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Dates to Remember:

September 25th

- ✓ *Last day to order Terry Fox Shirts online*

September 30th

- ✓ *Orange Shirt Day*

October 2nd

- ✓ *Rowan's Law Day*

October 5th

- ✓ *Parent Council Meeting on ZOOM*

October 12th

- ✓ *Thanksgiving*

Northridge News

Thank You to all our families and students for their continued support. While our break schedule and school protocols were different, students were able to engage with their teachers and classmates these past few weeks. Our students did an excellent job of following the new health and safety protocols including wearing masks and practicing hand hygiene. Students are reminded to continue to maintain their distance as much as possible while in the school and while entering the school as well. Thank you all for a great start!

We are so excited to share that the London Free Press made a visit to Northridge today to highlight the great learning that is happening in our outside learning spaces this fall! We are so proud of all our students and staff for their great work following all our new health and safety protocols and embracing our new learning environments! We also want to assure all families that this visit was supervised and that all privacy protocols and consents were respected. Look for this great news story in an upcoming London Free Press edition! Great job Northridge!

Ms. Tudhope and Ms. Gee

Please Remember to Self-Screen Each Day

Prior to leaving home each day, families are reminded of the need to complete the Covid-19 self-assessment. If the answer is yes to any of the questions, the student is required to stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

If your child does not pass the daily screening, please refer to the decision tree found on the MLHU website at: <https://www.healthunit.com/covid-19-schools>

Ms. Tudhope – Principal
Ms. Gee – Vice-Principal

Sheila Builder – Superintendent
of Achievement

P. Cuddy – Trustee
C. Rahman – Trustee

Bus Delays and Cancellations

We recommend you put the BusPlanner Delays app on your smartphone. You will receive push notifications to your device if buses to our school are delayed or cancelled. This is the fastest way to receive information.

Unfortunately, this year, STS is experiencing driver shortages in the area. While other areas have dealt with this for several years now, we have been fortunate to avoid it for the most part. However, because of COVID 19, bus companies have had difficulty building up a list of supply drivers to cover for absences. The reality of driver shortages means route cancellations will be unavoidable, and this will be disruptive to families. This is not something we have experienced in this area before.

In the event of route cancellations, the contractors will post the cancellations to the website as early as possible, per the normal practice. Families will be notified of the cancellation by checking the website and should be encouraged to check it daily in the morning and afternoon. Families should also download the app and subscribe to their student's bus run number. Emails will be issued to families based on the email address on file through the student information system at the school board.

Where to Find Notifications of Bus Delays and Cancellations:



- ✓ Online at www.mybigyellowbus.ca
 - This is the official source of potential service disruption notifications.



- ✓ Download the free BusPlanner Delay app (available for Android & iOS)



- ✓ Login to the Parent Portal online at www.mybigyellowbus.ca to subscribe for email notifications.
- ✓ End-users are responsible for entering their email address accurately.
- ✓ Add notifications@mybigyellowbus.ca to your safe senders list to avoid spam filters.

Instructions for Students/Parents/Guardians:

- ✓ Download the free app to your device.
- ✓ When asked for an access code, enter **MBYB**
- ✓ Select "For My Child's Transportation".
- ✓ Select the school(s) from the list.
- ✓ Select the bus run numbers (AVAILABLE IN THE PARENT PORTAL) - make sure you add both AM and PM bus run numbers, especially if your student has different bus assignments in the morning and afternoon.



A Few Reminders

Bus Registration & Seating Plans

- ✓ Bus registration closed on August 14th. If you would like to register your child to take transportation, please go to mybigyellowbus.ca to be added to the registration waiting list.
- ✓ Ministry of Education return to school guidelines require a seating plan for each bus for contact tracing purposes. These seating plan charts will be requested by public health for case management. Siblings, classmates, and student's ages are all being taken into consideration when mapping out each buses seating plan.
 - Please communicate with your students that they are to remain in their assigned seat and that masks are to be worn at all times while on STS busses.

School Yard Recess Zones

- ✓ Students have been assigned a zone on the yard for their outdoor play during nutrition breaks. Students are partnered with one additional class that will remain constant. Students will be able to access one zone on odd days and another zone on even days. Students are asked to remain in their assigned zone during the nutrition breaks to ensure everyone's safety.

School Doors Remain Locked

- ✓ Locked external doors are new for Northridge. All external doors to the school will be locked during the school day. These doors have been locked as per TVDSB guidelines to limit access to schools to the public. Signs are posted on the front door that indicate the school number to contact and reach the office. Students who are late will have to wait outside of the school, while maintaining physical distancing, until they are permitted access to the school.

Borrowed Technology

- ✓ If your student has borrowed a device (Chromebook, Ipad or laptop) please make sure you return it with the charger to school ASAP so we can properly clean it and have it ready for school use.

