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**September 2019  
Newsletter**



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Dear Families,

I'm thrilled to be the Principal at S. T. Worden this year. I was fortunate last May and June to provide support to our school. This allowed me to get to know our students and meet some of our families. It is a pleasure to see everyone back from the summer vacation and to welcome our new students and families.

I also welcome back our staff to our S. T. Worden community. We are joined by new teachers and support staff this year:

Courtney McMahon - Kindergarten Year 1/2  
Aileen Mosterd – Grade 6/7 (Long Term Occasional)  
Arianna Stavrakos – Grade 7/8  
Mouzhah Mohammadi – Core French  
Jodi Baki – Grade 4/5 & Junior and Intermediate Planning  
Samantha Eyman – Special Education Resource Teacher  
Jeannette Bandl – Educational Assistant  
Christina Fyvie – Educational Assistant

This year, we are celebrating the grand opening of our newly renovated library. Congratulations to our teacher librarian Mr. Richard Rocheleau who has been the driving force behind this project. Please join us during our open house on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for our official opening. **Please note that we will be having a First Nations smudging ceremony outside the library to celebrate this event.** Please be aware that there will be smoke from the smudging in case anyone in your family has sensitivity or allergies.

**Our Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. The barbeque, organized by school council, will be available from 5-7 pm and the classroom visits will take place between 6 and 7 pm.** This will be an opportunity to come and see your child's classroom, meet the teachers and visit the school.

Parents are welcome to come through the gate and be around in the morning however, dogs will need to stay outside the fence area please. Students who take the bus will be escorted around to the schoolyard by an adult. Students should not be walking through the parking lot at all, and we will have supervision for the first little while to help guide students around by the Kindergarten yard instead of through the parking lot.

Lastly, I invite you to join our vibrant School Council. **Our first meeting is on Monday, September 23rd, at 6:30pm in the library.** This first meeting includes the elections of new council members.

Looking forward to a successful year for all!

Sanaâ Soussan  
Principal

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE:**

**Verification Forms \*\*\*\***

You will find the new student verification form which contains information related to your child.

Some information on this form is not a requirement for our student database. You do not need to provide the health card number, immunization record, doctor name and telephone number. These are no longer entered into our student database. Therefore you will notice this information has not been completed on this verification form and these areas will remain blank. Please ensure that all other information is accurate.

Under the Parent/Guardian information you will find an emergency contact priority as well as a school closure priority. Please assign a priority to each individual who will be contacted in the order you indicate in cases of an emergency, school closure and safe arrival. The same priority number cannot be assigned to two individuals. We also require that you indicate if this person has access or no access to your child or their records.

Under the Emergency Contact information you will find the same fields available who will also be contacted in the priority you indicate. Please take the time to verify the information contained on this form. Feel free to make any changes by writing additional information onto the form or deleting information that is no longer valid.

When complete, please return the student verification form to the school by September 13th, so that we may update your child/ren's student information. This will allow us to better support you and your children.

## School Organization

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
S. Soussan	Principal
S. Brown	Secretary
N. Lamont	JK/SK
J. Menard	E.C.E.
C. McMahon	JK/SK
A. Stone	E.C.E.
C. Patrick	1
S. Sharma	1/2
N. Bonnici	2/3
K. Hossack	3/4
H. Graham/J. Baki	4/5
J. Ostler	5/6
A. Mosterd	6/7
A. Stravakos	7/8
M. Mohammadi	Core French
J. Baki	Planning
R. Rocheleau	Librarian
S. Eyman	S.E.R.T.
M. Black	E.A.
J. Bandl	E.A.
C. Fyvie	E.A.
S. Maxwell	Head Custodian
C. Carnell	Custodian

## BELL TIMES

### Our Balanced School Day

9:10 a.m.	Entry
11:10 -11:50 a.m.	Recess/Nutrition Break
1:30-2:10 p.m.	Recess/Nutrition Break
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

**Yard supervision in the morning begins at 8:55 a.m. For the safety of our students, students should not arrive before supervision begins. There is no yard supervision after school**

## ***Crossing Guard Schedule***

***8:50 am to 9:10 am***

***11:10 am to 11:20 am***

***11:40 am to 11:50 am***

***3:30 pm to 3:45 pm***

- **Student Lunch sign-out permitted at first break only**



## **PARENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

It's that time of year again when young children will be crossing streets on their way to and from school. Courtesy and safe driving practices are of the utmost IMPORTANCE in school zones.

### **We wish to remind motorists of the following safety tips**

- slow down when pedestrians are present;
- watch for Crossing Guards and be prepared to STOP; and
- when stopping for a Crossing Guard, keep a full car length back.

### **Parents driving their children to school**

- DO NOT park unless it is absolutely necessary and leave once your child is on school property so other parents are able to drop off their children; DO NOT loiter on school property;
- a “kiss and go” delivery frees up space for the next parent;
- park legally to ensure the safety of others; and
- if possible, consider car pooling.

### **Parents walking with their children**

- consider walking, it provides health benefits for your children and improves the environment by eliminating emissions;
- **set a good example for your children** by crossing with the Crossing Guard if one is provided; and
- where no Crossing Guard is provided, have children look both ways and help them decide when it is safe to cross the road. This will help to develop their judgment skills.

