

# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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#### **Progress reports and parent-teacher interviews**

Progress reports will be sent electronically to student's DSBN emails on Thursday, October 10th. We will be holding parent-teacher interviews in-person at the school on Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The interview scheduler (<u>School Appointments On-Line</u>) will be made available to parents/guardians starting on <u>Wednesday</u>, October 9th and closing on <u>Wednesday</u>, October 16th at 12:00 pm.

Parent Instructions for School Appointments:

## School Appointments – Parent Instructions

- To book a parent / teacher interview, click on the link below, between Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>.
  Interview date is Thurs. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. BOOK APPOINTMENT HERE
- 2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
- 3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click the "Insert New" button to add more children.
- 4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.



5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



#### Picture retake day:

Picture retake day will occur on Monday, October 21st in the library. Students requiring a retake will be called down in the morning.

#### **Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH):**

Please see the attached newsletter for October from NRPH.

#### **School Events & Sign-Out Procedures**

Reminder to students and parents/guardians about sign-out procedures for school events; we will communicate any opportunities for staff and students to watch any sports/events happening at the school during the instructional day where appropriate. This may take the form of a "buy-in" or an invitation to have classes go to the gym or field together where they are under the supervision of their teacher.

Parents/guardians cannot "sign-out" their child to watch an event during in-school time. If parents/guardians are excusing their child from classes, students are expected to leave school property. This falls under the Safe Schools Act through DSBN Policies & Procedures; we cannot have students traveling around the school unsupervised during instructional time.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Parent Involvement Committee (PIC):

2024 PIC Conference is Back!

We are pleased to report that this year's Parent Involvement Committee Conference is taking place on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 to 8:15 pm. at Eden High School in St. Catharines. This year's theme is Student Well-being in the Digital Age.

This conference is a great way for all DSBN parents and caregivers to network with those who are dedicated to supporting student learning. The event is an ideal opportunity for interested parents to connect with each other, share best practices and learn effective strategies to support student success.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two one-hour workshops. Some sample workshop topics are Social Media and Mental Health, Cyber Safety, Technology Addiction, and Proactive Parenting. Dinner and childcare are provided. For those who may need transportation to the conference, please have them call me at the school and we will make sure they are able to get to the event.

The registration window will open soon and will be posted on all school websites and on DSBN social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you, T.Thompson