

# South Shore News

September 2015

## Special points of interest:

- Welcome back, everyone! We especially welcome new families to South Shore.
- Our new school hours are from 8:45 a.m.—3:15 p.m. School doors open at 8:30 a.m. Our nutrition breaks begin at 11:00 and 1:20 respectively.
- Most students are driven to school. Please be prompt with beginning and end-of-day school routines, as there will be no adult supervision beyond 3:30 p.m.

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## From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to South Shore—it was wonderful to meet and reconnect with our school families at our Open House last week!

God has provided us with such a beautifully renovated facility. Working in partnership with South Point Church, many volunteers worked throughout the summer to create new classrooms and staff room, paint, lay down floors, build cupboards and shelves, build a fence outside to ensure student safety, provide snacks for volunteers, organize the volunteers, do electrical work, provide us with resources for our new kindergarten rooms, assist teachers in setting up their rooms, set up computers, clean everything...the list goes on and on! Many thanks to you all who have given of your time, talents and resources!

Thanks especially to our deeply committed staff who has been busy preparing for this upcoming year—we are all excited to learn and grow together in both educa-

tion and Christ's love!

We believe that communication between home and school is the foundation to the academic success of pupils. It is vital that parents stay informed about their child's progress at school. If you have questions or concerns, please call your child's teacher before small problems grow into big ones.

Please call me at school (519-819-2202) if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or program at South Shore.

Finally, and most importantly, our theme for the year is "God is the potter, we are the clay." This verse, taken from Isaiah 64:8, states "But now, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." May we pray for God to shape our lives into Christ-likeness as we study and apply God's word this year.



**New student Gwen H. is excited to receive her new South Shore t-shirt at our Open House last week!**

Blessings to you all!

Elaine Penner

## Meet the Staff...

Last spring, classes were organized based on projected enrollment. We're delighted that new students have registered this summer, and presently we have 84 students enrolled, representing 49 families and 19 churches—what a wonderfully diverse school community we have. God has great plans for us!

Meet the South Shore staff for the upcoming 2015—2016 school year:

Junior Kindergarten—Miss Murray

Senior Kindergarten—Mrs. Murray

Grade 1—Mrs. Bretzlaff

Grade 2—Mrs. Smiciklas

Grade 3/4—Mrs. Durocher

Grade 5/6—Miss Bishop

Grade 7/8—Mrs. Dekker

French—Mrs. (Madame)

Symons

Lunch Aides—Mrs. Cornies, Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Wall

Principal—Mrs. Penner



After a long summer vacation, families are eager to tour our newly renovated facility.

## Fundraising News

We are so grateful for the financial generosity of both our school and surrounding community—this helps to sustain our school. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, please consider joining our Fundraising Committee. Meetings take place approximately 6 times per year. Bring your ideas and enjoy fellowship with our families. If interested please contact Sharon at [sharon.arthurspepper@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.arthurspepper@gmail.com) or call 519-791-1042. If you are currently on the Fundraising Committee from the previ-

ous year, we will assume you will continue unless we hear differently from you.

Our first fundraiser is the sale of chocolate bars, beginning Sept.18 and ending Oct.2 (2 weeks).

Also, please attend our parent meeting on Thurs. Sept.24 at 7:00 p.m. Our school budget, fundraising events and school protocols will be outlined during this extremely important meeting. It's also an opportunity to meet our Board and school community.

Here's a brief look at our fundraising schedule for the year:

Sept.18—Oct.2—Chocolate bar sales

Oct.2—Family movie night

Oct.24—Goods/Services/Talents auction

Nov.—Mennonite sausage and Christmas wreath sales

Feb.6—Annual Feb. dinner

Apr.25—A1 Chinese restaurant

May—School baseball tournament concession stand

May 28—South Shore Spring Sprint

**“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it.”**

**Proverbs 22:6**

## Safe Arrival Program—School Access

The Ministry of Education has mandated that each school adopt a Safe Arrival Program whereby parents are obligated to notify the school in advance when their child is going to be late or absent. If parents do not contact the school by 9:00 a.m. (519-819-2202—you may leave a message on the school phone) on the day of the absence/late, the principal will attempt to determine the whereabouts of the student and help ensure his/her safe arrival at school. The principal will sign students in and out as they come

late or leave early. To gain access into the building, please ring the doorbell—the principal will let you in.

To ensure student safety, our school doors will be locked after chapel each day (after our guests/parents leave). School doors will be open to students during recess time for washroom purposes.

Additionally, parents and visitors are asked not to park on the asphalt area (under the roof) in front of the main door or in the

bus parking area (driveway on west side of school) as this is our student walkway into school. It's also a bus and fire truck route.

For students riding the bus, please note that when the high-school buses do not run, the South Shore bus will also not run—students will have to be driven in that day. Tune in to your local radio station or [buskids.ca](http://buskids.ca) for information regarding inclement weather and student transportation.



Zak P. brings his supplies early—he's ready to begin school!

## Miscellaneous and Important Information

We welcome new families to South Shore. For school registration, please call the office at 519-819-2202 to make an appointment. Please bring your child's birth certificate, health card and immunization record when registering. If you have neighbours who have moved close to you, please share this message with them.

Also, we will send home information regarding the purchase of milk, school food days and

the purchase of South Shore t-shirts soon.

Miss Bishop's Gr.5/6 class is hosting our first food day—Little Caesar's Pizza—on Sept. 18. Order forms will be forthcoming.

South Shore has both staff and students severely allergic to nuts and scents. If exposed, these teachers/students could go into life-threatening anaphylactic shock. Please do not

send nut products or peanut butter sandwiches to school. Also, if students must bring deodorant to school, please send stick deodorant, as the spray deodorant can cause an asthma attack in our vulnerable staff/students.

Thank you for keeping our school as safe as possible.

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