

Hello Spencer Families,

Monday February 1st, 2021

Hope you are all doing well.

Masks at School

Just a reminder that we will no longer be handing out disposable masks at school. Students must wear a mask on the school bus and all students must wear a mask at school when they leave their classrooms and at the end of the day until they are picked up or able to physically distance once they leave the property. Students may have to call home if they forget a mask. We are hoping that students will be able to keep an extra mask in their bags.

Thank you for your help and support with this.

Student Behaviour

It is now February 1 and for some reason this is a month where some students tend to make poor choices at school. The staff try very hard at school to stick to our routines, maintain high expectations and continue to lead by example for our students. In fact, we usually celebrate the start of this month and we take the time to recognize and thank our staff for their amazing work.

Please have a conversation with your child and encourage them to remain focused on academics, get lots of sleep, eat healthy and think about their actions toward others at school and in our community. We are very proud of our students and want to showcase our school community in a positive and respectful manner. We continue to teach, encourage and model our Spencer

Values: Empathy, Honestly, Kindness and Respect.

Vaping at School

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of students vaping or bringing vapes and/or supplies to school. We continue to educate our students on the dangers of vaping, but for some reason, some of our students continue to believe it is not harmful. We take this situation seriously and will be sending students home if they are caught vaping at school, or even if they bring vapes and/or supplies to school. Please speak to your child about vaping and caution them about the dangers of this habit.

Students Arriving Late

If your child will be arriving late for school (after the 9:04am bell), we would ask them to sign in at the office. If you could provide a note for your child or call the office ahead of time, that would be very helpful. Recently, we have noticed groups of friends arriving late to school at the same time. It appears that some of our students meet at school in the morning and then leave the property to meet others or go to the Co-op or Tim Horton's. When this occurs, they often arrive late for school. We have been reminding students that once they arrive at school, they will be expected to stay on the school property. We have a closed campus at Spencer, so students should not be leaving the property throughout the day.

Parents of Grade 8 Students

You should have received an email from us regarding transition and course selection information for Belmont. If you did not receive this important information, please let us know.

For the 2021-22 School Year

If you are looking to make a move to another school now or for September 2021, the online School Change Request (SCR) can now be completed through the district website.

If your child is in grade 8 this year, they will be automatically registered for Belmont for their grade 9 year. There is no need to register for Belmont. If for some reason a grade 8 student will be attending another high school in our district, you must complete the online SCR through the district website.

Remember, if you have a grade 5 student in your household or know a grade 5 student in your neighbourhood who attend Lakewood, Millstream, Savory, David Cameron, Willway or Ruth King, they will be automatically registered for Spencer. If they wish to attend another middle school in our district,

they must also complete the online SCR through the District website. If they attend any other elementary school in our district, they would have to fill out a SCR to attend Spencer.

Please let us know if you have any further questions regarding next year.

Preparations for the Wet Weather

We had a bit of a wet day today and many students were not prepared to be outside. It was alarming to see how many students were wearing shorts and t-shirts outside at lunch. We know many students dress that way every day, but if they make that decision, they cannot complain about being cold and wet. Also, many students are running through the mud puddles and sliding on their bellies through the mud. Ten minutes later, we find them in the office calling home for a change of clothes. We may be asking them to go outside, but we are certainly not asking them to play in the mud. It would be nice to see them prepared for the weather, but I guess this is the choice they make.

PAC Meeting Dates

- February 24, 2021 @ 6:30pm. These meetings will be through MS Teams
- March -Spring Break
- April 28, 2021 @ 6:30 (MS Teams)
- May 26, 2021 @ 6:30 (MS Teams)
- June 23, 2021 @ 6:30 (MS Teams)

Our PAC has a Spencer PAC number at Co-op for fundraising for our school. This number is **47416** if you wish to use it.

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