Parent Portal Information, IPOC's and Student Health Agreement Reminders

- ✓ Parents are reminded to verify and update all student information in the parent portal by September 30. Thank you to all families who have completed the Student Health Agreement. If you haven't already done so, please log into the portal to complete this agreement. Students requiring an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) are reminded to please complete the plan through the portal as well. If you require any assistance, please call the main office at: 519-452-8440.

Dropping off Student Items

- ✓ With our new protocols in place our front doors remain locked. We know this makes dropping off items for students more challenging. We ask that you only drop off those items that are absolutely necessary for the student's day to eliminate unnecessary contact.

Parent Council

Northridge School Council has always provided great experiences for our school community; Fall Fair "BBQ", hot lunches, Movie Nights, and more. We fund-raise year-round to subsidize student's year end class trips, provide funds for additional classroom experiences and supplies, and to host our school events as inexpensively as possible.

Please consider joining our School Council where virtual Meetings will be held via Zoom. Our first meeting will be held on October 5th at 6:30pm.

Northridge School Council 2020/2021

Chair: Cheryl Forrest

Co- Chair: Michelle Dawtrey

Treasurer- Keri Lucier

Secretary- Erin Dundas

School Council Parent Candidate Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Business phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.

OR

_____ is the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board: yes / no (please circle one)

Nominator's signature: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate preferred role:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parent Representative

Northridge's 2020-2021 Staff



J. Tudhope	Principal
A. Gee	Vice-Principal
J. Bridge	Admin Secretary
T. Garlick	Assistant Secretary
T. Feddema / C. Claypole	Kindergarten
T. Dunne / J. Eden	Kindergarten
S. Turner / M. Murphy	Kindergarten
L. Selves / D. Yu	Kindergarten
A. Kuehn	Grade 1
M. Ratcliff	Grade ½
J. Metcalfe	Grade 2
M. Currie	Grade 2/3
D. Cordell	Grade 3
M. Silcox	Grade 3
S. Gohri	Grade 4
M. Salter	Grade 4/5
H. Feenstra	Grade 5
R. Nisbett	Grade 6
T. Thompson	Grade 6
J. Joksas	Custodian
K. Kezar	Custodian

K. Hochachka	Grade 6/7
B. Spitzer	Grade 7/8
V. Kotarba	Grade 7/8
A. Sang / J. Fleet	Grade 7/8
C. Wiens	Grade 7/8
A. Sang	Primary Music
K. Sang	Junior/Intermediate Music
L. Pettit	French
E. Feldman	French
M. Pottruff	Learning Support Teacher
J. Bordin	Learning Support Teacher
M. Jones	ESL Teacher
J. Fleet	Teacher Librarian
T. Comeau	Educational Assistant
S. Alathamena	Educational Assistant
D. Attinello	Educational Assistant
B. Deering	Educational Assistant
J. Craig	Educational Assistant
D. McSloy	Charge Custodian
R. Misic	Custodian
M. Murray	Custodian



Home Connections in Mathematics

It's an exciting time in mathematics right now. In late June, the Ministry of Education announced the release of the new elementary mathematics curriculum for grades 1 to 8. This new elementary math curriculum describes the knowledge and skills that students are expected to learn in each grade. It is organized into six areas: number, algebra, data, spatial sense and financial literacy, with social-emotional learning skills in mathematics and mathematical processes being taught as part of the learning through all strands. Social-emotional learning skills help students build confidence in their math skills and think critically to support their overall well-being.

The Ministry has revised the assessment and reporting procedures for the math curriculum. There will be only one mark for math, instead of providing a separate mark for each strand.

Mathematics is an integral part of our daily lives. Therefore, The Curriculum Context outlines the vision, principles and goals of the new mathematics curriculum. We want students to see the value and beauty of mathematics. There is a lot of work to be done to support our students in learning mathematics and parents/guardians play an important part in the learning process.

Resources and additional information can be found on the Ministry's Curriculum and Resources website:

- New Elementary Math Curriculum
- Key Changes – Ontario Mathematics Curriculum

We will continue to provide any updates and support from the Ministry to all our families.

Noon Hour Supervisors

Northridge is in need of some lunchroom supervisors that would be available for on-call/supply days. As a lunchroom supervisor, you'll ensure the safety and security of students by providing supervision in the classrooms during lunch breaks and out on the school yard.

Successful candidates will be required to submit a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check prior to the commencement of any employment duties.

If you or someone you know is interested or you would like more information, please contact the Vice Principal Mrs. Gee:

By Phone: 519-452-8440

By Email: a.gee@tvdsb.ca



Upcoming Events & Special Days at Northridge

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30th our Thames Valley District community will join communities across Canada as we acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. Join us in our commitment to Truth & Reconciliation that Every Child Matters.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

The annual **Orange Shirt Day** on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.



