

The Southwood Source

Back to School



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT OR LATE PLEASE SUBMIT ABSENCE ON EDSBY OR CALL: 519-969-3470.

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/southwood/index.aspx>

Southwood Staff

2023-2024

- JK/SK (EYA)- C. Djelebian
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- JK/SK (EYB)- S. Tessier
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- Grade 1/2 (1/2A)- C. Coulter
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- Grade 2/3 (2/3B)- Z. Hamadani
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- Grade 4 (4A) - J. Piescic
- Grade 5 (5A) - M. Dragicevic
- Grade 5/6 (5/6A) - A. Noble
- Grade 5/6 (5/6B) - K. Trudell
- Grade 6/7 (6/7A)- J. Scherer
- Grade 7 (7A) - J. Dunlop
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- Grade 8 (8A) - D. Chisholm
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- Library/LST - V. MacDonald
- GAINS A - P. Rigney
- GAINS B - A. Bonadonna
- GAINS C - S. Lysay
- French - T. Laurendeau
- French- S. Ruffolo
- ESL Itinerant - B. Beneteau
- Prep - A. Seibel/A. McKane (LTO)
- DSW - D. Branch
- DSW - T. Pollock/A. Quinn (TSS)
- DSW - T. Mickle
- EA - A. Renaud
- EA - A. Parent
- EA - A. Kaur
- EA - F. Sami
- EA - B. Davidson
- EA - J. Chimienti
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- Afternoon Custodian - G. McMullen
- Afternoon Custodian - M. Roy
- Clerk - C. Holley-Lord
- Secretary - J. Millar
- Vice Principal - T. Dugan
- Principal - M. Lowes

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

Dear Southwood Families,

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer with time to re-energize as we begin the 2023/2024 school year. We are very excited to welcome back our Sabre students and families and meet our new students and families! It is very exciting to be back at school with our wonderful community of learners. Our Southwood staff have been very busy preparing their classrooms to be welcoming, inclusive, and engaging learning spaces for our students to have a fantastic school year. We appreciate their commitment to creating learning environments where our students will reach their full potential. We will do all we can to support our students as we strive to develop responsible, caring, reflective, and resilient young people who are able to think and communicate effectively. We also thank Facility Services and our Custodial staff for their great work over the summer. Our classrooms, gym, library, and offices are ready for all the learning that will happen this year. Last but not least, we thank our office staff, Ms. Millar and Mrs. Holley-Lord for all the work they do to ensure our school runs smoothly. Please help us welcome all new staff who are joining us this September. Tentative staffing assignments for this school year are included in this newsletter. Please note that teaching assignments can change due to reorganization.

We look forward to partnering with you this year as we strive to help every one of our students grow their love of learning. Stay connected with our school community via our website, Edsby app, and follow us on Twitter. As always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns you may have. Please reach out to us by phone or on Edsby. We encourage families to review our Student Handbook available in your child's agenda and on our school website. Thank you for your support!

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish everyone a very successful, joy-filled school year in 2023-2024.

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
- Lunch Break - 12:15 to 12:55
- Dismissal: 2:35PM

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Classroom Placements for 2023-2024

Each year, great time and effort is put into determining the appropriate classroom placement for our students. Classroom placement considerations begin by looking at the number of teachers/classes we will have. The class allotment is based on the number of students enrolled at the school in the spring of the current school year. Once the staff have been tentatively assigned to the school, staff along with administration compose the classes to include each student in a class. Our teachers have spent a considerable amount of time during the last few months of the school year discussing class placements and ensuring classroom placement decisions represent our best efforts to support student success.

Classroom placements are a school decision that are based on a number of factors. As a school we work together to ensure that we look at what will work best for all students involved. Students have been placed into their new classes after careful collaboration with our school teams, including sending and receiving teachers.

