

The Southwood Source

DECEMBER 2022



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



Southwood Staff

2022-2023

JK/SK- C. Djelebian

ECE - C. Woschenski

JK/SK - S. Tessier

ECE - A. Meloche

JK/SK - A. Barraco

Grade 1 - C. Coulter

Grade 1/2 - A. Mamo

Grade 2 - S. Forget

Grade 2/3 - D. Hunt-Robinson

Grade 3 - H. El-Khachen

Grade 3/4 - M. Pfaff

Grade 4 - S. Black & A. Carosella

Grade 4/5 - M. Dragicevic

Grade 5 - T. Mio

Grade 6 - J. Dunlop

Grade 6 - K. Trudell

Grade 7 - M. Lucier

Grade 7/8 - L. Landry

Grade 8 - D. Chisholm

Grade 8 - M. Cichon

RISE/PREP - K. Camlis-Leroux

LST - D. Edgar

GAINS 1 - A. McKane

GAINS 2 - A. Gerardi

GAINS 3 - S. Lysay

Library/Prep coverage - V. MacDonald

French- J. Meszaros

French - T. Laurendeau

ESL Itinerant - J. Piescic

DSW - D. Branch

DSW - T. Mickle

EA - A. Carter

EA - A. Renaud

EA - L. Murray

EA - K. Entwistle

EA - M. Mejia

EA - F. Sami

EA - S. Jay-Fox

EA - T. Marentette

CYW - J. Glover

Custodian - M. Merucci

Custodian - M. Roy

Secretary - J. Millar

Clerk - C. Holley-Lord

Vice Principal - T. Dugan

Principal - M. Lowes

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

Dear Southwood Families,

We had a very busy and exciting November! We hosted Olympic Badminton Champion, Charmaine Reid who shared her impactful message of resiliency, hard work, and the importance of goal setting with us. We celebrated our Pizzermo Pizza fundraiser success with a pie-smashing assembly. We honoured those that fought for our freedom during our Remembrance Day ceremony. We sent home progress reports and shared our successes and set new goals with our families during Interview night. We brought in over 333,671 grams of cereal for GECSB schools with Breakfast programs. Our successful book fair run by Mrs. MacDonald also made enough money to buy more culturally relevant mentor texts for classroom and student use.

As we approach the holiday season, we feel it is important to celebrate Southwood's inspiring sense of community! We encourage all Sabres to seek out opportunities that promote our "Culture of Kindness" by being respectful to one another and lending a helping hand when possible. We encourage you to consider how you might brighten someone else's season. To continue our school's kindness goal, the Southwood Spirit Squad led by Mrs. Landry will be organizing a GIVING TREE for the month of December. Please help by donating new hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks to those in our community that utilize StreetHelp Windsor.

We would like to wish Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. McIntosh all the best as they join their new schools. We thank them for their time and dedication to our students. We would like to welcome Educational Assistants, Ms. Lyndsay Murray and Ms. Kiana Entwistle who will be supporting in our GAINS classrooms. Please enjoy a well-deserved holiday break beginning on December 24th. We hope you celebrate with your family and friends and look forward to seeing everyone again on January 9th, 2023!

Your Partners in Education,

Mrs. Lowes
Principal

Mrs. Dugan
Vice Principal

School Bell Times

Supervision Begins - 8:00 AM

Instructional Time Begins - 8:15 AM

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

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

Dismissal: 2:35 PM

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Promoting Spirit, Strength,
Success and Kindness!



What is Resiliency?

Southwood Public Schools Character Pillar is Resiliency!
Resiliency is the ability to adapt well when facing and rising above challenges. People who are resilient have an easier time

- o Setting and moving towards realistic goals
- o Looking towards the long term
- o Accepting change as a part of life
- o Engaging in active decision making
- o Engaging in self-discovery
- o Communicating and problem solving
- o Having an optimistic outlook
- o Having a realistic perspective of the world around them as well as themselves
- o Being flexible
- o Actively learning new things
- o Actively engaging in self-care
- o Building connections with others



You have tremendous impact on your child's learning!

The GECD SB has created these guides to support you and the GECD SB's mission which focuses on excellence in education by building confident learners, engaging with our communities, and demonstrating ethical stewardship.

These guides will help you understand the learning expectations in each grade and to help your family navigate elementary school.

To view our guides click on: **K-8 Partner in Learning Guides - Greater Essex County District School Board (publicboard.ca)**



Sabres Care and Share

As the cold and snowy weather is here, please consider donating:



o **NEW** hats, mittens, scarves or socks (used clothing cannot be donated)

o Tim Horton's Gift Card for \$2 - \$5 (nothing larger please)

A Tim's card will provide a homeless person a warm place to go and something to eat

o By **Wednesday, December 21st**



ALL OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WILL GO TO WINDSOR'S

STREET HELP HOMELESS CENTRE

Helping the homeless in the Windsor Essex-County region since 1995



Pizzeria Pizza Fundraiser



Thank you, Southwood families, for supporting our Pizzeria Pizza fundraiser! With your support, we raised over \$3,600 to help fund our Walking Path Goal!