Rowan's Law Day

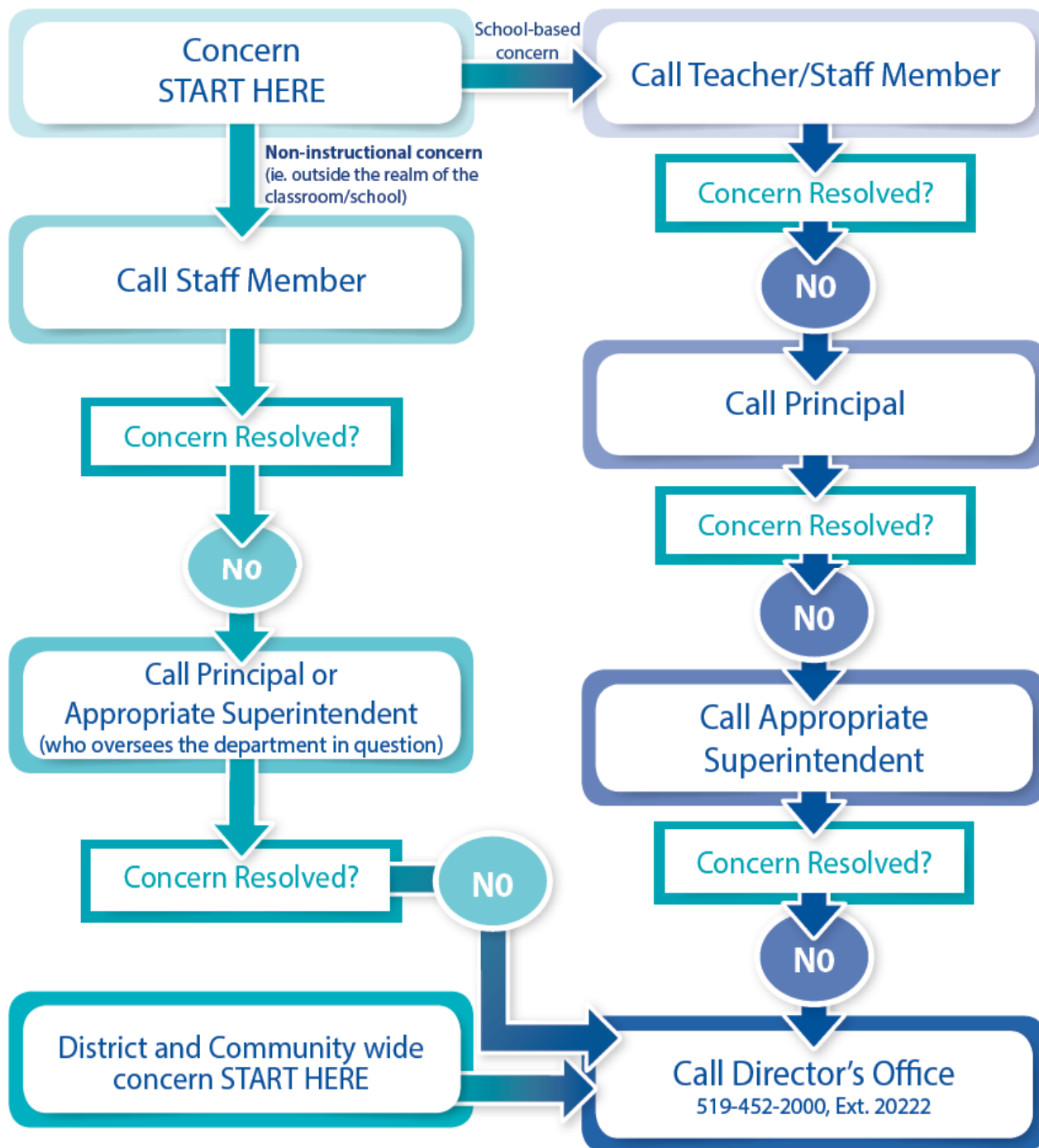
Every year, the last Wednesday in September is Rowan's Law Day – a day to increase awareness for students, staff, and parents/guardians about concussions and to share the story of Rowan Stringer, a 17 year-old rugby player who sadly succumbed to head injuries sustained during play.

This year, Rowan's Law Day coincides with Orange Shirt Day, both being on September 30th. Because of this, Northridge will be doing **Purple Shirt Day** on Friday, October 2nd to support the education and awareness about Rowan's Law, and concussion awareness, prevention, and management.





Addressing Concerns @ TVDSB



Your Trustee can help **guide** you through this process.

Find your **Trustee** and/or **Superintendent** by calling: **519-452-2000**
 or go online @ www.tvdsb.ca