Considerations for placement include classroom dynamics, specific grouping needs such as academic and social, personalities, gender balance, and the availability of support services. We always keep in mind **student learning needs** when determining which class students will go in. Please note that class placement requests for a specific teacher or combined/non-combined classes cannot be accommodated at this time, due to the impact that various changes can have on the balance in the classroom. **All classroom placements are TENTATIVE until re-organization on September 25th.**

Students and parents/guardians often have questions regarding combined classes. Please see the information regarding combined classes included on this page. If you have any questions about your child's classroom placement for this year, please feel free to call the school.

How Will A Combined Class Affect My Child?

With a focus on lowering class size and an emphasis on differentiated instructional techniques, the likelihood of combined classes increases. Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades into one classroom. Schools combine classes to meet student learning needs and to balance class sizes. All classrooms include students with a range of abilities and skills. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs. All classrooms whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. In every case, schools strive to create classroom environments that will support the needs of ALL students.

Several studies have found that students in combined classes do just as well as students in single-grade classes. In fact, some students actually do better in language and reading. Canadian studies show that children in combined classes have more opportunities for emotional and social growth. The rich social environment helps students:

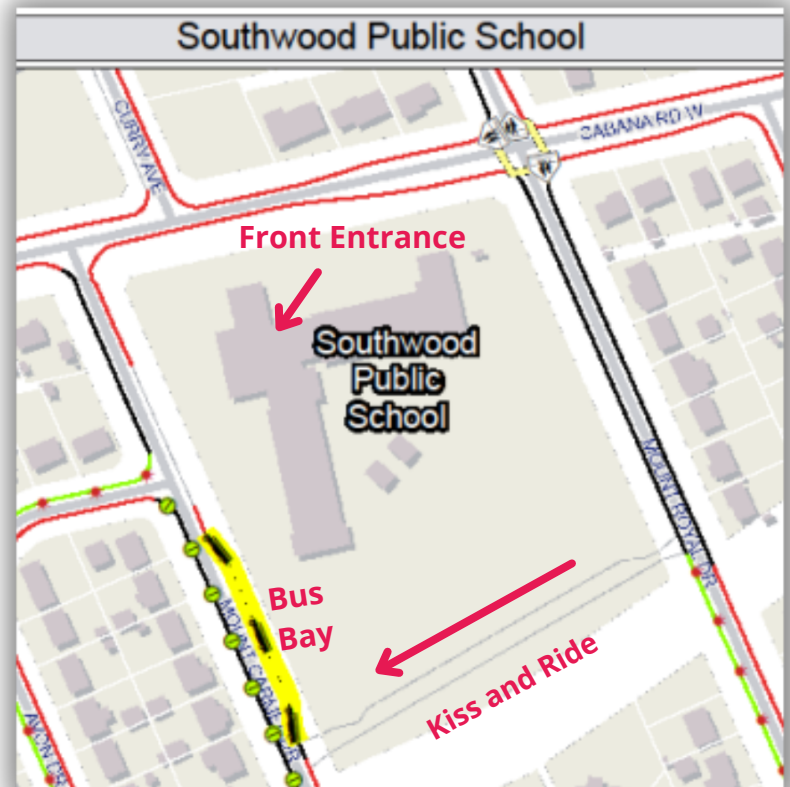
- learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- develop decision-making skills and become more self-motivated and responsible
- learn in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand student's perspectives.



Kiss and Ride/Pick up & Drop off Safety Routines

- If you are using the Kiss and Ride please fully stop at the stop sign at the end of the Kiss and Ride before proceeding and watch for pedestrians using the sidewalk. There are a lot of students and other pedestrians who are walking near our school grounds during our drop-off and pick-up times.
- It is very important that all drivers wait their turn in our Kiss and Ride. Weaving in and out of the line to pull into a closer spot in the Kiss and Ride creates unsafe conditions that endanger children, parents, and staff who are in the area.
- For safety purposes, please ensure your children **exit the vehicle from the door that is on the same side as the sidewalk**. Exiting from the left-hand side and walking to the other side of the vehicle may cause unsafe conditions.
- Please do not use the parking lot if you are picking up or dropping off your child during pick up and drop off times. Students and parents should not be accessing the parking lot during this time as it is reserved for school and board personnel and not safe for students to be traversing due to traffic that may be in the parking lot.
- Please ensure that students are coming to school in the morning between 8:00am and 8:15am. **Supervision does not start until 8:00am.** Students will not be permitted on the yard prior to 8:00am and should not be gathering at the gate before 8:00am. We encourage students to come closer to 8:10am if possible. To avoid congestion we remind our Sabres to use their designated entrance when coming to school. We thank our parents/guardians for waiting at the gate when they are walking students to and from school.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time as we continue to work together to make school a safe place for everyone!





