

Georgian Bay Community School

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Administrators' Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome everyone to your new school – GBCS! I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer break. We are very much looking forward to a new school year and adventures to come as a Gr. 4 -12 school.

Everyone has been busy getting the school ready for the first day. It is important to say a huge thank-you to a number of staff who have worked very hard in the past few months to assist with the transition. Drew Tedford, our Head Custodian and his staff have worked endlessly to make the school a clean and safe environment for all of us. There were many days spent unloading boxes and working with teachers to make the transition smooth. Sherri Page, our Office Manager, has also been working very hard with the office professionals to get our year off to a smooth start. We have bought some new items for our main office such as a freezer for ice and lots of Kleenex! Last but not least, a thank you to all of our teaching/ EA staff joining us this fall. I am so thrilled to say that GBCS has an amazing and dedicated staff. I have watched them take on this challenge of a move with stride. They have set up classrooms over the summer months and they look terrific! They have embraced this change from day one and I really feel like we are going to see our students thrive in this new environment.

With every change that comes, there are always challenges. We will continue to work hard to make this transition work for all of our students. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact administration at the school.

To make sure that parents know what is happening at GBCS, school newsletters will come home with your student at the beginning of each

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6



September 12

Meet the Teacher (elem.)
5:30 – 7:00pm

October 5

Community Council Mtg @ 6:30

October 14

Picture Day!! Class and individual photos!



SAFE ARRIVAL CALL

519-538-1680 Ext.100

NO NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS OR EGGS AT GBCS

We have several students at GBCS who have serious, even life threatening allergies to nut, nut products and eggs. For this reason we do not allow any products containing nuts or egg products. Please ensure that you read all food labels carefully and do not send products that contain nuts or eggs to school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sept 24th- Rocklyn Fall Fair!

Sept 30th- Scarecrow Parade & Family Festival

-OPP Golden Helmets 5pm

-Parade 6pm and festival follows at Harbour Pavilion

month. Newsletters and other information will also be available on the school website.

The Bluewater District School Board Elementary School Year Calendar is attached to the newsletter and posted on the school website.

We have a large team of volunteers at GBCS but we will always welcome more. Please contact the office for more information about how you can become a volunteer.

Please feel free to contact us anytime. We are looking forward to a great year!!

Kathy Damsma – Principal Ext. 527

Andrew Riddick – Vice Principal (Secondary) Ext. 526

Graham Monck – Vice Principal (Elementary) Ext. 528

Please return ALL forms!!

Our students participate in a variety of field trips, sports events and activities throughout the school year. Parents and guardians should note that when parent consent is required for student participation in an activity, the only form of consent we can accept is written consent (parent/guardian signature on school consent form). We cannot accept verbal consent.

Morning Drop Off-

Are you driving your student? All students that are driven or walking to school should make their way to the playground right away. They should keep their backpacks with them. A good spot would be to put it along the fence line close to the exit of the field for easy retrieval when the morning bell rings. We ask that parents do not enter the school with their student in the morning. It is important that we foster independence and responsibility and we need to teach and model that for students. There are no adults on supervision duty in the school before 8:55am, except for students who are bused. These students will enter the school, drop their bag at their locker and continue outside to the playground. We appreciate all of your help in establishing these routines.



PIZZA/MILK and SPECIAL FOOD DAYS!

Daily milk and weekly Wednesday pizza sales will begin September 12th. Milk (chocolate & white) can be purchased daily for \$.75. Milk will be delivered to students' classrooms at 1st nutrition break. Pizza can be ordered each Wednesday morning for \$1.50 a slice, exact change is appreciated. More information will follow via your child's homeroom teacher.

Grade 7 & 8 students will have the opportunity to purchase eat in the cafeteria daily for first Nutrition Break

Grade 7 & 8 Lockers

Locks will be assigned to students to lock their belongings. The cost is \$6.00 and refund will be given in June when the working lock is returned.

School Community Council

First meeting will be October 5th at 6:30 in the staff room.



Reminder that School Agendas are \$5.00 and due to the school as soon as possible.



School Cash Online

We are very excited to offer parents the convenience of paying online for school activities, field trips and sports events. For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. School related expenses will be available online for you to make payment for the next school year. You can register for your online payment account at <https://bwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> See separate information sheet for registration which is attached.