



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Good afternoon,

Please see below for some updates and reminders.

## **Timetables & Student Schedules:**

During the week of September 5-8th, the Guidance staff will be meeting with the following students:

- students who have a conflict in their schedule (eg. only 7 courses scheduled)
- students who are new registrants to the school
- any students who took a course in summer school and still have the course in their schedule

Students do not need to make an appointment to resolve the above scheduling issues. Guidance staff will call into the student's class and have the student come to the Guidance office.

Once all scheduling conflicts are resolved, Guidance will then be able to see students who would like to request a change to their classes. This may not be until the week of September 11. Please note: several classes are currently at maximum capacity, so though we will try our best, we may not be able to accommodate all requests for a course change.

## **Student Activity Fees:**

This year we expect to have all the usual fun and engaging learning activities that you would expect to experience in high school. As such, we are kindly requesting that families help support these opportunities - such as guest speakers, assemblies, special spirit days, experiential learning, extracurricular activities, etc. - by paying the \$40 registration fee found on School Cash Online. Students/families will also need to complete required consent forms through School Cash Online (Science, Physical Education and Technology). I thank you in advance for supporting all students in having the best experience possible as a Redcoat.

## **Lockers:**

Students will be assigned lockers the first week of school through their homeroom teachers. If you would like to purchase a lock, you can purchase one from the main office for \$5 cash.

## **Main Office:**

Over the summer the main office was renovated. Students are reminded to come to the attendance desk (one of the 2 desks across the front of the office) if they have any questions or concerns. Please only use the front main door on the left side, as the right side is for staff.

### **Attendance Procedures:**

Our school has an easy method for you to report your student's absences. With Safe Arrival, you can report daily absences and schedule absences by using one of the following:

- Calling the toll-free phone line at 1-866-479-3261
- Logging on to the web portal at [www.safearrival.com](http://www.safearrival.com)
- Using your smart phone or tablet.

Simply download the School Messenger app. We ask that you report all absences prior to bell time for the current day. To ensure the safety of our students, if your student is not at school and has not been reported absent, our staff will attempt to reach you and your contacts to confirm their whereabouts. If a student arrives late to school or needs to leave early, they must sign in/out.

If students are less than 15 minutes late for the start of a period, they are asked to report directly to the class. If more than 15 minutes late, students need to report to the main office for a late slip, so the office staff can change the attendance accordingly in our school information system.

### **Student Senate:**

Are you interested in representing your school's student body? Are you someone who works well with others, communicates effectively, and wants to develop their leadership skills? If your answers are yes, keep reading to learn more about how you could become a member of DSBN's Student Trustee Senate Committee.

#### **What is a Student Senator?**

- Student Trustee Senate is a committee of the Board that meets once a month throughout the school year (note: transportation is provided when meetings are in-person). These meetings give an opportunity for the Senators to act as an advisory body to the three Student Trustees who chair the meetings. The Senators (two per secondary school) provide a perspective on student issues and communicate with their school's student body about the decisions made by DSBN. Being involved in the Student Trustee Senate Committee also provides leadership opportunities for Senators as they advocate and learn the purpose and work of DSBN.
- Visit this [link](#) to learn more from past Senators.
- You can also visit **@dsbnstudentsenate** on Instagram to check out meeting recaps, words from our past Senators, and receive frequent updates from your fellow Student Trustees.

#### **Do I have to be in Student Council to be in Student Trustee Senate?**

- No. Student Trustee Senate offers the opportunity for all students from Grades 9-12 to be a member in order to diversity our student voice and provide leadership opportunities to all students.

- Although you do not have to be in Student Council, senators should be reporting back to their schools. This can be done through the Senate Teacher Advisor and/or Student Council.

#### **How do I apply?**

- Download the attachment to this email titled “DSBN Student Senator Application 2023-2024”
- If you are submitting the application in writing or video format, email it to [christie.key@dsbn.org](mailto:christie.key@dsbn.org)
- If you prefer answering these questions verbally, in-person, please send an email to [christie.key@dsbn.org](mailto:christie.key@dsbn.org) to book an appointment.

#### **Where can I find out more information?**

- Visit your school principal for more information.
- DM **@dsbnstudentsenate** on Instagram with any further questions.
- You can also reach out to one of the three DSBN Student Trustees by email.
  - [julianna.marcel@dsbn.org](mailto:julianna.marcel@dsbn.org)
  - [Audrey.Akharoh@dsbn.org](mailto:Audrey.Akharoh@dsbn.org)
  - [Nodin.Buck@dsbn.org](mailto:Nodin.Buck@dsbn.org)

Have a restful and safe long weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

Thank you!

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