

Welcome Back, Bulldogs!

As we step into a new school year at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, we're excited to see our halls once again filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students, staff, and community. September marks a fresh start—whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, this year promises to be full of opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. Together, we'll continue to build on our strong traditions of excellence and Bulldog pride, making this a year to remember. Here are a few items that we would like to share to our Bulldog community.

From The Office

Attendance - Please report all absences through **SafeArrival** or the direct **Attendance Phone line 905-988-6303**. Please do not call the Main Office for absences.

Activity Fee - Please make sure you have gone on to **School Cash Online** [www.dsbnschoolcash](http://www.dsbnschoolcash.org) to pay this year's **Activity Fee**. Please scroll to the bottom of the Activity Fee on School Cash Online as there are forms that must be filled out for your student.

Student Verification Forms - Students were handed out **Student Verification Forms** the first week of school. It is very important that the Verification Forms come back to the office. Please review the form and make any changes in the right-hand column, check the boxes on the back and remember to sign & date the back of the form.

Picture Day – This year's picture day is Wednesday, September 18th. Student ID cards will be digital and can be downloaded onto student's phones. Once they receive their photo proof, they will have their own unique code to scan and download. Please see the attached flyer.

National Truth & Reconciliation Day Sept. 30

On Monday, Sept. 30, SWC will be commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (formerly Orange Shirt Day) through Indigenous films. Students will watch short, subject-specific films in each of their four classes. These, and the class discussions which follow, will provide them with the opportunity to learn of the impacts of Canadian policies such as residential schools, but also of the resiliency, strength, and contributions of Indigenous people today. While this day may be emotionally difficult, it is an important one for students to participate in as Canadians travel the path of reconciliation. Our social worker, Sarah Lichter, will be available for students who may need extra support. All members of the SWC community are also encouraged to wear orange on Sept. 30.

School Safety Week

Next week is School Safety Week at SWC. In their Period 1 classes at the start of the week, students will go through a slide deck with their teachers about Fire drills, Lockdowns, Hold and Secure, and Shelter in Place. Near the end of the week all teachers in all periods will talk with their students about exits from their classroom and meeting spots outside in the event of a fire or fire drill. They will also speak with their students about what a Lockdown would look like in their particular learning space. The purpose of School Safety Week is to help all students feel comfortable in our building and knowledgeable about safety procedures at SWC.

The Arts

SWC is very excited to be putting on the musical "The Wizard of Oz" this school year! Singing workshops started the first week of school and auditions are taking place this coming week. Please encourage your child to join the show and get involved if you think they might be interested. There are opportunities on stage and behind the scenes.

Parents! Do you love "The Wizard of Oz"? Would you like to help out with our musical? We are seeking parent volunteers to assist us with costumes, fundraising, etc. Please reach out to Mr. Baker in the Drama Department if you want to join our production team: chris.baker@dsbn.org.

Art Club runs every Monday from 3:30 - 4:30 in room 109 with Mr. Ducroix. Students will have the opportunity to network with other art students in the school while working with materials and resources not always available in the art class. Students may use this time to have more one on one time with art teacher, making it a great opportunity for personalized skill development. We also have opportunities to contribute to school art projects such as posters and school beautification or helping with prop and set design for this year's school musical, The Wizard of Oz.

Photography Club meets the first 3 Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 - 4:30 in room 109 with Mr. Ducroix and Mme. Chausse. During meetings students will have the opportunity to develop photography skills using DSLR cameras. Members of the photography club will

have opportunities to document events throughout the schoolyear which will contribute to the school's yearbook and other promotional materials.

Student Leadership

The Wintership Camping trip doesn't happen until February, but there will be an assembly in October for all Grade Eleven students who are interested in one of Sir Winston's premier leadership experiences. Information about the assembly will be given out in early October over the announcements.

COBS BREAD Cross Country Running Fundraiser 2024: Sept 10-Sept 25

The SWC Cross Country Running team has teamed up with Cobs Bread, on Fourth Ave in Ridley Square, to participate in this incredible fundraiser.

We are offering a free loaf of bread a month for 12 months. Each card costs \$25 which calculates to just over \$2 per loaf. The value of the card depends on what Loaf that is chosen, but to give you a sense of the value, their white and whole wheat loaves cost \$4.60 and their most expensive loaf costs \$8.75 so whoever purchases, the card could see savings of anywhere from \$30 to \$80 over the year!

There is no limit to how many cards you can purchase, just know that you will only be able to redeem one card per day. So, if you purchase 4 cards, you can redeem one each week of the month (for example).

You can purchase it for yourself, family or friends. We have a limited number of cards to sell so hurry and get one before they are all gone.

Please consider purchasing a card or two or more to help the Cross-Country Running Team. Raised funds will help offset costs for trips and registration fees for this season's running meets.

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COBS BREAD 1 Free Loaf/Month Card. Remember customers can only use one card per visit and redeem only one loaf/month free. These cards are only redeemable at the Cobs Bread on Fourth Ave, St. Catharines (in Ridley Square)

Your COBS cards will be available to be picked up from Mme Johnson in room 207 after Thursday September 26th.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Cobbs Bread for their support, not only this year but in years past helping our team with this generous initiative.

School Band

SWC is looking forward to offering Band again this school year! Students will have the opportunity to learn fun music that will be performed throughout the school year! Please encourage your child to join Band if they know how to play an instrument.