Division Winners

Top Kindergarten Class – JSKT (Mrs. Tessier) – 180 pizzas

Top Primary Class - 1A (Ms. Coulter) – 123 pizzas

Top Junior Class – 4/5A (Miss. Dragicevic) – 148 pizzas

Top Intermediate Class – 7/8A (Mrs. Landry) – 96 pizzas

Top Sellers

1st place: AJ in Mrs. Tessier’s JSKT – 140 pizzas

2nd place: Ryker in Miss. Dragicevic’s 4/5A – 63 pizzas

3rd place: Stevie in Ms. Coulter’s 1A – 60 pizzas

Students who "PIE"ed Mrs. Lowes and Mrs. Dugan



AJ in JSKT
Stevie in 1Coulter
Ryker in 4/5 Dragicevic
Addie in JSKD





Cereal Box Challenge

Our Cereal Box Challenge is now complete. Thank you to all of our students and families for their commitment to this worthy cause. Our grand total collected this year is 333, 671 grams.

The average class brought in about 12,000 grams each....that's huge participation!!



The top 3 classes with the highest grams in total are:

1st place: 2/3 Hunt-Robinson 47, 235 grams

2nd place: JK/SK Tessier 39, 672 grams

3rd place: 7 Lucier 36, 635 grams



We'd also like to acknowledge some very generous contributions from our Southwood families and some corporate donations:

AJ Bratt family JK/SK Tessier

Ella Savard and Zehrs Superstore (Dougall) 7 Lucier

Ryker Vachon 4/5 Dragicevic

Chase Morand (Sabre graduate) & family

Ms. Lara Partridge (now Brennan), former teacher here at Southwood...sent cereal in all the way from Fayetteville North Carolina)

Dr. Abee Azar and staff, FYI doctors Walker Road location

A special thank you to **Mrs. Hunt-Robinson & her class** for leading our Cereal Box Challenge!

Thank you all for your participation and support during our season of giving!!!





Secondary School Information

At the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECSDB), we do our best to make the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 as smooth as possible for our students. We've provided information and resources about high school and what to expect so students can confidently transition to this next stage of their education. For more information go to: [Secondary School Information - Greater Essex County District School Board \(publicboard.ca\)](https://www.publicboard.ca)



2022-2023 Grade 8 Information Nights

School	Date	Time	Notes
Belle River District High School	December 1, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Doors open 5:30 p.m.
Essex District High School	January 17, 2023	4:00 p.m.	
W.F. Herman Academy - Secondary	December 6, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Pasta Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Honourable W.C. Kennedy Collegiate	January 11, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Kingsville District High School	January 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Leamington District Secondary School	January 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Vincent Massey Secondary School	January 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
North Star High School	January 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Riverside Secondary School	November 29, 2022	6:00 p.m.	
Sandwich Secondary School	January 16, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Tecumseh Vista Academy - Secondary	December 13, 2022	6:00 p.m.	
Walkerville Collegiate Institute	January 12, 2023	6:00 p.m.	
Westview Freedom Academy	December 7, 2022	5:00 p.m.	

Program Application Deadlines

School	Program	Deadline
Riverside Secondary School	International Baccalaureate	December 16th, 2022
Leamington Secondary School	International Baccalaureate	December 16th, 2022
Vincent Massey Secondary School	Enriched Courses (Out of District Students Only)	December 22nd, 2022
Tecumseh Vista Academy	E-STEAM (Entrepreneurship in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)	January 13th, 2023
Walkerville Collegiate Institute	Walkerville Centre for the Creative Arts	November 4th - CLOSED



December 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Pizza Day World AIDS Day	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	
4	5 Author Eric Walters visits Southwood	6 Youth Diversion Presentations	7 School Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00pm	8 Pizza Day	9	10 International Human Rights Day
11 Special Presentation: Stewardship Assembly	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hanukkah begins	19	20	21 Winter Solstice/1st day of Winter WECHU Dental Health Screening JK/SK & Gr 2	22	23 Spirit Day - Wear your Holiday Sweater/Shirt	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31
Winter Break until Jan 9th, 2023						



Christmas

Christmas is the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on December 25th. It is a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. Christmas dinners are also an important part of the celebrations. Families and friends will share food together, eating traditional foods, such as turkey, mince pies and Christmas puddings.

Hanukkah



Hanukkah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. It begins on the 25th day of Kislev, the ninth month of the Hebrew calendar and continues for eight days. This year it lands on December 18th to December 26th. The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple. To celebrate the ancient miracle of the oil burning a candle for eight nights, Jews celebrating Hanukkah light a candleholder called a menorah for eight nights. The menorah holds nine candles—one for each night plus a candle called the shamash used to light the other candles. People recite special blessings and prayers, sing songs, and exchange gifts to celebrate.

KWANZAA



Kwanzaa is an annual holiday affirming African family and social values that is celebrated from December 26 to January 1. Both the name and the celebration were devised in 1966. The name Kwanzaa is derived from a Swahili phrase (matunda ya kwanza) meaning "first fruits," and is a seven-day celebration that comprises traditional African harvest festivals and draws on activities from cultures across Africa. The seven-day celebration represents the seven values of nguzo saba: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).



GOAL SETTING & RESILIENCY



HOW TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS!



Olympic Badminton Champion Charmaine Reid!

