



# welcome to SMS Open House 2019-20

**Vision: Our students will be active, productive, and contributing members of their community--demonstrating respect, responsibility, and hard work.**

## **SMS Mission Statement:**

**The SMS community promotes good citizenship through daily acts of respect, responsibility, and hard work.**

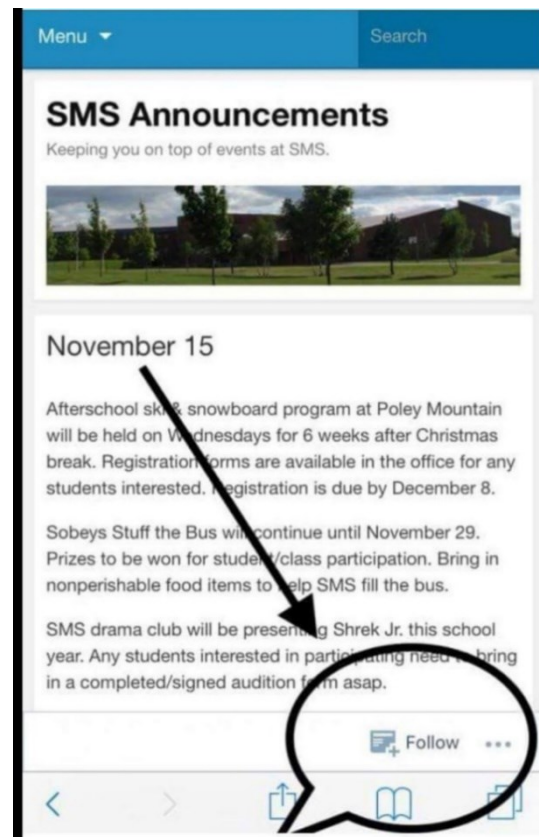
Format for this evening:

- Information session in the cafeteria.
- Meet homeroom teachers in classrooms.

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# First things first...

- Sign in/Sign out procedure
- How to sign up for daily announcements



# Introductions

- Principal – Robin Baird
- Vice Principal – Jeff Johnston
- Guidance counsellor – Lori Byers
- Community School Coordinator – Bridget Ryan
- Admin Assistant – Darlene Jones

## \*\* NEW\*\* CASHLESS SCHOOLS

- You can pay student fees as well as any other items that might be added throughout the year. Student fee \$30.
- Visa, Mastercard and Echeque are available payment methods.
- You can register and pay for multiple students at multiple schools in one transaction.
- Up to 5 people can register to pay for a student.
- You can find the link to this on our school website.
- Great way to keep up-to-date on school activities

# Community School

- Sussex Middle is a community school – Community school coordinator is Bridget Ryan– 432-2109
- School activities require lots of volunteers. We are very lucky to have many parents and community partners who continue to support us.





SMS goes to Tim Horton's Camp!

# Communication

- Communication is important to us at SMS. We encourage parents to call, drop into the office, email, look at our website and use School Messenger. **We ask that parents have after-school arrangements made prior to sending their children to school.**
- Facebook page: Sussex Middle School Home and School
- Texting: Students can receive texts before 8:30 am, 11:50-12:20 and after 2:30.
- Supervision begins at 8:05 am pickup/drop off
- Drop off/pick up area is behind the school. **There is to be no drop off in teacher parking lot or Bryant Drive.**

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# Cell Phones at Sussex Middle

- Should you choose to send a cell phone with your child to school they are responsible for it. They are also responsible for following our policy.
- Cell phones are to remain in the locker during class time. From 8:35-10:35 from 10:50 -11:50 and 12:30-2:30. They will be allowed during Nutrition break and Lunch hour.

# Safe Arrival

- With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:
- Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account (use the email address you have on file with the school). Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Call the toll-free number **1-833-219-9065** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
- These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

# Attendance Matters

- Students who attend school regularly...
- ✓ Do better academically
- ✓ Feel more connected to school
- ✓ Develop work habits that last a lifetime



# Being on time...

- If a student is 10 minutes late every day, they miss approx. 30 hours of instruction in a school year.



# Bell Schedule



- Sussex Middle School Bell Schedule 2018-19

- **TIME PERIOD**

- 8:05 Teachers to outdoor duty stations
- 8:15 Students to enter building to designated areas
- 8:25 Students to homerooms [No bell rings at 8:25. Music is played over the PA to indicate that it's time to move to homeroom.]
- 8:30 National anthem
- 8:35-9:35 1 Period 1
- 9:35-10:35 2 Period 2
- 10:35-10:50 Break Nutrition break
- 10:50-11:50 3 Period 3
- 11:50-12:20 Lunch lunch
- 12:30-1:30 4 Period 4
- 1:30-2:30 5 Period 5
- 2:30 Dismissal

# Alternate Bus Forms

- This is a courtesy for parents. The district transportation department will not allow students to travel on alternate buses unless it is authorized and it is an established routine (not for one-time travel). Please visit our website to fill out the form. The form must be submitted a week prior to the change. They must be filled out every school year.

# STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE \$30

- Covers the cost of student planners, as well as some art, music, and technology supplies.
- Covers the rental of locks, incentives, assembly programs, activities for students, as well as some field trips.

\* Additional fees will be added for activities such as drama and sports.

# SMS *Stingers*

- Breakfast club opens Monday, Sept. 9
- Cafeteria menu will be linked to our school website
- SMS is peanut/tree nut free and scent free
- Medical conditions/medication take at school
- Emergency procedures: lockdown/fire drills
- Home and School president Joan Babineau
- PSSC Chair Joan Babineau
- DEC rep Lori-Ann MacAskill
- If anyone is interested in sitting on the PSSC please give your name to Mrs Ryan or Mrs Baird.



# “Meet the Teacher” locations

- Gr 6 English – Mrs. Muscroft’s room 246
- Gr 6 French – individual classrooms
- Gr 7 English – See Ms. Proctor in lobby
- Gr 7 French – individual classrooms
- Gr 8 English – Mrs. Carl’s room 316
- Gr 8 French – individual classrooms
- PRA – in their specific areas:
  - music room (Mr. Morrisey) room 274
  - phys. ed. (Ms. Reicker) main gym
  - art (Mr. Barroso) room 305
- Guidance – guidance area room 231