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Personal Electronics at School

Southwood Public School reminds students to take responsibility for the safety of their school and board devices.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices during class time is at each teacher's discretion, following our code of conduct and intended for educational purposes.

Students may only use technology under the supervision of a teacher during school time.

The school phones shall be used by students only in special circumstances, such as in the case of an emergency, and in all such cases, permission must be granted by staff and/or office personnel. This includes the use of classroom phones. Cell phones are not to be used by students on school property. School phones will be made available to students for emergencies. Should a student have a cell phone in their possession, it is to remain off and secured in their backpack during the school day.

Lates/Absences

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time so they do not miss important instructions and disrupt learning. We want to set students up for success by encouraging independence and having them walk to their class independently. This will help build good routines and start on the right path for success. **Please remember to access Edsby to enter student illnesses, lates, and absences or call in all absences available 24 hours a day.** We are required to reach you by telephone if your child is absent so please update the school with any phone number changes. 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**.

Use of the School Parking Lot

Due to student safety concerns, our school parking lot is **not** to be used for student drop off or pickup at arrival or dismissal times.

It is the responsibility of the driver to respect the signs along the road and the safety of our students and guests. Please do not stop along Cabana Road or Mount Carmel Road to pickup or drop off your student. Please use the Kiss and Ride!

Our special education buses use the parking lot entry to pick up and drop off students. Please refrain from parking at the bus bay area located along Mount Carmel Road.

If you are dropping off or picking up a student outside of arrival and dismissal times, please use the "short term" parking spots near the front of the parking lot as they are the closest to the front doors of the school.



Allergy Aware School



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 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 to these students is to 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.



Medical Conditions and Medications



If your child has a serious medical condition, please contact the child’s teacher and the office. We need to be provided with up-to-date information and medication. If your child receives medication on a regular basis, GECD SB Policy requires that you complete a consent form and complete a form with your doctor. This policy outlines the roles and responsibilities for all in the educational community to support students with possible life-threatening medical conditions. The prevalent medical conditions covered under this policy are Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, and Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders. If your child has one of these or any other life-threatening medical conditions, please contact the school as soon as possible.

The forms and information from families will be used to complete a Plan of Care for students who have medical conditions or require medication (e.g., inhalers, epi-pens). We appreciate your assistance in ensuring all of these forms are completed and submitted to the school. Please contact the school if you have questions or require forms (519)969-3470.

Parents/guardians should administer medication at home whenever possible. When oral medication is administered by school personnel it will be kept in the office. Non- prescription oral medication as well as prescription medication requires the completion of an authorization form by a medical practitioner before medication can be administered. This form is available at the school office. The bus company also requires a copy of life-threatening forms.

Before/Afterschool Childcare Providers

Here are the licensed child care providers for Southwood Public School. Should you wish to contact them, the numbers and information are listed for you below.

Child Care Centre	OnSite	Contact information
YMCA of Windsor and Essex County	Yes	(519) 969-8686 www.ymcawo.ca
Delta Chi Early Childhood Centre	No	(519) 566-8316 (519) 250-4410 360 Curry Ave., Windsor, ON http://deltachichildcare.com

Scent-Free Environment

We would 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.





School Advisory Council

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and guardians who are interested in being a part of making Southwood a great place for our students, to join the school council.

The school council helps to provide our students with new experiences, fresh resources, community growth, and to represent the families for some decisions at school. Please refer to the SAC Council nomination form.

Our first SAC meeting will take place on: **October 5th, 2023 at 6:00pm in the school library!**

All are welcome to join!



