

WORTLEY ROAD PS

November 2023

Principal's News

Happy November to all our families and Happy Diwali to our families who will be celebrating Diwali on November 12th! We have had a great October and we are looking forward to the coming months ahead. The weather has been wonderful lately but this week there will be a significant drop in temperature. We appreciate you sending your children to school dressed and prepared for the weather. When the snow arrives, please remember to send along snowpants, winter boots, warm hats, and extra mittens and socks.

On November 10th the Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations, and Progress Reports for grades 1-8, will be sent home. The Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations provides an account of observations and early evidence of growth in kindergarten students that has occurred in September and October. Grade 1 to 8 Progress Reports communicate your child's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall and notes their general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subject areas. If at any other point throughout the year you have something you wish to discuss or share with your child's teacher or myself, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The date for Parent Teacher Interviews is scheduled for November 17th.

We are always happy to have new families join us at either our School Council or Home and School meetings. These meetings are in person and scheduled to be an hour in length. **Home and School's next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m., and our next School Council meeting will also be on November 8th at 7:00 p.m.** We would love to have you join us at either or both meetings! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like more information regarding either Home and School or School Council and I can pass your name along to our chairs.

It is so great to have **sports teams** playing and competing again this year! Our soccer team participated in a regional soccer tourney, our cross country team did well and we had members who competed in the city finals, and presently our boys' and girls' basketball team are enjoying competing with other schools. Many thanks to coaches Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Wood (soccer), Mrs. Rimbault and Mr. Jones (cross country), Mrs. Rimbault and Ms. Lee (boys' basketball) and Mrs. Karahalios and Mr. Jones (girls' basketball) for coaching our teams!



Important Dates:

- 1st - Girls Basketball Game @ Northview
- 2nd - Boys Basketball @ Mountsfield
- 3rd - Hot Lunch
- 7th - Girls Basketball @ Wortley Rd
- Boys Basketball @ Wortley Rd
- 9th - Photo Re-take Day
- 10th - Pizza Lunch
- Progress Reports Go Home
- Remembrance Day Assembly 
- 14th - Boys Basketball @ Wortley Rd
- Girls Basketball @ Wortley Rd
- 15th - Girls Basketball @ Kensal Park
- Boys Basketball @ Lambeth
- 16th - Hot Lunch
- Saunders SS Info Night 6:30 p.m.
- 17th - PA Day - Interview Day
- 21st - Boys Basketball @ Wortley Rd
- Girls Basketball @ Byron Somerset
- 30th - South Info Night 6:30 p.m.



Yesterday was an exciting day as the grade 8's organized our **first school dance** for all our students! Thank you to everyone who donated treats to be sold at the dance; the proceeds will be going towards the grade 8 graduation and year-end trip. We also got to see our grade 7's and 8's test our their **catapults** as they took turns launching pumpkins into the air to see which one would travel the farthest!

We have some wonderful grade 7 students in Mr. Jones class who have taken on the lead to organize **the collection of 519 white socks in support of the 519 initiative** to provide socks for the homeless in our community. Thank you to the generosity of our families for sending in all the bundles of white socks so far; please keep them coming in! We will be collecting these socks up until Thursday, November 16th.

Finally, Ms. Wood has been working with our students in preparation for **Remembrance Day** on November 11th. All our families are invited to attend this ceremony which will be held in our gym at 10:30 a.m. on November 11th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful November!
Warm regards,
Mrs. Santa, Principal



Reporting Student Absences

Please report your child(ren)'s absence using the School Messenger Absence Reporting system, www.tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger. Or, please call the school office at 519-452-8720.



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Wortley Road Home and School Update:

Your Wortley Home & School Association is grateful, as always, for the support of our fantastic families with all of our fundraising efforts. As a result of your continued support, kindergarten classes through grade 3 will all receive a new i-Pad to enhance student learning in the classroom along with some fun Phys Ed equipment! Thank you for helping Home and School make this happen!

**NEXT
MEETING**
Tuesday October 10th
6:00 p.m.

Please remember that Hot Lunch is available to order at <http://www.hotlunchorders.com> every second Friday (opposite weeks to the Grade 8 pizza lunches). Orders need to be placed by Sunday night of the delivery week. Check out this year's new menu for some tasty options!

Stay tuned for more information about the famous **White Elephant Sale coming on December 21st**. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for family and friends and get them wrapped! We'll let our school community know once donations are being accepted.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Your Home and School Co-Chairs,
Sarah Mann & Allison Marquis



GETTING READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Saunders Secondary School - Grade 8 Open House

Thursday, November 16th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- All Grade 8s interested in attending Saunders SS should attend this Open House

TVDSB will be hosting an Online Parent Information Session on November 16, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

More information, including the link, to come.



Music Notes

The fall is a very busy time in the music room! There is so much to do and lots of events to be recognized and planned for!

The primary Choir rehearsals have started and take place on Mondays at first break in the music room and band rehearsals are on Tuesday mornings at 8:15 a.m. It's going to be amazing working with these amazing young musicians and watching them learn and grow through these extra-curricular activities!

We have also been invited to do a performance at **Wortley's "Christmas in the Village"** - with a performance in the village on **Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 p.m.** Therefore, there will be a Grade 4-8 choir starting up very soon and rehearsing during the first break on Thursdays! More information will be coming home to those parents in the very near future. This is an exciting opportunity for our students! Since Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year, grades 1 - 8 will come together in the gym to recognize it on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m. All parents, friends, and community members are welcome. This is a student-led service and will have a significant number of our students participating in this service.

