

SOUTH C.I. HOME OF THE LIONS



February 2019

- Feb. 5th Start of Semester 2
Registration Assembly
8th Report Cards home
12th Toonie Tuesday
It Takes a Village, in the Village
13-18th St. Donat French Field Trip
18th Family Day (Holiday)
22nd School Photos (New Students)
28th Semi-Formal Dance
- Mar. 1st Relay U Assembly
6th Grad Photo Retakes
7th Old South Tech Challenge
11-15th March Break (no school)
19th Immunization Clinic
- Apr. 5th PA Day (no school)
19th Good Friday (Holiday)
22nd Easter Monday (Holiday)

SOUTH LIONS ROAR



Principal's Message

As we enter the midpoint in the 2018-2019 school year, I encourage you to pause, acknowledge and celebrate the success of South students and staff in their significant efforts, throughout first semester, to set and achieve high standards of academic, academic and personal achievements. I am very proud of every Lion who met their learning challenges with curiosity, courage and confidence. Whether you just completed your first semester of high school or completed your final semester as a graduating student, your journey thus far this year has been unique and singular. It is my hope that when you look back at last semester, you can say that you tested your limits and allowed yourself to explore the possibilities that emerge from newfound knowledge, experiences and learning opportunities. I hope you have learned; learned more about yourself; learned new skills and strategies that you will build on into semester two and well beyond; and learned that your teachers remain committed to helping you improve, succeed and maximize your potential.

Parents and guardians – we are in partnership with you to support your son or daughter's learning. You have entrusted us with the education of your child(ren) and I encourage you to stay engaged with your child(ren)'s learning by having regular conversations with him/her while staying connected to classroom teachers, guidance counsellors, learning support teachers and administrators as necessary. I further encourage you to reflect on your son/daughter's most recent grades, learning skills, comments and attendance on the Semester One final report card. This offers insight into areas of strengths and areas of growth as your son or daughter applies him/herself towards their semester 2 studies.

During the month of February, our students registered for the 2019-2020 school year. All students used MyBlueprint to select their courses for next year. If your son or daughter has not yet completed registration (and there are several in each grade that we are still waiting to confirm), please have them go to Guidance for assistance as soon as possible. Once your child has made their course requests and the timetable has been built, it is very difficult for changes to be made to course

requests. It is so important for parents to be part of the conversation and guidance in these course selections as it helps to ensure good choices and long-term success.

On behalf of your South School Council, I would like to invite all parents and students from grades 7-12 to 'save the date' for an upcoming conference for parents addressing the well-being and mental health of your children. This conference is called "It Takes a Village, in the Village" and will take place on February 12th from 6-9pm at London South Collegiate Institute. This is a collaboration with our feeder schools as well, whose parent community is also encouraged to join us if they have children in grades 7 or 8, More details available on our website.

All the best to each and every Lion as you continue your Semester Two learning and discovery!

Sincerely,

Doriana Rosati

The Arts

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Follow the South Visual Arts Department on Twitter @SouthVisualArts

SOUTH DANCE COMPANY

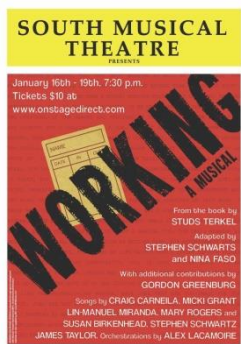


Auditions for the SDC were held on Tuesday Feb 5th and the Lions did an excellent job sharing and creating. Thanks to the professional panel of judges who can support the dancers and we look forward to seeing what next year's show explores. Anyone who missed the auditions but are still interested in the course, should see Ms. Gamble ASAP.

MUSICAL THEATRE

Congrats to the cast and crew of "WORKING". The show was a huge success and the future of the MT program at

South looks very bright. Thanks to the wonderful audiences and sponsors who supported the program and we look forward to seeing what the actors bring to the stage next year.



MUSIC

All groups rehearse at lunch in the music room.

- Concert Band (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- Choir (Tuesdays)
- Guitar Ensemble (Thursdays)

Concert Band is preparing for their upcoming performances at the Kiwanis Music Festival and Variety Is.

Math

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 26, 2019
Registration Deadline – February 8, 2019

Fryer/Galois/Hypatia
April 10, 2019
Registration Deadline – March 22, 2019

Euclid April 3, 2019 - Registration Deadline - March 18, 2019

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

It's never too early to start practicing for next year!

