



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

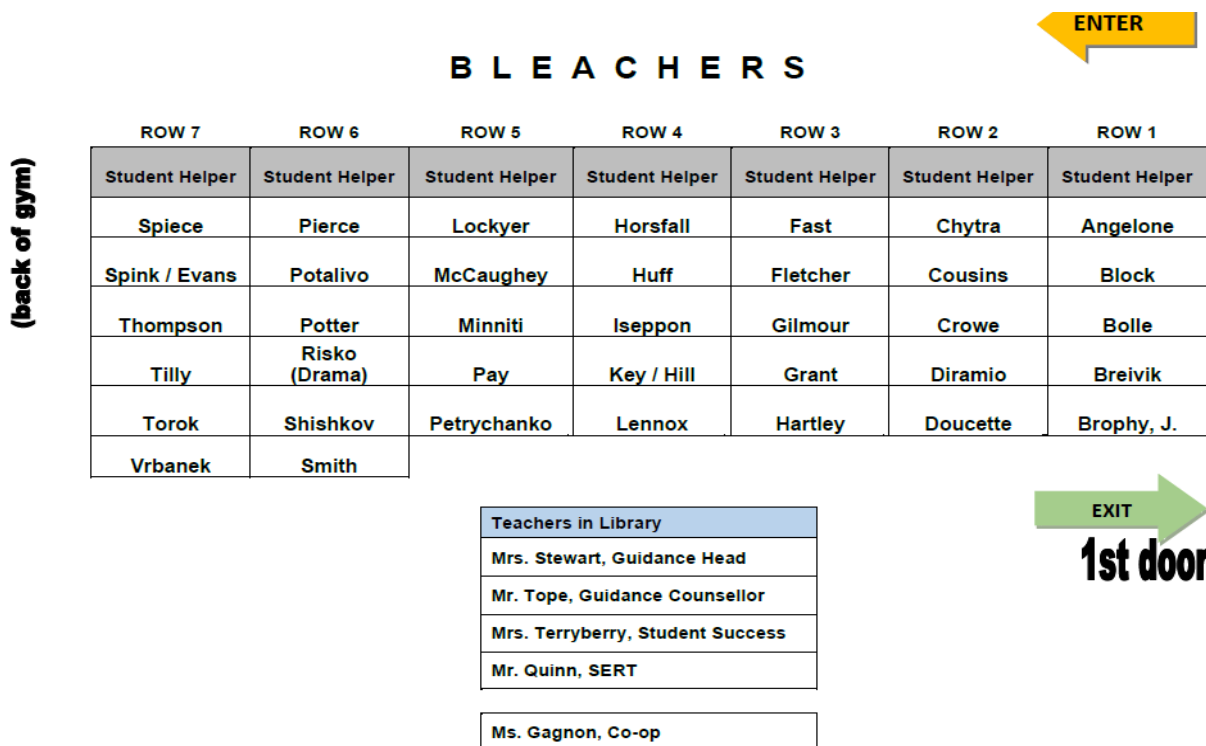
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## Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the gym. Please be mindful that interviews are only 5 minutes in length and there is a tight schedule. If you are requiring more time with your child's teacher, please arrange follow-up communication. Student volunteers will be available to help parents/guardians navigate the arrangement of teachers in the gym. Here is a map for your reference (which will also be available at the door):



## Hall Mentor Program:

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Marina Cosby as a Hall Mentor for Governor Simcoe. Mrs. Cosby will assist with hallway supervision and promote inclusivity as part of a safe, caring and respectful school culture.

### Marina Cosby - Message to School Community

Hey there! My name is Marina and it's my pleasure to be welcomed to the Governor Simcoe team as Hall

*Mentor. Niagara has been my home for many years. I have 2 children, both graduates of this amazing school. For 5 years I held a role on the Parent Council, supporting staff and parents. I hope to help create a safe and welcoming school experience for all because in "Our House" we all matter!*

### **Football Game (Friday, October 18, 2024):**

The Redcoats team will be playing The Saints from St Catharines Collegiate this **Friday October 18th at St Catharines Collegiate**. Kickoff is 3:00 pm and gates open at 2:30 pm.

Please note the following important details for this week's game:

- Students must buy admission bracelets for \$2.00 in advance at Governor Simcoe.
- **Bracelets will only be sold on game day in the morning and at lunch in the main foyer.**
- Bracelets are non-transferable. Students can only buy bracelets for themselves; they cannot be purchased for others.
- **Student bracelets will not be available for purchase at the gate. Students who have not purchased a bracelet in advance will not be permitted to enter the gate.**
- Once you have entered the gate there is no re-entry.
- Security will be present at the game.
- Backpacks are not permitted past the gate. Security will check all other personal bags at the gate.
- No alcohol or drugs permitted.

Let's remember: This is a school event, and we expect all community members to adhere to our Code of Conduct, treating each other with kindness & respect. Anyone not adhering to the code of conduct will be asked to leave.

### **Message from the Healthy Schools Committee:**

Attention Redcoats, if you are looking for a great leadership opportunity that you can put on your resume, want to become more connected to your school community, and want to make a difference in the overall health and wellbeing of your school, we would love for you to come out to our next Healthy Schools meeting! This will be taking place on Monday, October 21st at lunch.

The health of the school is so important in making sure you feel comfortable, safe and supported in reaching your full potential at school! Come out to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can work together to implement health initiatives that will strengthen the positive learning environment at Governor Simcoe!

### **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC):**

We are pleased to announce that registration for the annual Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Conference

is now open! Click to [Register Now](#).

This year's conference is on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 to 8:15 pm at Eden High School in St. Catharines. The event is offered at no cost to families and is an ideal opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with each other and hear from community partners about important topics relevant to your child(ren).

Session Topics:

The theme is Student Wellbeing in the Digital Age. With 14 presentation topics to choose from, participants can choose to attend two one-hour sessions including: Social Media and Mental Health, Cyber Safety, Technology Addiction, Proactive Parenting and much more!

The conference also features:

- A light dinner + evening refreshments
- Free childcare up to 12 years old
- An educational showcase where exhibitors/community agencies will offer information and resources about their organization or service
- New this year – you may have the opportunity to receive free bus transportation to the conference if there are enough families from our school attending to fill a bus. Please contact the office if you have any questions

Conference Agenda:

4:00 - 5:15: Registration, Light Dinner & Educational Showcase

5:15 - 5:25: Opening Remarks

5:45 - 6:45: 1st Session

6:45 - 7:15: Educational Showcase & Refreshments

7:15 - 8:15: 2nd Session

To attend this event, you must register. Registration closes on Wednesday, October 30 at 4:00 pm. [Register Here!](#)

**Picture Retake Day:**

Picture retakes will be held on Monday, October 21st in the morning. Photographers will again be set up in the library and students wanting a retake (or if they were absent the first day) will be called down by the office.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
T. Thompson