## IMPORTANT DATES

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Board Holidays and the complete school calendar are found in your child’s agenda & on the Board Website.

## PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

With Thanksgiving coming up, I hope many families take the opportunity to reflect on the many things they are grateful for. Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. Enjoy your October, it always seems to bring us the best of fall!

Ms. Temmer

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

There is a strong connection between school attendance and success. Poor attendance often results in students falling behind academically. Being at school on time at the beginning of each day, means that your child will be present for lessons as they are being taught. This is an important life long skill that involves self-discipline and motivation. Students who are in grades 4 to 8 who are late will be staying after school until 4:00 to serve a detention on the same day. This policy became effective during the second week of school.

## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

728-9251
This number receives messages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Reminders:
1. Faithfully call in absences to 705-728-9251 BEFORE 8:30 a.m.
2. Keep your safe-arrival information up-to-date.
3. Inform your contacts that they have been named and listed on your information sheet.

Please give the information below as clearly as possible:
- Child’s first and last name
- Teacher’s name
- Date(s) of absence
- Expected length of absence
- Reason for absence (Please be brief: i.e. sick, on holidays, dentist.)
- Remember – A note is required for 3 days or more.

If you are enrolled in the program, please don’t forget to call. The effectiveness of the system depends on your following the procedure. If you forget on more than 3 occasions, we will assume that you no longer wish to be in the program.

## TERRY FOX RUN

We are please to say JSPS raised $2876.89 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This amount is a “Record Breaker!” Way to go Johnson St. Jets!

## POPCORN

Attention all popcorn lovers!!!! Popcorn is now available for everyone. Popcorn will be sold every Friday for $1.00 a bag and an extra .50 cents for seasoning. No pre-ordering necessary, you can pick up your popcorn during 1st snack break every Friday!

## FAMILY READING - MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

We’re hoping that our QSP fundraiser will be another HUGE SUCCESS! With over 700 titles to choose from, there’ll be something for everyone. Place a new order or renew your current subscriptions and you’ll be helping to raise funds for programs and activities that benefit our school. The easiest way to order is online. The School # is 9003.

## GARBAGE FREE SCHOOL

Did you know that Johnson Street is garbage free? That’s right, everything that you bring to school in your lunch bag goes back to your home to be recycled and composted. Thank you for supporting our environmental initiative.

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2012-2013

Mandarin ~ German ~ Greek ~ Japanese ~ Korean ~ Russian ~ Spanish ~ Vietnamese

**Class Location:** Barrie Learning Centre at Bayfield Mall, 320 Bayfield Street, Barrie (Bayfield Street & Hwy 400);

**When:** Saturday mornings

**Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am

**Students:** All students in Grade 1 to Grade 8

**Cost:** Free
HOW TO REGISTER
Register on-line in 2012/2013 at www.thelearningcentres.com select “Elementary Student” then “International Languages” scroll down to “On-line registration form”. Please note: parents who have had students registered in the international language program in the past need to express their continued interest in the program by re-enrolling their children each year. Call 705-725-8360 extension 45160 or 45151 with questions.

HALLOWEEN
At school we will be celebrating Halloween with an orange & black day on the 31st.

PICTURE DAYS – Mon., Oct. 17th - KA to 3 Tues. Oct. 18th - KB, 4 to 8
Class and individual photos will be taken by Lifetouch Studios. Picture Day requires a great deal of organization so please try to avoid scheduling appointments on these days as late arrivals or early leaves really complicate the scheduling of 300+ individual photos as well as class pictures. (Unavoidable absences are accommodated by retakes on a later date.) Two weeks after the photo is taken proofs are sent home, you choose your favorite, order the package desired and send in the money.

REDUCE THE RISK
We would like to remind our Johnson Street School community of our “Reduce the Risk” program especially now that Halloween is around the corner. Please continue your efforts to leave peanut/nut products at home. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for making our school a safer place for everyone.

First Nation, Métis and Inuit Families and Community
The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting an information session on the Culture Card: A Guide to Build Cultural Awareness. Parents, families and community members are invited to attend.
Guest Presenter: Gertie Beaucage
Tuesday October 23, 2012
9:00am-12:00pm
Roy Edwards Room,
Simcoe County District School Board, Midhurst
Please RSVP to Lisa Ewanchuk, Principal of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education 705-734-6363 ext 11475 or at lewanchuk@scdsb.on.ca

EMERGENCY PLANS
Please help us to handle emergency situations such as inclement weather or power outages by listening to our local radio stations Rock95, 8101 and The New Chay 93.1. You can also call our Board office at 734-6363 ext. 1368 to hear from our communications department about what is happening in regard to school closures. Please make sure that your child knows where to go in the event of a school closure. Thank you for your support!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM
Our pizza day for the whole school is on Wednesdays, (except for kindergarten B students which is scheduled on Tuesdays.) Our new Pita & Pasta day is on Thursdays (except Kdgn. “A: will be Mondays). These orders are set up for the month. We will NOT be selling extra pizza on a weekly basis. Please be reminded that if a child is absent on a food day there will be NO REFUNDS, NO SAVING the food or milk until the next day. A sibling can come and get the item(s).

SIMCOE COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
Handwashing – Your best 10 second defence against germs! A message from the Simcoe County Health Unit: This time of year can set off a chain reaction of colds and flu at school and at home. Many of the germs that cause these illnesses are spread through hand-to-hand contact and can stand up to our best medicines. The best way to fight back is with good handwashing. Handwashing reminders are being posted in school washrooms and kitchen areas to reinforce good habits with the children. Please keep up your efforts at home and help improve your odds for a healthy winter season. For more information visit: www.simcoecounty.ca or call Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m 6p.m.

Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations
Permission forms for the grade 7 & 8 Hep B & HPV have been handed out and are on the JSPS web page.

COLLECTION OF TAPES AND LABELS
PLEASE send in your Campbells’ Soup labels and Canadian Tire money as well as Zehrs tapes. We redeem these coupons for items needed around our school. Thank you for your help!

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS TO COLLECT:
- Campbell’s Condensed
- Campbell’s Broth
- Chunky Chili
- Chunky to Go
- Campbell’s Ready to Enjoy
- Campbell’s Ready to Enjoy Healthy Request
- Campbell’s Chunky bowls
- Soup at Hand
- Gardennay
- Organic Broths
- Habitent
- Prego
- V8 Soup
- Kids Soup
- V8 Vegetable cocktail
- Goldfish crackers
SCDSB has a policy on homework that includes the following information:

The policy establishes that homework is:
1. assigned in a purposefully planned manner directly related to classroom instruction and the Ontario Curriculum expectations;
2. an engaging and relevant learning activity that can be independently completed by the student;
3. differentiated by student strength and needs;
4. inclusive of meaningful teacher feedback; and
5. sensitive to scheduled holidays and days of significance.

Types of homework include:
1. completion
2. practice
3. preparation
4. extension

Extended Absences
Teachers shall NOT be expected to provide detailed classroom work and homework assignments for students who are away for extended periods of time as a result of family or parent-initiated absences such as travel, etc.

Homework should not interfere with family life. Balance is the key to overall health and love of learning.