

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an extension of the school program. In all cases, home will be notified in advance and a signed permission form will be requested. To earn the privilege of going out of the classroom, a student must:

- follow consistently the RRDSB School Code of Conduct
- keep daily school work up to date and at a level of performance consistent with the pupil's ability.

A teacher may, in consultation with administration exclude a student from an activity if his/her behaviour is not acceptable and classroom work has not been completed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils are advisory bodies to the school principal and, where appropriate to the School Board. Elected parents form the majority of the Council. Meetings are held on a regular basis with date and time advised through a newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BUSSING

The school bus is considered to be an extension of the school. The Rainy River District School Board "Code of Conduct" applies to students taking the bus. While on or waiting for the bus, students must act in a responsible manner and follow all directions given by the driver. The bus driver will inform the principal of misbehaviour. Bussing arrangements made at the beginning of the school year **cannot** be changed on a day-to-day basis. If you have any questions about transportation or if you want to know if a bus has been cancelled due to inclement weather, visit the <http://rrdtsc.rdsb.com> website.

DRESS CODE (see poster)

Students are expected to conform to a reasonable dress code appropriate to a school environment. School dress, when appropriate, should not jeopardize the health and safety of anyone in the school. Clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, has a sexual reference or is offensive in any way is not allowed. Students are to dress appropriately for weather conditions.

SCHOOL DEVICES/DESKS

Students are expected to follow all user agreements (PED) for all school computers and devices. Desks, bins and devices are school property and subject to search at any time. Please refer to RRDSB Policy 2.64 for more information on Digital Citizenship.

SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	Donna Kowalski
JK/SK	Sherri Hay
Grade 1	Mary Ann Haw
Grade 2	Kim Walter
Grade 3/4	Jessica Haw
Grade 5/6	Kerri Loughrey
Grade 7/8	Rob Kinsman
Reading Recovery	Krista Williams
Special Education	Krista Williams
French/Prep	Shari Reynolds
Communication Assist.	Johanne McInerney
Library Assistant	Grace Hettinga
Early Childhood Educator	Sara Empey
Educational Assistants	Brenda Jodoin Sondra Caul
Secretary	Joyce Pollard
Custodians	Bruce Wickstrom/Tania Angus
Bus Drivers	Colin Romyn Greg Ferris Keith Jolicouer James Gibson Gwen Dimit

Daily Schedule

School Starts	8:45 AM
First Instructional Block	8:45 AM - 10:25 AM
First Nutrition Break	10:25 AM - 11:10AM
Second Instructional Block	11:10 AM - 12:50 PM
Second Nutrition Break	12:50 PM - 1:35 PM
Third Instructional Block	1:35 PM - 3:15 PM
Dismissal	3:15 PM

I'M HERE CAMPAIGN

The "Here" campaign provides resources to schools to build awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of regular school attendance:

- For students, "I'M HERE" means they are present. They are "here" physically and mentally.
- For parents, "I'M HERE" means they are ready to assist and encourage their children.
- For teachers and staff, "I'M HERE" tells us that there are dependable, concerned, and caring adults ready to help students achieve to their full potential.
- For community, "I'M HERE" demonstrates that organizations support the children in their District.

Sturgeon Creek School STUDENT & GUARDIAN GUIDE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Day of School	September 4
Open House	September 19
Terry Fox	September 26
Picture Day	September 27
PD Day	September 30
Orange Shirt Day	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 14
PD Day	October 21
Remembrance Day Service	November 11
Progress Reports	November 13
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher 21
PD Day	November 22
Christmas Concert	December 13
Christmas Break	December 23 to Jan.3
Family Literacy Day	January 27
PA Day	January 31
Family Day	February 17
Report Cards Sent Home	February 19
Winter Carnival	March 13
March Break	March 16 to 20
International Day of Pink Day	April 8
Good Friday	April 10
Easter Monday	April 13
PD Day	April 24
Education Week	May 4-8
Victoria Day	May 18
EQAO	May 19 - June 1
Family BBQ	June 11
PD Day	June 12
Grade 8 Graduation	June 23
Report Cards Sent Home	June 26
End of the Year Assembly	June 26
Last Day for Students	June 26

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NUTRITION BREAKS

Students enjoy a break from the morning and afternoon routines during which time they can get some fresh air and enjoy unstructured time with their friends. All of us are better able to work after a short break and a healthy snack. Students who return after a brief illness also benefit from outdoor activity. Fresh air and exercise are not detrimental to individuals recovering from the flu or a cold, especially when a student is properly dressed for the weather. Exceptions to this practice will be made in very special cases (i.e., a child recovering from a physical injury) but we do expect our students to participate in outdoor breaks. During inclement or extremely cold conditions we will conduct indoor recesses.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Academically, students are expected to achieve the expectations identified at each grade level by the Ontario Curriculum. Modifications and accommodations will be made to support those students that may require these. Behaviorally, students are aware of the expectations identified in the Classroom Discipline Plan. A copy of this plan is available from the classroom teacher. The RRDSB Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. The Code of Conduct is posted on the school website.

