Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Good afternoon,

Please see below for some informational items and reminders:

Student Activity Fees and Registration Forms:
This is a reminder to students & families that have not yet completed the required consent forms through School Cash Online, or not yet paid the required $40 registration fee.

Step 1: Complete the following forms on School Cash Online (You can access School Cash Online on our website at http://govsimcoe.dsbn.org):

- ☐ Digital Citizenship Agreement and Information Technology Consent
- ☐ Consent for Participation in (DSBN Curricular) Phys Ed, Intramural/Athletic Programs
- ☐ Informed Consent for Participation in Technology
- ☐ Informed Consent for Participation in the Sciences
- ☐ Informed Consent for Participation in Family Studies

Step 2: Payment of Student Activity Fees can also be completed using the school cash online feature (which is a secure and reliable link):

- ☐ Student Activity Fee - used to support various activities and services that enhance the student experience outside of the classroom and foster school community, such as guest speakers, assemblies, special spirit days, experiential learning, extracurricular activities, etc.

We thank you in advance for completing these requirements.

Lockers:
Students were assigned lockers today through their homeroom teachers. If you would like to purchase a lock, you can purchase one from the main office for $5 cash.

Assemblies:
We will be having a junior and senior assembly in September to discuss positive school climate and getting involved in the school community.

Washrooms and Hallways

What we are hearing at this time (from students, staff and some parents) is that we have a concern with inappropriate use of school washrooms. Specifically, some students are congregating in washrooms and engaging in inappropriate activities such as vaping and vandalism. This is making other students feel uncomfortable and unsafe using our washrooms. We know from connecting with our colleagues that this has become an issue province-wide, and is one that we are continuing to address. Please use the washrooms for their intended purposes only. Please review these concerns at home.

Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH):

Please see the attached September School newsletter from NRPH.

Picture Day:

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st, 2023. Students will be called down to the library according to their last names. Please see the attached flyer.

Grade 9 Trip to Ball's Falls Conservation Area:

On Thursday, September 28th, grade 9 students, Link Crew leaders and staff mentors will be going on a school trip to Ball's Falls Conservation Area. The goal is to bring together the grade 9's as a class and to celebrate a successful start to the school year.

Buses will be picking up students at Governor Simcoe at 9:15 a.m., and will return back to the school by approximately 1:30 p.m. A consent/trip form will be available through School Cash Online later this week. This form will need to be completed by all students prior to participation in the event. There is no cost to students, but students are asked to bring lunch with them, as there will not be food/drink services on site.

Student Senate: Applications due by Thursday, September 14th!!

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, please see Mme. Key to learn more about how you could become a member of DSBN's Student Trustee Senate Committee, or come to the office to receive an application form. **Applications are due by Thursday, Sept. 14th.**

Student Handbook:

The Student Handbook containing important information such as key dates, code of conduct, assessment practices, etc., is posted on the GSS website. We encourage students and families to read this document together.

Thank you!

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