

SOUTH C.I. HOME OF THE LIONS

August 2022

Dates to Remember:

September

5 Labour Day - holiday
6 Professional Activity Day – NO SCHOOL
7 First Day of School
12 Picture Day
15 Opening Day Forms Verification
Due on line
26 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm
30 Orange Shirt Day

October

10 Thanksgiving Holiday
24 PD Day



Ms. M. Sullivan & Mrs. K. Masson

Happy New Year, Lions!
Mrs. Masson (Vice Principal on the right) and Ms. Sullivan (Principal on the left) are both excited to return to South in the fall of 2022! Mrs. Masson is returning for her second year at South and Ms. Sullivan is returning after 30 years since her graduation from South. Although it has been a tough few years in education and in the world, we know that the South Lions already have many of the skills they need to get through tough times, and we are all excited to find new and safe ways

A Message from the South Administration

to enjoy many of the traditions that we have enjoyed in the past! Lions, this year is the year to show us what you've got in the academic department while finding new and different interests in extracurriculars. You can perfect an old skill and stretch yourself to try something new. Believe in the "growth mindset" If you're not there YET it will just take more time and more practice! Whatever you do, make a conscious decision to make this year terrific. Lion parents and guardians, we also need your help. Secondary school students do need their parents to be involved with the school. Please register on the parent portal (more information below) so that you can see your child's attendance and marks and you can stay up to date with announcements from the board and the school. Also, make sure that we have your current contact in case of emergency and so that we can stay in

touch. In an effort to "go paperless" we will send out newsletters, make announcements about upcoming events and invite you to parents' night through e-mail, TWITTER, and the website. Please update your contact information. Also, consider joining us virtually on September 26th at 6 pm for School Council. Watch your e-mail for the information and the nomination of the 2022-2023 School Council Chair.

Finally, students and parents, please think about dressing for success when you shop for new outfits September. The dress code will be reviewed this year with all stakeholders but the message is the same . . . Stay classy, Lions!
Take care,

*Margaret Sullivan
Karen Masson*

Anaphylaxis? Asthma? Diabetes?
Epilepsy?

Let us know.

Individual Plans of Care (IPOC):

If your student has a medical condition that the school should be aware of (Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Heart Condition, or others) please log into the parent portal and complete the IPOC for your student. **It is parent/guardian's responsibility to inform 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.



Locks

Students may purchase locks at a place of their choosing, or locks are available at School Cash On Line for \$9.00. Bring the receipt to the front office to pick up a Dudley lock.

BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

For personal learning it is ideal if students bring their own computing device where possible to avoid shared devices. In classes where school computers are required (eg. Communication Technology, or Computer Programming) there are computers for each student. If your daughter/son does not have a device, we will work with her/him to share the limited school devices during school hours.

Lockers

All lockers will be assigned to students. The assigned locker is on the student timetable in the right hand corner. Grade 9's are able to find their lockers during High School Here I Come and put their lock on the locker. Do not put locks on a locker other than the one assigned to you to avoid having the lock cut off (replacement is the student's own expense).

Guidance

Students will be seen by Guidance Counsellors alphabetically.

Mrs. Sidler A – E

Mrs. Baldacchino F - O

Mr. Johnston P – Z



PICTURE DAY

Picture Day for ALL students and staff is Monday September 12, 2022



Athletics

Cross Country, Jr & Sr Boys' Volleyball, Jr & Sr Girls' Basketball and Football Jr and Sr will begin the first week of school. Students are asked to listen to the morning announcements for more details.

Parent Portal Parents' Key to Sharing Information

It is extremely important that parents/legal guardians register for and have access to the Parent Portal so that you have access to pertinent information regarding your student.

Parents must log in and complete all forms online. In order for parents/legal guardians to access the Parent Portal, each parent/guardian is required to be registered in our student management system as a guardian for their child/children and have a valid e-mail address recorded in the system. This process is done when you register your student at South.

Information will be posted to the Parent Portal relevant to the 2022-23 school year.

Parents/Legal Guardians who do not currently have access to the Parent Portal are invited to visit the TVDSB Parent Portal - https://schoolapps2.tvdsb.ca/parents/tvdsb_parents/ - in order to create a login account using the email address you provided on the registration form. There is an online video on the login page to assist parents through the process.

Once in the Parent Portal, you will have access and must complete and/or approve the following information by **September 15 2022**

- Student Information Sheet – verify data in the student management system;
- Student Emergency Contact Sheet;
- Parental Consent to view IEPs and provide comments;
- Parental Consent for Release of Student Information;
- Student Attendance;
- Student Achievement Information;
- Student Timetable;
- Links to Forms.

After September 15th, we will be contacting individual families that have not completed the on line forms. If the Student Information form is not correct, please print the form and make the corrections. Please send the form with your student to the main office. We will update the information in our data base. If you don't have a printer, we will follow up and print any forms not verified by September 20th.

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. 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

Timetable Changes

Any student who is requesting a timetable change must access the Google Form in late August. There must be valid reasons for a change request and parental approval, for students under 18. Many classes are now full and some students are already on waiting lists, so changes will be minimal. 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 & may miss appointments.

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, 2023. 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: www.tvdsb.ca

Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking & Vaping

*Tobacco, Cannabis and Smoke-Free Environment:
Effective September 2018*

Students, staff and visitors are prohibited from smoking or vaping on school board property and within 20 metres from any point of the perimeter of any school board property. This includes the smoking or holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (marijuana), and includes a ban on the use of e-cigarettes and electronic smoking devices. Students and staff that have a legal medical document authorizing them to use medical cannabis will be able to do so on school board property, but only in a non-smoking or non-vaping form (e.g., capsules, edibles and oils). Students, staff and visitors are also prohibited from using shisha, smokeless tobacco and/or cannabis products (unless medically prescribed) and all related accessories. This code of conduct is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and on school buses, or during any part of an official school field trip, including athletic team trips and school club excursions. Failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in internal student discipline (e.g., warning, notification to parents/guardians, withdrawal of privilege, suspension, etc.) and/or charges and fines issued by an Officer of a Provincial Enforcement Agency.



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 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.

Student Parking Regulations for 2022 - 2023

Access to student parking in the upper parking lot is a privilege offered by South Collegiate Institute to responsible students. Student drivers are ambassadors for South so will have to agree to drive responsibly and respectfully to and from school in our neighborhood in order to park in the school parking lot.



In September, students will be required to agree to the parking regulations and apply for a Student Parking Pass. Some of the expectations for students to receive a parking pass will include: driving the speed limit, accelerating at a reasonable rate and avoiding squealing tires and other reckless or disrespectful driving behaviours. All of these safe driving practices also respect that our parking lot is situated next to homes and it will also be expected not to play loud music, loiter or leave garbage.

Please register vehicle(s) information (make, model, colour, licence plate number) and report any changes. Ms. Teves has applications in the main office

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. This fee includes the photo student card, cost of school wide special events that support healthy schools and culture for learning, events organized by the student council, orientation activities, student recognition, club support and championship athletics. Students will be issued a student card as soon as the photographer takes their student photo and the card is required to participate in co-curricular activities. Student Fees are available for payment online. Team fees will also be posted online.

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.

My Big Yellow Bus

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.



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