STRENGTH-BASED RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Staff at SCS School will utilize a "Strength-Based" approach to supporting students and working through challenges that occur in the classroom or school yard. It is understood that students will make mistakes and these are opportunities for learning and growth. A restorative approach with a focus on repairing relationships and making things "right" will be the first priority in the process.

NEWSLETTERS

As part of ongoing communication with parents/guardians to support students in their academic and social growth, school Newsletters will be sent home during the first week of the month. Classroom teachers will use newsletters, agendas, email lists or other forms of regular communication. School newsletters and other information will be posted on the school website <http://scs.rrdsb.com>. Parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the classroom teacher if they have questions or concerns.

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Students will be allowed to use the office telephone for unexpected school situations/illness that requires communication with a parent.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Following the 3:15 PM dismissal, children may occasionally be required to remain in class for extra assistance. Children may also wish to work on a project after school hours, to make use of the library or to take part in extra-curricular events. Children will know about these activities in advance and are expected to inform their parents when they will be late. If a teacher keeps a child after 3:15 PM, the parent will be notified. Bus students will not be retained after 3:15 without parental permission.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

Students leaving the school before the regular dismissal time must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian before leaving. A note, a phone call or a personal visit to the school office is required to provide the reason for the early dismissal and the length of the absence. Students returning from appointments, as well as those who are late, must be signed in at the office.

SCHOOL DANCES

School dances for Grade 4 to 8 students are a privilege. They are intended to encourage and enhance friendships in a positive social environment. Students who regularly have chosen to break school rules, or been negligent in their school work, will not be permitted to attend school dances.

RRDSB CODE OF CONDUCT

The RRDSB School Code of Conduct is online and aligns with the Parent/Student Handbook. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child/ren.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The cost of maintaining school buildings and supplies is assumed by the taxpayer. Any additions created by deliberate acts of vandalism are, if the guilty person is undetected, also assumed by the taxpayer. School custodians are hired to maintain the school building, to keep it in good repair, and to keep it clean. Students are expected to keep the school free from litter, vandalism and graffiti. This can be achieved by refraining from littering, reporting incidents of vandalism and removing graffiti and litter whenever possible. Food and beverages must be consumed in designated areas. Smoking is not allowed on School Board premises.

ALLERGIES & SAFETY

Sturgeon Creek is a nut and fish restricted school due to a number of anaphylactic conditions. Thanks for your cooperation.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Classroom time is allotted for the completion of assignments. If homework is assigned, it will be for one of the following reasons:

- the assignment was not completed in the time period allotted in class;
- the assignment was missed due to absence;
- the work is assigned for practice, review or for test preparation.

Younger students may have book bags or math totes to further their development of essential literacy and numeracy skills while at home. Older students may be required to complete independent or group assignments as part of their program. Some time may be required out of school to complete this work.

ILLNESS/MEDICATION

When a student becomes ill at school, the office will contact the parent/guardian or emergency designate and request that the student be picked up. Please ensure that the school has all current information (telephone numbers and emergency contacts). For safety reasons, emergency contacts are required.

Board policy does not permit school personnel to administer any medication without proper authorization. Medication forms providing the required authorization and information necessary to ensure proper use of the prescribed medication are available from the school office. All medication is to be stored at and administered through the school office.

ATTENDANCE/SAFE ARRIVALS PROGRAM

In the interest of student safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences are accounted for in all schools of the Rainy River District School Board. If a student is to be late or absent, parents/guardians are asked to call the school. Parents may leave a message on the school telephone voice-mail system stating their child's absence. Please include your child's first and last names and grade. Thank you!

If the school has not been notified that the student will be absent from school, the school will call and check on daily student absences. Notes are requested for lates or absenteeism, for early dismissal, for an appointment, or for permission to be picked up by someone other than parent/guardian. Identification may be requested. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

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