

Parent's Update – June 17

1. My thanks to the five parents and guardians of our **SCHOOL COUNCIL** this year! We had our last meeting of the year on Wednesday and if you would like to be part of this 'low stress – high information' group next year, please let me know. Below are the minutes to the meeting – and there is a great deal of important information in it to ADD to today's memo. (i.e. pass rates, school improvement, report cards, next year's start-up, etc.)
2. Once again I will remind everyone that as of Monday, there are only 4 more teaching days in the year. The last day for students to hand in work/assignments/projects is **NEXT THURSDAY, JUNE 23**. Be sure to earn the mark you deserve. For many students, Thursday could be the last day of the year!
3. There have been lots of questions about **CREDIT RESCUE**. To be clear, credit rescue days are as follows:
 - *Period 1 = Friday, June 24
 - *Period 2 = Monday, June 27
 - *Period 3 = June 28
 - *Period 4 = June 29

Students do not attend those days unless they have made an appointment with their teacher ahead of time. **These days are for ANY student to come and try and improve their mark.** And remember, teachers may have a couple of assignments ready for any student who wishes to improve his/her mark on these days, but now is the time to submit all other assignments that may still be outstanding.

4. Student timetables for **NEXT YEAR** will be available on the portal in early **AUGUST**. By then all staff will be hired, classes organized, and rooms ready. Stay tuned for more information over the summer.
5. Students with an **IEP who have a chromebook or laptop** should return their device to the resource room between Monday, June 20th and Thursday, June 23rd for summer storage. Students who require a device for the credit rescue days will be provided a loaner from the school.
6. Remember if your student needs a **BUS** for next year – you **MUST** register. The information the bus company has sent us is on the page below and is also posted on the school website. Please do this **ASAP** so that there are no issues in September. The deadline is July 15.

Thanks to all!
M. Moore

2022 - 2023 Register to Ride!

Bus registration for next school year is now open! To schedule bus service more effectively for students, Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (STS) has an **annual mandatory transportation registration process for students who are eligible for bus service**. This form does not apply to students who use specialized/accessible transportation to meet their unique needs. **Students who are using the school bus must register every year.**

To register before July 15th, click here: [2022-2023 Bus Registration Form](#) (or go to mybigyellowbus.ca)

Translated Bus Registration Information Letters Available:

[ARABIC](#) [PORTUGUESE](#) [KOREAN](#) [CHINESE](#) [HINDI](#) [KURDISH](#) [SPANISH](#)

Know Your Student ID:

Prior to registering, families should also make sure they know the Student ID number. Student IDs are available in the STS Parent Portal or your School Board Parent Portal.

Registration Due Date:

Transportation Applications will be closed on July 15, 2022 so that routes can be finalized before the start of school. Families who register for the bus after July 15th may experience delays and transportation may not be in place for the start of school.

You don't need bus service next year?

No action is required. School bus service is a shared ride environment, with multiple students using the space over the course of the day. Some families may not wish to use bus service for personal reasons. **If you are not using bus service, you do not need to register.** We understand that your circumstances may change, if they do, please fill in a registration form at that time.

Frequently Asked Questions:

We understand you may have questions or need assistance with the registration form, we are here to help you!

- Visit our [Help Page](#) for Frequently Asked Questions
- Send us a message at [Contact Us](#)
- Call our Registration Hotline at 519-432-0687

Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services

A.V.S.S. School Council
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
TEAMS meeting
7:00pm

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome | M. Moore |
| 2. Staff Report | J. Goold |
| 3. Principal's Report | M. Moore |
| 4. 'Any other business' | M. Moore |

Present: Moore, Goold, Grogan
Regrets: Telfer, Weeks, Pasch, McKinnon, Wrobel
Adjourned: 7:48pm

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report
School Council
June 15, 2022

UPDATES:

A. Semester Two Midterm Marks

- overall pass rate is 82%; it is 1% less than semester one
- with all the strategies we have in place, we anticipate our overall pass rate to be at 90% at the end of the year
- after-school tutoring, lunch time homework help room, credit rescues days (see below), SST plans for at-risk students, online work posted in all classes; Resource Room/LST supports...

B. Prom

- 60 students (including 10 'guests') had a fantastic evening; most stayed right until 10pm
- candy bar, decorations, specialty food prepared by Foods program, punch, 'guest' DJ – all 'free' for students who attended
- special thanks to Dance Committee, Ms. Osterback, Mrs. Saini, Mr. Bee, Mrs. Goold + all staff supervisors

C. Viking Raid

- Friday, June 10; lunch was extended for 30 minutes (ultimately 50 minutes – due to power outage)
- gave out over 400 free hotdogs, 100 freezies, 100 bottles of water; student band; games and activities on field
- special thanks to Student Council and Ms. Osterback, Mrs. Saini, Mrs. Goold, Mr. Simon, Mr. Goodwin +++

D. OSSLT (Grade 10 Literacy Test)

- completed during several days in May; done online using chromebooks
- special thanks to Mr. Telfer, Mrs. Blondeel & Mrs. Gray for leading the committee and organization

REMINDERS:

1. Commencement

- will be taking place on *Friday, October 28* in the evening

2. School Improvement Over the Summer

- gym ceilings are being painted in August (*very expensive & very needed*)
- another first floor hallway to be painted
- 2 classrooms to be painted
- over 150 new desks and chairs will be put in classrooms to replace old ones
- looking forward to seeing what *Student Council* proposals may be submitted by June 23

3. Next School Council meeting

- in September; look for my email in summer

4. Credit Rescue Days & Plans

- June 23 is last day of 'new' material
- June 24, 27, 28, 29 are all credit rescue days – by *appointment w/teacher*; for *any* student to improve final mark
- no final exams again this year; plans for next year are being discussed at TVDSB level (+/-)

5. Staffing

- teachers leaving include: Mrs. Meharg (VP), Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Levey, Mr. Deven (R), Mr. Bee (R)
- hiring of staff the school is ongoing right now

6. Final Report Cards

- look for them on the portal the week of July 4+. Physical pickup of report cards will be avail. the week of July 11
- *Where:* Main Office *When:* Monday-Thursday *Time:* 9-2

7. September Start Up

- for the first time in years, students do not attend school on "... the Tuesday after Labour Day"
- Tuesday, September 6 is a PD day for staff only
- student's first day will be Wednesday, September 7

ANY OTHER BUSINESS?

Special thanks to all School Council members this year! Their views, opinions, suggestions have all been greatly appreciated and it has been so powerful having their insights to help guide us during this very, very trying year.