Sabre Healthy Snack Program



Healthy Snack programs are a wonderful way to get students crunching and munching on all sorts of healthy foods! Through the generous support of the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and the PC Children's Charity, snack bins filled with healthy snacks, such as fruits, vegetables, dairy and grains will be delivered to each classroom every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please support our program by volunteering 1 hour a week to help prepare snacks for our students. Contact Mrs. Dugan if you are able to support us.



We need your help!

We are looking for:

- Snack program volunteers
- Bingo volunteers

Please call the school if you would like to volunteer for these jobs, or any other ones you feel would be helpful, please contact the school to discuss your interest!

Student Agendas

Classes at Southwood Public School will receive school agendas. Teachers will let students know if they will be using agendas this year. The subsidized cost is \$6.00 this year and it can be purchased through **SchoolCash Online due by September 15th**. The agenda serves as an excellent educational and organizational tool, allowing parents to monitor homework assignments, as well as communicate with teachers. Please review the important information located in the front of the agenda including the Student Code of Conduct, QR code, and calendar.

What is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

[Learn more](#)




To register/access SchoolCash Online go to:

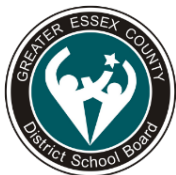
<https://gecdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3	Labour day - No School 4	Welcome back to school Gr 1 to 8 5	Sri Krishna Janmashtami (Hinduism) 6	7	International Literacy Day! 8	9
Grandparents Day World Suicide Prevention Day 10	First day of School for Kindergarten 11	12	13	14	Agenda & Frozen Yogurt money due 15	16
17	18	19	Frozen Yogurt Day 20	Terry Fox Run 21	P.D. Day (No school for students) 22	Fall Equinox - 1st Day of Autumn 23
Yom Kippur begins 24	Reorganization Day 25	26	Frozen Yogurt Day 27	Meet the Staff Night (tentative) Outdoor movie night 28	Orange Shirt Day!  29	National Truth & Reconciliation Day 30



2023-2024 International Language Classes: A GECD SB Continuing Education Program



The Greater Essex County District School Board is pleased to offer our International Languages program. This year, International Languages classes are being taught in person. This program is available to students in Grades 1-8 from across Windsor and Essex County.

Your child does not need a background in a particular language to be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity to acquire a second or third language. International Languages classes run on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. throughout the year, beginning in October through May. The following languages may be offered:

Albanian American Sign Language Arabic Bengali German Gujarati Hindi Italian
Korean Mandarin Nepali Persian Punjabi Serbian Spanish Tamil Tigrinya Urdu

Note: English and French are 1st languages in Canada and are not offered in this program.

Click on the link or scan the QR code to register.

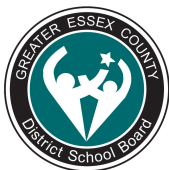
Deadline to register is Friday, September 22, 2023.

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/programs-and-learning/international-languages.aspx>



For any further inquiries about the program, please contact

Mr. Jimmy Norman, International Languages Principal at 519-255-3200, Ext. 23203.



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Vice Principal – T. Dugan



Principal – M. Lowes

Secretary – J. Millar

Candidate Nomination Form for School Advisory Council Positions

The GECSDB values the role of School Councils in contributing to the success of all schools. *“A person is qualified to be a parent/guardian member of a school council if they are a parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled in the school.”*

Nominations close Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ 3pm ~ Thank you for your support!

Roles and Responsibilities of School Council Members

A. Chair - The Chair of the School Council shall:

1. Call school council meetings
2. Prepare the agenda for school council meetings, in consultation with the Principal
3. Chair school council meetings
4. Ensure that the minutes of school council meetings are recorded, maintained and distributed
5. Participate in information and training sessions
6. Work in partnership and communicate with the school principal and staff
7. Ensure that there is regular communication with the school community
8. Consult with senior board staff and trustees, as required
9. Ensure all financial records are maintained appropriately
10. Be an ex officio member on all committees
11. Oversee the establishment and the maintenance of all assigned sub-committees
12. Ensure executive positions are filled annually
13. Identify members who fail to attend meetings regularly and who do not have excused absences satisfactory to the school council
14. The Vice-Chair will assume the duties of the chair when and where appropriate

B. Council Members - The members of the School Council shall:

1. Participate in council meetings
2. Participate in information and training programs
3. Act as a link between the School Council and the community
4. Encourage the participation of parents from all groups and of other people within the school community

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Business _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school as of September 2023.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the Southwood School Advisory Council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the School Council as described below.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to school with your child if you wish to be a member of Southwood's School Advisory Council.

