



Orchard Park Public School

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October 2023

OCTOBER MAKES THE LANDSCAPE RADIANT.

PIZZA DAYS & MILK PROGRAM

Milk Program: Tickets are \$23.00 for 20 tickets; payment must be made via School Cash Online. Please see Ms. Verberne to pick up tickets. Proceeds to grad.

Pizza: Pizza lunches are available every Wednesday. To order, click the LunchBox link in Cash Online or go to lunchboxorders.net; order by noon the Sunday before. Proceeds to Home & School.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 2 @ 6:30pm
Home & School/School Council

Fri, Oct 6 – PA Day

Mon, Oct 9 - Thanksgiving

Wed, Oct 11 – Dental Screening

Wed, Oct 18 – Grade 7 Vaccines

Fri, Oct 20 – Colour Cup Day

Wed, Nov 1 – Photo Retake AM

Fri, Nov 17 – PA Day

When Calling the School
519-452-8450

- Press 1** – Address & Hours
- Press 2** – School Office
- Press 3** – Learning Support Teacher
- Press 4** – Library
- Press 5** – Principal

Bell Times

- 9:00 am School Begins
- 10:20 – 10:35 AM Recess
- 11:55 – 12:55 Lunch
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM Recess
- 3:30 pm School Ends

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS, MRS. SMITH & MS. GONSER

What an amazing first month! Thank you to our students, staff, and families for supporting each other, showing kindness, and making our start to the school year such a positive one.

We take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Elizabeth Gonser who is working with Mrs. Regina Smith as an interim principal in Mrs. Tait's absence.

Congratulations to our athletes! Our soccer team played at the regional soccer tournament and our cross country team ran in the regionals at Gibbons Park. Way to go Bears!

Thank you to all staff and students for participating in Rowan's Law Day and Orange Shirt Day last week. As we look towards the upcoming holiday weekend, we wish a Happy Thanksgiving to the entire Orchard Park community! Enjoy your time with family and friends.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the attendance reporting system "SchoolMessenger". It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are three ways you may 'connect' with SchoolMessenger:
 Call: 1-844-305-3756 Email: tvdsb.schoolmessenger.com App: SchoolMessenger

VISITING THE SCHOOL

FOR SAFETY REASONS, ALL SCHOOLS HAVE A BUZZER / CAMERA SYSTEM INSTALLED AT THE FRONT DOORS SO DOORS WILL BE LOCKED. WE ASK THAT YOU PRESS THE BUZZER AND WAIT FOR INSTRUCTION FROM THE OFFICE.

LATE ARRIVAL: Ask your child / ren to use the buzzer. Students are asked to stop at the office for an admit slip to give to their teacher. Kindergarten children will be escorted to their class; grade 1 – 8 children go to class on their own.

LEAVING EARLY: We are reinstating the "Sign Out" procedure for your child. You must come to the office and sign out your child if they are leaving early. If your child is returning after being signed out, they may enter immediately and are asked to stop at the office to inform of their return.

BASKETBALL IS IN THE AIR...

Mrs. Corsaut is excited to offer an intermediate basketball team at Orchard Park, playing against other schools in the northwest division. The season takes place this fall. The team is playing in the boys' division, but ANY student in grade 7 or 8 is encouraged to try out (first tryout is Oct. 3). Students and parents, as the season gets underway, please pay attention to the letter about team expectations and tryouts.

COLOUR HOUSES

This year at Orchard Park we are introducing students to Colour Houses. This initiative promotes social skills, leadership and school spirit as well as building self-esteem and belonging. Each student in the school is assigned to a colour house. Each team will have members from kindergarten to grade 8. Throughout this year there will be many events like our first Colour Cup Challenge on Friday, October 20th. This will foster friendly competition as teams compete in assigned challenges to earn points. Students are encouraged to wear their colour house colours on this day. We look forward to working together to make Orchard Park Pawesome!



GO TO YOUR PARENT PORTAL AND COMPLETE THE PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENTS BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

We still have just over 100 students (that's one third of our students) who have not had consents acknowledged in the parent portal. It would be so very helpful if you could PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT, GO TO YOUR PARENT PORTAL AND SIGN OFF ON THE CONSENTS.

Parent/Guardian Consents

Indicate 'yes' or 'no' for the release of your child's information, participation in dental screening, and other school based activities.

VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to volunteer for your child's field trip? Or maybe you want to help in the school? You must have both documents below on file at the school to do so. Please understand that once you have submitted a VSC, it is good for the elementary career of your child; however, you must complete an Offence Declaration each school year.

1. VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) AKA POLICE RECORD CHECK

2. OFFENCE DECLARATION

TVDSB policy states that *all volunteers must have a vulnerable sector check (i.e. police record check) and a current Offence Declaration* on file at the school. Offence declarations must be signed each school year.

Vulnerable Sector Check

You can obtain a VSC by visiting the London Police website and following these instructions. Cost is \$16.95 (inc tax).

- a) www.londonpolice.ca
- b) Services
- c) Record Checks
- d) Level 3 (Vulnerable Sector Check)
- e) submit your VSC
- f) Online
- g) Complete your record check online
- h) Click Here (on right)

Once you have your VSC, please submit it to the school so we can keep it on file. We will take a copy if you wish to keep the original.

Offence Declaration

As stated, you must have an offence declaration on file for each school year. For this school year, you must have completed one after September 6, 2023. You may obtain one by contacting Ms. Verberne at 519 452 8450 or email r.verberne@tvdsb.ca and she will send one home with your child.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

*Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm Home & School and School Council
We will let you know well in advance if the date and/or the time changes.*

Send an email if you are interested in joining our Association. All are welcome to attend.

Home & School Contact: Email ophomeandschool@outlook.com; Facebook 'Families of Orchard Park Public School'

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE FOR 2023-24

Chairperson – Mikki Caplan
Secretary – Mary Harrison
Treasurer – Lillianne Dang
Communication Officer – Aradhna Bagga

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Vice President – Marina Djurisc
Secretary – Mary Harrison
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PIZZA LUNCH, GO TO LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET OR GO TO THE LINK IN SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We are offering Domino's Pizza every Wednesday like last year; remember, you must sign up by noon the Sunday before the delivery date. Marina Djurisc will be coordinating volunteers.



FROZEN YOGURT FROM MARBLE SLAB We are offering frozen yogurt (e.g. mango, raspberry, strawberry, vanilla and three vegan choices) one Thursday a month with the first delivery on Thursday, October 12th. This will come pre-sorted and labeled by classroom. We must have at least 50 orders of Marble Slab for them to deliver, so place your order now!

SPIRITWEAR

Home & School will be offering spiritwear options soon...details will follow.

CARIBOU MATH CONTEST

Our Home & School has subsidized a school licence for any interested students in grades 4 - 8 to participate in the Caribou Mathematics Contest. This competition is a worldwide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year and is open to students to participate on a voluntary basis.

Students will be provided an access code that is unique to them and will use this code each time they complete a contest or access their results online. Participating in Caribou Math Contests shows that mathematical puzzles can be fun and exciting. It also improves student's problem-solving techniques by providing a wide variety of challenging math activities suitable for students. Permission forms went home today (Oct 4/23) and are due by October 10th.

IMMUNIZATIONS, DENTAL HEALTH AND VISION SCREENINGS

The Middlesex-London Health Unit plans to offer immunization clinics (Hepatitis B, Menactra, Gardasil, human papillomavirus vaccines) and dental screenings.

Immunizations, Wednesday, October 18th: The first dose of vaccines for the grade 7 students will be held in the morning on this day. Students are to have their consent forms to the office by October 12th.

Dental Screening, Wednesday October 11th: Dental screening will be held for grades JK, SK, 2 and 7 students in the morning (grade 4s may be considered as well). Consent for vision screening (K-2 students only) and dental screening (any elementary student) will now be done through a passive consent process. Passive consent means that all eligible students will receive dental or vision screening unless the parent/guardian indicates that they do not want their student to participate. Parents/guardians may decline screening by submitting an email to orchardpark@tvdsb.ca.

PARENT PORTAL

This online resource allows a parent/guardian to view their child's information such as attendance, report cards, IPOCs, IEPs and much more. To create an account, parents/guardians must be the legal guardian and have a unique email address entered in the student management system. Visit www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal to login.

CASH ONLINE [Online Payments - TVDSB](#)

We are a 'cash-free' school; therefore, we ask that all parents/guardians register to pay online. You will need your child's student number; please sign up right away if you have not already done so.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Edge Imaging will be here on Wednesday, November 1st to retake Individual photos; this is for students who were absent on the original photo day. If you really don't like your child's original photo, then please send a note with your child to present to the photographer to retake.