Family Studies

Family Studies is looking forward to a great semester 2. A warm welcome to Ms. Graham, who will be joining Mrs. Baldacchino and Ms. Driver in the department. All Family Studies course are running this semester and we are hoping to showcase some of the projects around the school this spring. Please see any department member for questions about course selection for the 2019/2020 year.

Student Success at South

Mrs. Baldacchino would like to congratulate all students for their hard work during semester 1. Semester 2 is already in swing and students are reminded that if help is needed, please contact a member of Guidance or Student Success. We are here to help!

The Lions' Den will be available for drop in for periods 3 and 4 only.

The Academy Program

-Congratulations to the 4 grade 9s for compacting Careers while in Geography. They are already a half credit ahead and have chosen to compact Civics this semester. Great job Malcolm A, Will E and Justin S. and to Jasmine M.

-Thanks Mrs. Jaremko for doing a holiday baking ELOPE session.

-Thanks to those who participated in the Escape room. Both teams were successful, but the grade 9s- just narrowly!! Let Mr. Gamble know if

anyone wants to try and Escape second semester.

-Good luck to Greta R. who will be writing an Advanced Placement exam in May (Microeconomics)

-Congrats to those who did some exceptional work on their Interdisciplinary 'Passion project' ISPs and delved deeply into a topic that met the expectations of two courses

-Be sure to join the SCI Academy Google classroom to keep up to date (parents welcome as well) -See Mr. Gamble if you have any topics you'd like to see in upcoming ELOPE sessions. Best of luck in semester 2.

FMNI/Multicultural Committee

Looking for a committee that embraces diversity within our school and community? Join the FMNI/Multicultural Committee. We meet every other Tuesday at lunch in room 215. All are welcome.

South Roarbotics



The robotics team will be competing in the following tournaments:

- Windsor Essex Great Lakes Tournament from March 20 to March 28, 2019

- Western University Tournament from April 5 - April 7, 2019

The best time to come out to cheer on the team is from 11:30 am to 7 pm on Saturday, April 8th and from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 9th at Thompson Arena at Western University.

This is a very exciting event, so come out to support South team 6881.

To learn more about First Robotics go to: <https://www.firstinspires.org/>

Relay for Life

South's annual Relay for Life event is coming up this spring. On March 1st, committee members will attend Relay U with the Canadian Cancer Society at the London Convention Centre. This is a day long seminar to help plan ideas for the event. New and returning members are welcome to join the Relay for Life committee. Weekly meetings will be held at lunch (day and location TBA – please listen for announcements). Students can also speak to Ms. Driver or Mrs. Austin about ways they can become involved with the event.

Student Council

Student Council would like to invite all South students to come to the Semi Formal Dance- "Winter Wonderland". The dance is on Thursday, February 28th and will run from 7-9:30. Tickets cost \$10 and will be available for purchase online. Students must have paid their student fees and read and checked off their dance contract in the parent portal to be able to attend. Students are allowed to bring one guest each, but must pick up a guest pass form well before the dance. This application will need to be signed by the guest's principal and parents. The guest must bring his or her student card to the dance.

Breakfast Club

South's Breakfast Club continues to run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45-8:50am in the staff cafeteria. NEW THIS YEAR: South's

DE program has introduced a Breakfast Snack program on Tuesdays and Thursdays outside of Room 205 between Period 1 and 2. ALL students are welcome to use these programs.

Guidance

In the world of guidance, we have been registering students for courses for the 2019-2020 school year. This includes Grade 8's from our feeder schools as well as from outside of our area. We are looking forward to providing a robust and inclusive program for all students who are interested in attending London South Collegiate.

Grade 12's are encouraged to begin investigating scholarships and bursaries offered by the TVDSB. More information on these is available at www.tvdsb.ca.

Deadlines are quickly approaching. Grade 12;s who are moving to post-secondary next year and are looking at financial assistance can begin investigating options now. More information is available from South Guidance or on the South Guidance website under Money. To receive funds before the start of their new program, students should apply before the end of June 2019. Contact Mr. Karasek in Guidance for more information. There will be an OSAP presentation in May. Stay tuned to twitter and Instagram @LSCIGuidance.

