



The Southwood Source



Southwood Staff

2023-2024

JK/SK (EYA)- C. Djelebian

ECE - C. Woschenski

JK/SK (EYB)- S. Tessier

ECE - A. Dinham

Grade 1 (1A)- A. Mamo

Grade 1/2 (1/2A)- C. Coulter

Grade 2 (2A) - S. Forget

Grade 3 (3A)- Z. Hamadani

Grade 3/4 (3/4A) - M. Pfaff

Grade 4 (4A) - J. Piescic/S. Clark

Grade 5 (5A) - M. Dragicevic

Grade 5 (5B) - A. Noble

Grade 6 (6A) - K. Trudell

Grade 6 (6B)- J. Scherer

Grade 7 (7A) - J. Dunlop

Grade 7 (7B) - M. Cichon

Grade 8 (8A) - D. Chisholm

Grade 8 (8B) - N. Fitzsimmons

LST - D. Edgar

Library/LST - V. MacDonald

GAINS A - A. McKane

GAINS B - A. Bonadonna

GAINS C - S. Lysay

French - T. Laurendeau

French- S. Ruffolo

Prep Coverage - S. Drouillard

Gains Prep - A. Seibel/S. Curley

ESL Itinerant - B. Beneteau

DSW - D. Branch

DSW - A. Quinn

DSW - T. Mickle

EA - A. Renaud

EA. - A. Parent

EA - A. Kaur

EA - F. Sami

EA - M. Ashton

EA - V. Lopez

EA - A. Carter

CYW - J. Glover

Day Custodian - J. Pomponio

Afternoon Custodian - G. McMullen

Afternoon Custodian - M. Roy

Clerk - A. Slade

Secretary - J. Millar

Vice Principal - T. Dugan

Principal - M. Lowes

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Southwood Families,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our Southwood school community for your generosity this holiday season. Our generous families donated nearly 700 canned and non-perishable food items to St. Mary's Food Bank! We appreciate Mme. Laurendeau and School Council student members for organizing this event.

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year runs from February 20th to March 1st. Parents/guardians can go to: <https://www.publicboard.ca/en/our-schools/kindergarten.aspx> to explore a virtual Kindergarten classroom to see what their future classroom might look like next September. There are videos to watch, pictures to view and fun activities for kids. To begin Kindergarten in September 2024, children must be four years old by Dec. 31, 2024 for Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) and must be five years old by Dec. 31, 2024 for Senior Kindergarten (Year 2). Our in-person Kindergarten Open House is on February 21st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

We would like to thank Paradise Charitable Gaming Association, our staff, Southwood volunteers and School Council members who have volunteered their time to work our School Bingos. The bingos provide us with much needed funding to support our school and students. With these funds we have purchased new technology such as iPads, laptops, viewboards, and projectors. We have also purchased educational online programs including RazKids, BrainPop, Around the World and musicplayonline.com. Our GAINS classrooms have received equipment and supplies needed for our students with diverse needs. A great big thank you to Mrs. MacDonald for coordinating volunteers. Our Bingos take place twice a month. Please consider volunteering your time and sign-up to work a 2-hour bingo with us. Please contact the school at (519) 969-3470 if you are able to volunteer to help with this important fundraising opportunity.

January is always a busy month! Please note the important dates in this newsletter. As always, we encourage you to access your Edsby account, follow us on Twitter, and/or visit our school website regularly for information updates. Please feel free to email, message on Edsby, or call the school if you have questions, concerns, suggestions or compliments!

Your Partners in Education,
Mrs. Lowes
Principal

Mrs. Dugan
Vice Principal

School Bell Times

Supervision Begins - 8:00 AM

Instructional Time Begins - 8:15AM

1st Nutrition Break - 9:55 to 10:35

2nd Nutrition Break - 12:15 to 12:55

Dismissal: 2:35PM

Scan this QR code to access our website!



Promoting Spirit, Strength,
Success and Kindness!



Grade 8 to Grade 9

Out of District Application

Grade 8 students wishing to attend a secondary school other than their designated secondary school:

Out of District applications will be accepted during the following dates only:

January 8-19, 2024

Parent/guardian will be notified the week of February 5th, 2024 by the secondary school principal.

If a student is accepted to the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), the Enriched Program, eSTEAM Program or Walkerville Centre for the Creative Arts (WCCA) they do not need to complete the Out of District application.

Application for Out of District can only be made for ONE secondary school.

To apply, please go to: <http://outofdistrict.publicboard.ca/>

★ Access Code: (YOUR STUDENT NUMBER)

School Advisory Council

Be at the heart of your child's learning.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS HAVE THREE MAIN GOALS:



Support Academic Achievement



Improve School Climate



Strengthen Family Engagement

School Advisory Council continues to welcome parents/guardians to join Southwood School's School Advisory Council. New SAC members are welcome to attend. Our next SAC Meeting is **Thursday, January 18th, 2024 @ 5:30pm** in the school library.

