

# Tiger Tales

September 2018

Simcoe County District  
School Board



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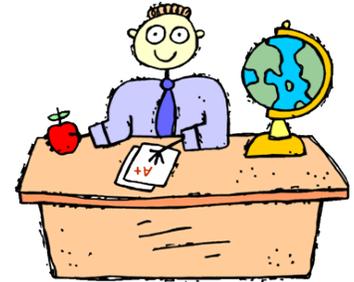
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Principal: Mr. K Crozier

Vice-Principal: Ms. C Best

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff and students to the Tiger Den. Our teachers have been busy prepping their classrooms for another great year. Our custodians have been working extremely hard in the summer and the school looks amazing! And just a reminder that we will most likely have to do some class changes in September, so stay tuned. Want to get involved this year? Feel free to come to our first School Council meeting after Meet the Teacher. No long term commitment needed! I know we are going to have a wonderful year in the Den full of opportunities, excitement, fun and great learning.

Mr. Crozier



## \*\*Class Placements\*\*

Just a reminder that class placements are currently tentative. Class turn-around day will be on September 25th. Over the next couple of weeks, we will finalize our classes and numbers. While we try to avoid moving students into new classes, it is inevitable and will happen.

Our staff and students both prepare for this.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4th - First Day of School (SK—8)  
Sept. 6th - First Day of School (JKs)  
Sept. 19th - Picture Day (Individual)  
Sept. 25th - Turnaround Day  
Sept. 26th - Meet the Teacher  
Sept. 26th - School Council

## Bell Times

Entry - 9:25am  
First nutrition break - 11:05 - 11:45  
Second nutrition break - 1:25 - 2:05  
Dismissal - 3:45pm



### ***Student Accident Insurance information for this school year***

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. The SCDSB has selected the Insure my Kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage. Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students.

### ***Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online***

**We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:**

**Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com) or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"**

**Register and add your child to the newly created account!**

### **New Simcoe County District School Board website launched this summer**

Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) to check out our brand new look! Our new website launched in July, providing users with an accessible experience that is mobile-friendly – it works well whether you're on a desktop computer, mobile phone or tablet. The new website also has improved search functionality and a special SCDSBshines section to highlight and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our staff.



### **KEEP CONNECTED**

You can subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://hil.scdsb.on.ca>.

You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and **click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page**. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' on the SCDSB's website: [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). The SCDSB Education Centre can be reached at 705-734-6363.

Follow the SCDSB on Twitter @SCDSB\_Schools, Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](http://facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](http://instagram.com/scdsb)).

And follow us on Twitter (@HillcrestTigers)

Through SCDSB's Sharing Simcoe blog ([www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com)), we share stories of our amazing staff, students and school communities.

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.



### **SCDSB Community Apps portal makes volunteering easy**

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. This school year, we are implementing a new online Volunteer Portal. SCDSB Community Apps is a new online portal that allows you to begin the process for volunteering at a SCDSB school. The portal eliminates much of the paperwork currently associated with volunteers. Volunteer applications and approvals will occur online. The new mandate for Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training, for volunteers, is also part of the portal. The Volunteer Portal is available for all new people requesting to volunteer at a school location: <http://communityapps.scdsb.on.ca>. Only new volunteers or those who require an updated Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CBC-VSS) are able to register on the portal at this time.

# Procedures help keep our school safe

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

Shelter in place is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.

A hold and secure is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.

A lockdown is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites ([www.facebook.com/SCDSB](http://www.facebook.com/SCDSB) and [www.twitter.com/SCDSB\\_Schools](http://www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)) and website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)), through local police and local media.

All schools have evacuation plans in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.

Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the intercom system to enter the building. Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, please be patient. All visitors, including school volunteers, are required to sign in at the school office and wear visitor identification.

Staff and volunteers must complete a criminal record check before having contact with students.

We ask parents to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our Safe Arrival program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.

At least two staff members in every school are trained in first aid and CPR. All SCDSB schools have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.