Athletics

Winter sports are in progress:

- Jr & Sr Boys Basketball
- Jr & Sr Girls Volleyball
- Swimming
- Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey
- Curling

Concussions

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



www.tvdsb.ca

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.

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.

Student Punctuality

An increasing number of students are coming to class late. This is having the effect of disrupting classes, losing valuable instruction and learning time for students, and affecting the tone at the school. We ask that parents and students have a discussion at home about the importance of coming to school on time and consider some strategies to ensure that all students arrive to school and to classes on time.

Repeated lates will be addressed as a disciplinary problem if they persist.

South Daily Schedule:

Period 1: 8:10 – 9:30

Period 2: 9:35 – 10:50

Lunch: 10:55 – 11:45

Period 3: 11:50 – 1:05

Period 4: 1:10 – 2:25

The Smoke Free Ontario Act

Enforced at South

In the first week of school, at our grade assemblies, all students were advised of the implications of the new Smoke Free Ontario Act at South C.I. this year. Specifically, student cannot smoke any item (i.e. cigarettes, vape, cannabis) within 20 meters of school campus property. Doing so may result in a fine of \$305 or more.

We ask that parents do what they can to become familiar with this act and about vaping, in particular. The vapes that are on the market cannot be sold to a minor, yet many of our

students have them. Vapes are also quite benign looking and may look like a pen or a USB. They can also be quite expensive to purchase. Please note that if a student is caught with a vape at school, it will be confiscated. If a student is caught vaping at school, a suspension may ensue as well as a \$305 fine. Moreover, the health risks associated with vaping are not all known, but considered to be quite significant. You are encouraged to learn more about these risks and may wish to have a conversation with your son/daughter about the health implications of this activity out of concern for their well-being.

Also worth noting is:

- Although cannabis is now legal for students over 19, any student or employee cannot smoke/consume cannabis during the school day. Similar to alcohol, if a student engages in its use during the school day, disciplinary measures will be taken and any cannabis/alcohol is confiscated and disposed of.
- Nobody can sell cannabis or cigarettes to anyone else at school. Doing so is illegal and will involve the authorities.

Struggling with a Student at Home?

If you are struggling with a student at home, you are reminded that we have a number of resources available to you to access at the school.

- Reach out to classroom teachers if your child is having academic difficulty or issues related to the classroom.

- Reach out to our Guidance counsellors (Mr. Karasek for Gr.10-12 and Mrs. Sidler for Gr.9) if your child is experiencing some social-emotional struggles or difficulty with their program choices/timetable/course load.

- Reach out to our Administration (Mrs. Rosati and Mr. Embree) if there are any safety or school issues that they can help resolve.

We also have a Social Worker (Maggie Medcalf), School Psychologist (Dr. Barb Richardson), School Nurse (Julie Goverde) and Community Resource Officer (Constable Anthea Fordyce) who are also resources that may be helpful to you, your child or your family if you need them.

Parent Engagement At South

Your South School Council is planning a second annual parent engagement event. "It Takes a Village in the Village" is the name of this event. It will take place on February 12, 2019 at South C.I. from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The entire event will bring together experts from the community to present information and strategies to parents and students on overcoming common adolescent challenges and achieving positive well-being. Some of the topics include: Vaping & Cannabis, Legal implications of some teenage choices, Relationships, Promoting Positive Well-being, Parenting in the Cyber Age, etc. A number of exhibitors will also be present to share their community resources and supports to our South parent community. Please save this date. Separate sessions for parents and

students will be offered – so you can come together as a family yet be part of different sessions to personalize your experience. We hope to see

London South C.I. School Council Presents

It Takes a Village in the Village

Promoting Wellness, Health and Positive Well-being



February 12, 2019 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
371 Tecumseh Ave. East, London
 • FREE PARENT / CAREGIVER & STUDENT EVENT •

Welcome & Keynote Speaker - Dr. Colin King

PRESENTATIONS:

Wellness - TVDSB Psychologist

Health & Teen Behavior - MLHU Public Health Nurse

Legal Implications of Teen Choices - London Police Services

Managing Pressure & Relationships - TVDSB Social Worker

Cyber Struggles and Managing Social Media - TVDSB Safe Schools



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• Refreshments provided • Childcare provided



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