### **Parents should remind their children who are walking on their own to**

- go to a crossing guard location, if one is provided;
- obey the Crossing Guard at all times including the 3-whistle policy;
- to ensure safety, do not send children to school prior to the commencement of the school crossing guard's scheduled times; and
- look both ways for safe gaps in the traffic where there is no Crossing Guard provided.

### **School location signs**

- **School Zone signs**, with the pentagon shape (point on top), are advance signs to warn motorists to be alert to young pedestrians and drive with caution.
- **Rectangular School Crossing signs**, indicates a supervised crossing where motorists must obey the Adult Crossing Guard when they hold up the STOP paddle.
- At various school crossings, where student patrollers control the students by holding them back until safe gaps in traffic are present, motorists must be cautious and courteous at all times.
- Children and parents should be reminded that **WHEN THERE IS NO CROSSING GUARD ON DUTY** at a posted crossing location, it offers no added protection, meaning that **MOTORISTS ARE NOT LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO STOP** and children must look both ways and wait for safe gaps in traffic.

Should you observe any motorists speeding or parking illegally, whereby creating hazards especially in school areas, please record their licence plate number and other details and

report them to the Durham Region Police Services ([www.drps.ca](http://www.drps.ca) Roadwatch Form).

Our Planning Services Department administers the Adult Crossing Guard program and makes certain that all school locations are visited frequently to ensure safety, while determining with the Traffic Coordinator, need for new Adult Crossing Guards is addressed.

With your co-operation and safety of everyone in mind, we can provide our children safe routes to school.

***Crossing Guard Co-ordinator  
Municipality of Clarington***

**Important Information regarding the Student Absence Reporting System**

**Phone Number, Web Address, Phone App for Reporting Absences**



Hello to all KPR families! This message is about the automated Student Absence Report System.

This means **you will need to create a NEW account to report your children's absences online.**

To create your new account and register your children for the automated system, please visit [studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca) . If you use the mobile app, please search for **SchoolMessenger** (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Once you have registered your child, you will be able to inform the school of your child's upcoming absences at:

- [studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca)
- **1-844-434-8119**
- the **SchoolMessenger mobile app** on your cell phone or tablet.

Registering will allow you to report all of your children's upcoming absences at a time that's convenient for you - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Communication between Home and School**



The teacher is your first line of communication regarding your child's social, emotional and academic progress. Teachers have their preferred way of communication, but you are welcome to call to make an appointment at any time.

Our school newsletters will be posted on Edsby and sent through school messenger as well.



**Allergies**

Our School is nut free. Please do not send any products that may contain nuts. We have students and staff with life threatening nut allergies. We thank you for keeping everyone safe.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Parents/Guardians wishing to volunteer must have an up to date Police Check yearly. You may stop by the office and request an application letter to take to the Police Station at 605 Rossland Road in Oshawa. We will also have letters available at the Open House September 17<sup>th</sup> for those interested in volunteering.

## Personal Electronic Devices (PED)

The use of technology for student learning is a key 21<sup>st</sup> century skill to enable all of our students to learn and succeed. Under staff direction, Personal Electronic Devices can be used effectively as an educational resource, support or aid for teaching and learning. The teacher will determine and authorize the usage of a PED during instructional time. At all other times the device is to be powered off and kept in a students' backpack or locker. When the usage of a PED is inappropriate, the school designate or principal will apply progressive discipline strategies. Depending on the infraction, strategies may include, but are not limited to; speaking with the student, parent meeting, removal of the PED until the end of the school day, loss of privilege to have a PED at school or suspension. As with other personal property items, schools are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged PEDs. These guidelines apply to all stakeholders in the school including students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors.



## School Council

### **Why join School Council?**

To meet new people/parents with similar interests

- To have your voice heard
- To stay informed
- To help support student programs

### **Role of School Council**

- To support student achievement through various initiatives
- To support the school through various volunteer activities

### **Who are we?**

The purpose of the Parent Council is to help enrich the experience that students have during their time at ST Worden. One way we do this is by running various fundraising events that then allow us to use those funds to enhance the school experience. As a result of the generosity of our school community we have been able to make some very positive contributions to the school.

### **When do we meet?**

Our first meeting will be on **September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. Everyone is welcome to join us!!!

## **FREE KPR Parent Conference October 19**

Calling all parents and caregivers: join us the morning of Saturday, October 19 at Port Hope High School for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference! **Dr. Michael Ungar**, world renowned expert on building resiliency in children and youth, will talk about **The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubble wrapping Them.** Take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear his engaging advice, while also enjoying free child minding, light refreshments and information booths staffed by local organizations serving families. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)

## Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards

Bicycle, scooter and skateboard riding is a viable option. Students are reminded to dismount at the edge of school property and walk their bike, scooter or skateboard to the racks where they should be locking them up. Please be reminded that bike helmets for elementary school-aged children are a requirement of Ontario law. Riding is a healthy alternative to walking but must be done in a safe manner. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment. Students are strongly encouraged to use locks.



### Mark the Date!

- ❖ Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Open House 5-7
- ❖ Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox Walk
- ❖ Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> P.A. Day

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*I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter each month.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