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- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period. If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

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Example: A 15 year-old was playing soccer in gym class. The student suffered a knee injury and required medical treatment.

	Platinum Plan	Without insuremykids®
Annual Premium	\$33	\$0
Knee Brace	\$0	\$1,500
Crutches	\$0	\$35
Prescription Medication	\$0	\$36
Physiotherapy	\$0	\$400
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$33	\$1,971

Are you sure your child is covered?

Government health plans and employment plans offer limited coverage. We help to fill in the gaps.

Three Plans to Choose From!

Benefits* Include:

	Platinum Plan	Gold Plan	Silver Plan
	\$33/year	\$25/year	\$17/year
24 Hours/Day Coverage	✓	✓	✓
Out-of-Province Emergency Medical & Other Travel Benefits	\$200,000	n/a	n/a
Total & Permanent Disability**	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing or Speech**	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Accidental Death	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Unlimited Accidental Dental	10 years	10 years	10 years
Per Tooth After 10 Years	\$1,650	\$1,400	\$1,250

*Benefit limits vary based on plan chosen and the insured's age.

**Only one of these two benefits is payable per child in the event of an accident. For complete descriptions of benefits, benefit limits, conditions, limitations and exclusions, please view the policy online at www.insuremykids.com.



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Save time and money! One quick purchase is all it takes to get multiple years of coverage!

Student Accident Insurance Application Form



Premium Summary

	Platinum Plan	Gold Plan	Silver Plan
1 Child	\$33	\$25	\$17
2 Children	\$66	\$50	\$34
3 or more Children	\$91	\$69	\$47

You can purchase online, by phone or by mail.
 To purchase by mail: Complete this application form and mail it, along with your payment (no cash please), to:

Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada
 c/o Insuremykids®
 Box 557, 100 King Street West
 Hamilton, ON L8N 3K9

To view our insuremykids' Student Accident Policy, visit www.insuremykids.com.

How would you like your policy delivered?

By Email By Mail

Premiums are one-time single annual rates. For quotes on our 3 and 5 year policies, please call us at 1.800.463.5437.

Automatic Enrollment Option - want to save time and ensure protection is in place each year. Select Yes to Automatic Enrollment located just above the payment section, and add your credit card information. Each year your child will be automatically enrolled and the applicable premium charged to your credit card on the expiry date. (auto-enrollment does not apply to 3 and 5 year plans)

Insurance begins on the date when we, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada, or our authorized representative receive your completed application and the premium.

Name of Student(s) (please print clearly and list more names on separate sheet if needed)

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth Y Y M M D D	Plan Type			School Name & School Board Name
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Parent/Guardian Name				Address			
<input type="text"/>				<input type="text"/>			
City	Province	Postal Code	Telephone Number		Email Address (please print clearly)		
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Automatic Enrollment Option: 2 easy steps and your child is automatically enrolled each year (subject to eligibility).

1. Select Yes below
2. Provide your credit card information

The premium will be charged to your credit card automatically each year on the expiry date of your policy. To cancel, notify us anytime before the policy expiry date. No partial refunds for months or years.

Automatic Enrollment Option:: Yes No

<p>TOTAL PREMIUM \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p>Please check off your method of payment below: No cash please. Make all cheques payable to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card payment</p>	<p>Credit Card Payment (if applicable)</p> <p>  </p> <p>Credit Card Holder Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Credit Card Number <input type="text"/> Expiry Date mm/yy <input type="text"/></p>
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Name _____
(Please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

