

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

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 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	Shane Bliss
Early Years	Sherri Hay
Grade 1/2	Mary Ann Haw
Grade 3/4	Hope Mosbeck
Grade 5/6	Kerri Loughrey
Grade 7/8	Rob Kinsman
Prep/Numeracy	Kim Walter
Reading Recovery	Krista Williams
Special Education	Krista Williams
French	Shari Reynolds
Communication Assist.	Sondra Caul
Library Assistant	Grace Hettinga
Early Childhood Educator	TBD
Educational Assistants	Pam Pearson Brenda Jodoin
Secretary	Joyce Pollard
Custodians	Bruce Wickstrom Tania Angus
Bus Drivers	Colin Romyn Greg Ferris Keith Jolicouer Tony Flatt James Gibson

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

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Sturgeon Creek School STUDENT & GUARDIAN GUIDE



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Day of School	September 5
PD Day	September 28
Picture Day	October 5
Thanksgiving Day	October 8
PD Day	October 26
Remembrance Day Service	November 9
Progress Reports	November 14
PD Day	November 26
Christmas Concert	December 14
Christmas Break	December 24 to Jan.4
PA Day	February 1
Report Cards Sent Home	February 12
Family Day	February 18
Winter Carnival	March 8
March Break	March 11 to 15
Good Friday	April 19
Easter Monday	April 22
PD Day	April 26
Education Week	May 6-10
Victoria Day	May 20
EQAO	May 21-June 4
PD Day	June 14
Family BBQ	June 7
Grade 8 Graduation	June 25
Early Years Graduation	June 27
Report Cards Sent Home	June 28
End of the Year Assembly	June 28
Last Day for Students	June 28

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 behavior. 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 on 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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