



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Hello Redcoats!

Welcome back to another year at Governor Simcoe Secondary School. I hope you have enjoyed your summer break...relaxing, unwinding and spending time with your family and friends.

I am very fortunate to be working alongside an amazing Vice Principal, Mrs. Brophy. Please feel free to seek us out if you require support or assistance with any matter. We will do our best to help you.

Student Activity Fees

We are pleased to begin the year with enthusiasm and optimism for a more “normal” school experience after years of disruption from the pandemic. 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. School Cash Online will open on Monday, August 28th. 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.

Registration and Timetables

Students will be able to view their timetables through the Aspen Student Information System on **Monday, August 28th, 2022.** Students can do so by logging on to their DSBN Student Portal and clicking on the icon below:



Aspen SIS

Remember to use the AASP button, not the Log On button.

1. Click the My Info button at the top left-hand corner underneath your name.
2. Click on the Current Schedule button along the left-hand side of the screen.
3. Your schedule appears, sorted by course name. Click on the word Term to sort by semester/term.

Timetable changes during registration week will only occur for the following reasons:

- Students with scheduling conflicts or incomplete timetables
- Students who attended Summer School
- Students who failed a course in June.

Students who have a timetable conflict, or who require a timetable adjustment due to an unsuccessful credit attempt or summer learning result, will be supported by guidance the week of August 29th. Further information about how to get your conflict solved before school begins will be coming in an email to students from the guidance office. Please do not email individual counselors.

Date	Grade	Time
Tuesday August 29th	Grade 11 students with conflicts	8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday August 30st	Grade 12 students with conflicts	8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday August 31st	Grade 9	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
	Grade 10 students with conflicts	8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Grade 9 students are reminded to attend the **Grade 9 Welcome Event on Thursday, August 31st**. The invitation is attached for your convenience.

Transportation:

Parents/Guardians: If your child is eligible for transportation, please visit the Niagara Student Transportation Services [website](#) for more information. The [back-to-school page](#) is now live and includes information for parents to review regarding student transportation.

Busing information, for those eligible, is available on the NSTS [Parent Portal](#). Please check your child's bus route number, stop location, and time each day as routes may change due to new student registrations. Finalized Transportation information will be available through the [Parent Portal](#) on Thursday, August 31st, 2023.

Please contact your school or email NSTS at general@nsts.ca if you have questions regarding your child's transportation.

Lunch:

Lunch is scheduled between 10:55 - 11:35 a.m. each day for all students. The cafeteria is open, and we are happy to announce that Chartwell's will be returning. The library will be available at lunch to grade 12 students. A number of English classrooms across from the main office are also open for students to enjoy their lunch. The second and third floor are closed during the lunch period. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Picture Day:

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st, 2023. We will continue to communicate this on the announcements and through email as we get closer to the date.

Football:

There is open field time for interested football players next Tuesday, August 29th, and Wednesday, August 30th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Students are to wear a t-shirt, shorts, shoes or cleats, and bring water. No other equipment is necessary. First official practice will be Tuesday, Sept 5th after school.

Reminders and Student Handbook:

The environment we learn in is very important to all of us. It is very crucial for all students to feel safe and welcomed. If you come across any issues during your time at GSS, please make sure we are made aware so that you are given the best possible chance to succeed in high school. The Student Handbook containing important information such as key dates, code of conduct, assessment practices, etc., will be posted on the Governor Simcoe website shortly. We encourage students and families to read and review this document together. A copy of this handbook is attached to this email.

On behalf of Mrs. Brophy and myself, we wish you a wonderful start to the school year. We look forward to seeing everyone and are committed to making Governor Simcoe the most fantastic place for our Redcoats to be. Welcome to "Our House!"

Thank you,

T. Thompson
Principal, Governor Simcoe

L. Brophy
Vice Principal, Governor Simcoe