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Trustee – John Byrne

*“Come Learn With Us”*

*“Come Achieve With Us”*

## PHOTO DAY

Photo day has been postponed to a future date yet to be determined. We will advise of the new date as soon as we know it. Thank you so much for your understanding.

## BALANCED DAY

We are continuing to operate on a balanced day. Please see the schedule below for clarification.

Busses Unload/

Student drop-off	8:55 AM
Class Begins	9:10 AM
Recess	10:58 AM
1 <sup>st</sup> Nutrition	11:18-11:38 AM
Recess	1:14 PM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutrition	1:34-1:54 PM
Dismissal	3:30 PM

## GRADE 7 HEPATITIS B VACCINES

Grade 7 Hepatitis B Vaccine is scheduled for October 30, 2015 @ 9:00AM.

## GRADE 8 GIRLS - HPV VACCINE

Grade 8 Girl HPV Vaccinations are also scheduled for October 30, 2015 @ 9:00AM.

## FOOTWEAR

Please ensure that your son/daughter has indoor shoes (all grades), preferably gym shoes, with **non-marking soles**. The school stays cleaner and the kid's feet are much more comfortable if they are dry and clean. A dry pair of socks and a change of clothes in case of an emergency kept in their backpack or in a bag on their hook can also be a benefit should they get muddy, wet or be ill unexpectedly.

## \*Criminal Reference Checks

Criminal Reference checks must be renewed every other year and a Declaration is required for the year in between. Please feel free to contact Kathy or Susan in the office if you are unsure.

All checks must be done directly through the OPP office and it **requires the individual to attend in person**. There is a **letter you are required to take with you from our office** confirming your volunteer status to allow this service at no charge. We can send it home with your child if you call and give us your full name and birth date.

Please find below a list of suitable ID. One piece of ID must be photo ID (2 are required).

- Driver's Licence
- Canadian or Foreign Passport
- Permanent Residency Card
- Canadian National Institute of the Blind ID Card
- Birth Certificate
- Outdoors Card
- Immigration Papers
- Age of Majority Card
- Possession and Acquisition Licence (or PAL Card)
- Certificate of Indian Status
- Canadian Military Employment or Family Identification Card
- Hunting Licence
- Canadian Blood Donor Card

\*\*\* This can take up to two weeks for completion.

### School Bus Cancellations-Late busses

In the event of school bus service cancellation, the following notifications are sent out and parents can access any of these for the information. Every attempt will be made to have the decision made by 6:15 a.m.

**BOB FM - 91.9 FM**

**Country 105 - 105.1 FM**

**[www.tlidsb.on.ca](http://www.tlidsb.on.ca) website**

\*\*\*\*Staff & parents can subscribe to receive late, delayed and cancelled school bus information.

**Go to [mybustoschool.ca](http://mybustoschool.ca) Delays and Cancellations to register!**

### Medication

The school will not administer medication unless it is a prescription authorized by a doctor. The school will provide a form that must be completed prior to administering the meds. Medication should be in its original container.

Please ensure the school is aware of any medical concerns / conditions your child may have.

### \*\*Custody and Access Papers Required

Please be advised that **legal papers /custody agreements are required** for each school record. Over the years, this may have been overlooked or forgotten but we do require an up to date copy for each OSR. If custody of your child is anything other than both or joint, we require legal documents on file. Please ensure a copy of this document is submitted to the office as soon as possible. It is urgent that students have this information in their file before entering high school and also to ensure any special circumstances are noted and adhered to.



Our school has launched a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." **To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on the school's website homepage.**

### Community Organizations and Peachjar

All community organizations that want to distribute flyers must use Peachjar according to our district's contract.

Please register at [www.peachjar.com](http://www.peachjar.com).

### School Connects / Safe Arrival

- ❖ **It is important that Parents notify the school** of all absences by phoning and leaving a message with the school Secretary or on the **454-3364 safe arrival line** (24 hrs) or by sending a note to the office prior to the absence date. If you receive a call from our new School Connects Attendance System, pressing 2 confirms your child's absence and should prevent any more calls regarding that day's absence or call the school immediately if you have any concerns. A call for each student with an unexplained absence will be made even if in the same household. We need to know all students are safe.
- ❖ Also remember to **check in at the office** upon entering the school to sign in. If you are dropping off items for your child, we will have your child slip down at a convenient time so as to create minimal disruption to your child's class.
- ❖ Parents who are **picking up students after school** are asked to do so through the office, so students are signed out and we are aware of who is not riding the bus. Students should not be picked up in the parking lot for safety reasons.
- ❖ **A note** is always required when a student has "other than normal" plans. When walking after school or getting off at a different bus stop, please remember that the note requires a signature from someone in the office.
- ❖ Please remember that **siblings are not permitted to stay** to watch team practices unless accompanied by a parent/adult - coaches must concentrate on the team and should not be expected to supervise other students.