetable change must pick up the green form in the guidance office. **These forms will be available on the first day of classes.** This form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian (if student is under 18 years of age) and returned to guidance. A guidance appointment will follow at a later time. **Students must attend the original class on their timetable until they have received an updated timetable from guidance, otherwise they will be marked absent.**

Mandatory 40 Volunteer Hours

If your student is in Grade 12 and plans to graduate this year, the 40 volunteer hours are mandatory for graduation and acceptance to college or university. These hours must be completed by June 1, 2020. A record of the hours volunteered, including a supervisor's signature, must be handed in to our Guidance Secretary. There are guidelines for eligible community service activities available in Guidance or on the Board website: [<http://www.tvdsb.ca>] www.tvdsb.ca

CONCUSSIONS

Concussions are becoming more prevalent than ever and here at South these diagnoses are taken very seriously. Please take a look at the following information on the Concussion Process.

It is parent/guardian's responsibility to inform school the school about their child's medical/health conditions and to transmit relevant information.

The school staff will work collaboratively to provide a plan that is responsive to individual student needs. **If your son or daughter has suffered a concussion please notify the school.**

When a concussion is suspected at school, school personnel responsible for the student will contact the parents and provide the parents with Form C-2.

SUSPECTED CONCUSSION

Once a student is has been identified as having a suspected concussion,

1. School staff will be informed.
2. Student **shall not participate in any learning or physical activities** until the parent/guardian communicates the results of a medical examination (complete Form C-3)

CONCUSSION CONFIRMED

1. When a student is diagnosed as having a concussion, the school staff will work to help the student to follow a medically supervised, individualized and gradual Return to Learn/Return to Physical Activity Plan.
2. Form C-4 Documentation for a Diagnosed Concussion - Return to Learn/Return to Physical Activity Plan must be completed by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. This plan indicates the student is symptom free and able to return to full participation in physical activity. (Please see the complete policy.)

CONCUSSION DEFINITION

A concussion:

- is a brain injury that causes changes in how the brain functions, leading to symptoms that can be physical (e.g., headache, dizziness), cognitive (e.g., difficulty concentrating or remembering), emotional/behavioural (e.g., depression, irritability) and/or related to sleep (e.g., drowsiness, difficulty falling asleep);
- may be caused either by a direct blow to the head, face or neck, or a blow to the body that transmits a force to the head that causes the brain to move rapidly within the skull;
- can occur even if there has been no loss of consciousness (in fact most concussions occur without a loss of consciousness); and,
- cannot normally be seen on X-rays, standard CT scans or MRIs.

CONCUSSION DIAGNOSIS

A concussion is a clinical diagnosis made by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. It is critical that a student with a suspected concussion be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

FORMS - These forms can be found on the school website or in the main office.

- Form C2 - Tool to Identify Suspected Concussion
- Form C3- Documentation of Medical Examination
- Form C4 - Documentation for Diagnosed Concussion Return to Learn/Return to Physical Activity

Parent Portal

Parent Portal is available for accessing information about your child/children. The Parent Portal works on smart phones, tablets and computers. In order to use the Parent Portal, parents/legal guardians must have a valid email address registered in the Student Management System (Trillium) at the school their child is attending. Parents are encouraged to provide an email address to their child's school as soon as possible. All fee payments are expected to be paid through School Cash on-line. Once in the Parent Portal, parents/legal guardians will have access to the following information:

- Parental Consent to view IEPs and provide comments;
- Student Attendance;
- Student Achievement Information;
- Student Timetable
- Links to Forms.

Create a Parent Portal Account

To create a Parent Portal account or to login to the Parent Portal, parents should visit the following link: <http://www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal>. Once at the site, there is a short video at the top of the page that assists with the account creation process.

Student Fees

Student fees are \$25 this school year and you will receive a student card once paid. A valid student card is required to participate in most school activities – including any sports team, clubs or dances. Student Fees support healthy school activities, student recognition and whole school events. Student Fees are available for payment online. Team fees will also be posted online.

Bus Cancellations – can be found at mybigyellowbus.ca. Some parents drive their student to school when their bus is cancelled (but if you do so, note that cancelled buses are cancelled for the whole day, not just the morning). Please call the attendance line stating if the absence is due to bus cancellation.

Attendance Procedures

All schools in our Board are using the “**SchoolMessenger Reporting System**”. This system allows parents/guardians to report student absences by phone, website, or smartphone app. In the event of an unexplained student absence, the system is able to communicate with parents/guardians in a timely manner for student safety reasons. As previously communicated, parents/guardians are to inform the school of a student absence by phone toll free (1-844-305-3756), weblink (tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger), or free smartphone app.



SchoolMessenger

• App Store • Google Play

It is very important that we have a valid email address and correct contact information – Have you kept us up to date? Moving? New phone or cell number? Please ensure we have the correct home phone number, emergency information for contacts, mailing address and phone numbers for your student.

Late - If a student is arriving to class late they are to go directly to class and sign-in in the classroom.

Notes – If a student is bringing a note for an absence or appointment, please have them bring the note to their teacher or the office.

Incorrect Absence – Please have your student see their teacher so that their attendance can be corrected.

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