



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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**Please Note: This letter is posted on our website. All links within this letter are accessible on our website.**

**Please continue to monitor the DSBN website for *Return to School Updates*.**

**Families will NOT receive a summer mailing from the school.**

**Please check our Governor Simcoe website for information during the summer.**

June 23, 2020.

Dear Governor Simcoe Students and Families,

No one would have ever imagined what we have been experiencing with COVID-19. We know that the last 3 months have been difficult and challenging for many of our students and families. We would like to thank our parents for supporting us and your children with their continued engagement in their learning. We appreciate that this was not always easy.

To our students, please know how very proud we are of you. We know that the shift to learning from home was not an easy one. We applaud you for your efforts and perseverance through these unprecedented times.

As we all move into a well-deserved summer break, we have several important information items to share with our Simcoe families.

## Updated Contact Information

- Over the past three months, we have encountered a significant number of outdated parent emails, as well as home phone numbers, often due to families transitioning to cell phones as their primary contact number. Parent contact information is extremely important for our communication with you. We are asking that you please update your contact information with us if there has been a change to email, phone number or address.
- You may enter your changes at [Governor Simcoe Updated Student Contact Information](#) . This link will continue to be open to you throughout the summer to ensure that your information is accurate.

## Loaned Items

- If you were loaned items by the school this year such as textbooks, items from the library, and Chromebooks, please keep them until September
- These items are very important to our school, so please store them safely
- **If you are moving to another school in the fall that is not part of the DSBN, please contact us at [gss@dsbn.org](mailto:gss@dsbn.org) to find out how you can return these items. We will need items returned before July 2**

## Report Cards

- Your report card will be mailed to your home in July

## Community Involvement Hours

- An important requirement for high school graduation is completing 40 hours of community involvement
- Summer is a great time to earn hours toward this requirement
- Click on the following link for some ideas for community involvement hours during the summer [DSBN Community Involvement Hours](#)

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### Summer Learning Opportunities

- Please see the link below for summer learning opportunities in July and August [DSBN Summer Learning Opportunities - Summer School](#)

### COVID-19 School Closure Survey

- We would like to hear about your experiences and your opinions to inform our planning for the opening of our school in September 2020. We see your input as an important way to ensure that our secondary students' transition back to school in the fall is as safe and smooth as possible. The survey has three questions and should take approximately 5 minutes or less to complete. ***The survey will be closed on June 29th so we can consider your input as we continue to build our plan.***
- [COVID-19 School Closure Survey](#)

### School in the Fall

- We are currently planning for September, and how we will keep students safe and healthy
- Our plans will be based on requirements from the Ministry of Education and Public Health
- On Friday, the Ministry of Education announced that there are 3 possible models for the fall: full-time online learning, full return to school with extra health and safety precautions or a blended model that will involve some online learning and some time at school. As a result, we will not be distributing timetables until the end of the summer.
- There will be a "DSBN Return to School Updates" link added to our school website. Please be sure to check for updates regularly through the summer

We hope that you find your summer to be restful and enjoyable. We ask that our students and families continue to follow public health directions during the summer to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We look forward to connecting back with you in the new year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Cheryl.mancuso@dsbn.org](mailto:Cheryl.mancuso@dsbn.org).

Take care and be safe!



Cheryl Mancuso, Principal