At the end of the month on **November 29th**, our **Grade 7&8 instrumental classes will be spending the better part of the day at South Secondary School** working alongside high school music students and other community schools. By the end of our day there, our students will be working in a mass band environment with a public performance in the evening at 7:00 p.m. at South Secondary School. We hope to have you join us!

It won't take long and then our holiday performances will be upon us!

Currently, our holiday performances are planned for:

- Wednesday, Dec 13th. Grades 4-6 classes and Concert Band. 1:00 p.m. dress rehearsal 6:30 p.m. evening performance. Family are welcome to attend either performance.
- Wednesday, Dec 20th Primary Choir and grade 8 holiday musical 1:00 p.m. dress rehearsal and 6:30 p.m. evening performance.

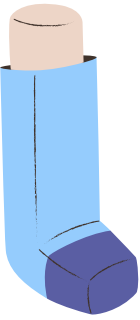
More information about these amazing performances by our Wortley students will be coming to you - especially in the December.

-Ms. Wood, Music Teacher





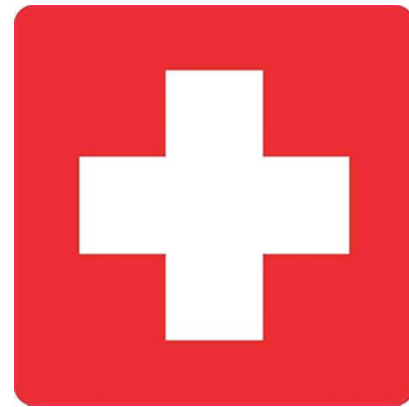
Student Medical Information



If your child(ren) has a Prevalent Medical Condition (ex. asthma, a life threatening allergy, etc.) IPOC forms must be completed and given to the school. These forms can be found on the [Parent Portal](#) and submitted online.

By notifying the school and submitting these forms, staff are better prepared to support your child(ren) if ever in a medical emergency.

If you have questions, please contact the school office at 519-452-8720 or at wortleyroad@tvdsb.ca.



School Lunches

All food at Wortley Road PS needs to be **ALL NUTS FREE**, as some of our students have life threatening allergies to nuts.

We ask to be mindful when packing your child(ren)'s lunches and keep any and all nut products at home.

If you find yourself struggling with making a lunch that is both nutritious and exciting for your child(ren), please check out the Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) website for some ideas and access to the Canada's Food Guide.

<https://www.healthunit.com/food-and-healthy-eating>

Volunteer Coaches Needed for our Strong Start Program



Strong Start to reading
"Making a difference in the life of a child"



Would you be interested in being a volunteer literacy coach? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in playing fun literacy games one-on-one with a senior kindergarten or grade 1, 2 or 3 student, two times a week, for 30 minutes at a time. The commitment is for 10 weeks.

All games and materials are provided. Volunteers would require a criminal background check. Two online 2- hour training sessions would be provided. All interested volunteers should contact our school at 519-452-8720 and leave their name and number.

The Strong Start: Letters, Sounds and Word program is offered in hundreds of schools and is growing. For more information regarding a full list of sites and partners, please visit www.strongstart.ca/ lsw. To register for Volunteer Coach Training, scan the QR code.





WORTLEY ROAD PS SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY



The cross-country team has been working hard at improving their endurance and stamina. Students in Grades 3-8 came to early morning practices to improve their distance and time. Wortley had 11 students go to the City Finals and each person ran their best!

Thank you to the families for making accommodations for traveling to the meets and setting a routine for early morning practices. Great job, Roadrunners!

-Mrs. Rimbault & Ms. Lee, Cross-Country Coaches

BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL -

The Girls Basketball team have started their season off strong. They have shown determination and growth in their ability and skill. Let's keep the momentum going, Roadrunners!

-Mr. Jones and Mrs. Karahalios, Girls Basketball Coaches



BOYS BASKETBALL

WORTLEY ROAD

THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HAVE STARTED OFF THEIR 2023 SEASON. THE BOYS ARE LEARNING THE GAME VERY WELL BY COORDINATING PLAYS, MOVING DOWN THE COURT, AND ATTENDING PRACTICES. GOOD LUCK ROADRUNNERS WITH YOUR SEASON!

Mrs. Rimbault and Ms. Lee, Boys Basketball Coaches

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PURSUIT - Sock Drive

From **October 1st** through to **November 15th** the **Grade 7** students in **Mr. Jones' class** are working hard to facilitate the collection of donations of new pairs of socks for individuals facing homelessness here in London.

Socks are one of the most asked for items and least thought to be donated. we appreciate your support! Please continue to donate white athletic socks.

For more information <https://519pursuit.ca/>



School Mental Health

Bullying and Cyberbullying



Using words to fix conflict is hard and takes practice

Conflict is a part of everyday life. Conflict can happen when there is a disagreement between people with different opinions.

Try these communication tips to help your child express themselves and manage conflict:

- Stay calm
- Use "I feel" statements to share feelings
- Listen to the other person's side
- Use eye contact

Bullying is ongoing negative behaviour directed at someone to exert power and control. Please reach out to your school if you have concerns about bullying at school.

@mlhealthunit



Information sources can be found on our website at: <https://www.healthunit.ca/school-health-newsletter-inserts>

An Arts-Enriched Opportunity for Students
Currently in Grades 3-7

Information Night



Wednesday, November 29, 2023
7:00pm @ Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts
795 Trafalgar Street - London, ON - 519.452.8300



Registration Link: pearson.tvdsb.ca/registration
Note: There is a \$60.00 Registration Fee for the Student Workshop due on January 31, 2024