Attendance

The school must follow a very strict protocol as established in the Ontario Safe Schools Act 2000, that requires us to attempt to make contact with parents/guardians of absent students.



Please remember to enter your child's absence in Edsby or call the office to advise us of your child's absence. Alternatively, parents/guardians can also leave a note in their child's agenda the day before an absence. By working together, we ensure the safety of our children.

Please ensure that the school has at least **2 emergency contacts** for your child. If your information needs to be updated, please contact the office at **(519) 969-3470**.



We need your help!

We are looking for: **Bingo volunteers**



Student Transportation, Inclement Weather & Driver Absence



For the current school year (2023-24), if student transportation is canceled schools will be **open** unless otherwise notified by the school board. Students should report to school at their regular times (8:15am start for Southwood students).

In the event of a bus driver absence, the operator will make every effort to replace drivers. This may result in some busses running late. Information related to bussing delays will be posted on the main page at www.buskids.ca. If the operator is unable to fill a vacancy, the applicable bus route will be cancelled. Cancellations will also be posted at www.buskids.ca. Parents and caregivers who created an account with Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services will receive an email and a notification on the Buskids app notifying them of a bus cancellation. Parents and caregivers should be reminded to check www.buskids.ca an/or their email every morning before sending their child to the bus pick-up point.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. Our students have two opportunities daily to be outside (recess and lunch) as well as times planned by teachers throughout the week. We believe in outdoor play and education and encourage students to enjoy their environment. Please have your children dress appropriately for the weather.



Allergy Aware School & Scent-Free Environment



Within our school community there are several students who have potentially life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to foods. Food allergies are predominately to peanuts and/or nuts, but may also include sesame seeds, eggs, egg by-products, fish, and berries. Parents/Guardians are asked to **please check the ingredients of all the foods your children bring to school** (snacks and lunches), and avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure. We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to NOT send in any food for special events, birthdays, etc. The only food that should be coming to school should be for your child's own personal consumption. Thank-you for your assistance in keeping all of our students safe! We appreciate your co-operation and understanding. For more information regarding these types of allergies, please visit www.anaphylaxis.ca.

We would also like to remind our community that we are a scent-free environment to protect our students and staff who have allergies and sensitivities to the chemicals contained in products with fragrances. Please help us maintain a safe environment to make our school a comfortable learning environment for all members in our community.



STUDENT

School

SPIRIT WEAR



AVAILABLE NOW **ORDER ONLINE**

www.wearitproud.ca/collections/sabres-student

Southwood Campaign from January 8th until January 26th.
All School SPIRIT WEAR orders are completed once Campaign ends.

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January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6
Winter Break!						
7 WELCOME BACK TO School	8 First day for Spirit wear orders!	9	10	11	12	13
14 Orthodox Christian New Year!	15 Pizza orders due	16	17	18 Pizza Day SAC Meeting @ 5:30pm Library	19 Highschool out-of-district applications due PA Day - No school for students	20
21	22	23	24	25 Pizza Day	26 Last day for Spirit wear orders	27 Family Literacy Day
28	29	30	31			

தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள்

Tamil Heritage Month





January marks the beginning of Tamil Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on the rich history, culture, resiliency, and strength of Tamil communities across Canada. Canada is the proud home of one of the largest Tamil diasporas in the world. Tamil communities play a vital and inspiring role in our society.

Over the course of this month, members of the Tamil community will come together to celebrate the many great contributions that they have made and continue to make, and it serves as an opportunity for everyone to acknowledge and honour their tremendous achievements. Canadians from coast to coast are invited to learn more about the Tamil language and culture throughout the month of January and beyond.



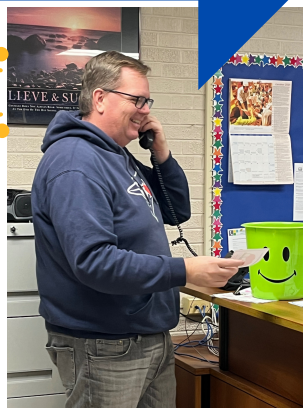
Southwood's December 2023 in Pictures



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SCHOOL-WIDE
HOLIDAY BINGO FUN!



Sabre
Generosity!



SABRE -
"SNOW
BALL"
DANCE!





Spotlight

ON OUR REMARKABLE STAFF!



Mme. Laurendeau
French



Mme. Ruffolo
French/Prep

Thank you to our incredible French teachers for enlightening us with their linguistic expertise. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication and patience. They not only teach the intricacies of grammar and vocabulary, but they also foster an appreciation for the French-Canadian culture. Their passion shines through in every lesson they teach!

Merci beaucoup!