



SOUTH HULL SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026-2027 NEWSLETTER # 1



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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

It is my pleasure to welcome all of our students and families to a new school year. We are excited to begin this journey together. I am also thrilled to introduce our dedicated staff of South Hull Elementary School, whose commitment, passion, and care help create a positive and supportive learning environment for every student. We are eager to work together to make this a successful, engaging, and memorable year. We can't wait to see what we will accomplish together. Welcome back, Golden Eagles!

Bessie (Vasilik) Tsatoumas, Directrice / Principal

Teaching Staff - French Immersion Program:

Lucie Tremblay	Kindergarten K5
Hugo Riopel	Kindergarten K5
Clarisse Serre	Grade 1
Elyse Clark	Grade 2
Laurence Turbide	Grade 1/2
Ashley Weinman	Grade 3
Sylvie Charlebois (Victoria Venneman)	Grade 3/4
Anne Catherine Bois	Grade 4
Linda Lacoste	Grade 5
Christopher Beauchamp	Grade 5/6
Paul Lamarche	Grade 6

Teaching Specialists:

Martyne Martimbeault	Grade 5/6 Imm
Shea McAlpine	FSL
Kim McCready	ELA
Keira Ogle	Resource
Catherine Lesage	Phys Ed Jr.
Pierre Brodeur	Phy Ed Sr.

Office staff:

Linda Hennink	School Secretary
Amélie Girard	School Secretary

Support Staff

Norma Splane, Daycare Technician
Heather Clark
Laurie O'Connell
Chantal Bell
Cinzia Strizzi
Sharon Latour
Lyne Chartrand
Lisa Pilgrim
Sue Demers
Jason Sauve
Victoria Splane Rivest
Emma Splane
Nika Frey
Kathryn O'Neill
Tanguy Carret
Caleb Childs
Elisa Cavalleri
Madison Tremblay
Nicole St. George
Shanna Villeneuve
Abigail Lavigne
Kelsey Rack
Alice Huang
Heidi De Haan
Mackenzie Labrecque

Teaching Staff - English Program:

Melissa Hidic	Centre #1
Sarah Morris	Centre #2
Elinore Baggaley	Kindergarten K4
Luiza Cantamessa	Kindergarten K5
Edith Gonçalves	Grade 1
Laura O'Rourke	Grade 1/2
Jennifer Christie	Grade 2
Stephanie Lalor	Grade 3/4
Chloe Nichols	Grade 3
Hayley Nesbitt	Grade 4
David Adams	Grade 4/5
Jessica Stevens	Grade 5
Diana Kabbabeh	Grade 6

Special Education Technician:

Sandra Driscoll (Center #1)
Chelsea Abraham (Center #2)
Katsiaryna Shebetava (K4 Kinder)
Hope Reid
Tammy Lavallee

Attendants (Centers):

Ewurk Garcia (Center #1)
Kevin Desjardins Larocque (Center #1)
Kari LeBlanc (Center #2)
Edilia Mijares (Center #2)

Custodians:

Anick Bertrand	Day Custodian
Martin Glandon	Evening Custodian



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Upcoming Events

- September 7 - Holiday – School Closed
- September 17 - Annual General Assembly (see info below)
- September 18 - PD Day
- September 30 - Declaration of attendance (attendance is extremely important)
- September 30 - Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation)
- October 1 - Terry Fox Walk/Run
- October 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED due to Provincial Elections

Annual General Assembly and Meet the Teacher Night

The Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Meet The Teacher Night for Parents, will take place in the Large Gymnasium on:

Thursday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Introduction of Teachers and Staff

6:30 p.m. 1st Meet the Teacher Session

7:00 p.m. 2nd Meet the Teacher Session

7:30 p.m. Governing Board General Assembly

To select new candidates for Governing Board

Note: for parents who are interested in governing board

School closes at 8:00 pm

This evening is intended for parents only. This occasion is not meant as an opportunity for a parent/teacher interview, however, you may request a meeting with the teacher for a later date.

Elections for Parent Representative to Governing Board: At the AGA, parents will be invited to assemble to meet the school's administration and to elect representatives to the school's Governing Board from among the parents in attendance. The Governing Board is comprised of parents, teachers, support staff, the principal and community representatives. The purpose of the Governing Board is to make decisions that impact our students. Meetings usually take place one evening per month. If you are interested in becoming involved in your child's school by being part of this organization, please ensure that you attend the Annual General Assembly. Parents will be able to nominate themselves or another parent, and then vote for the candidates of their choice to fill the vacant positions that are up for election this year.



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Home and School Committee

A representative from our Home and School committee will be on hand to explain all the wonderful things this committee does to support the school. They will take names of anyone interested in joining the Home and School.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

School Hours

7:40	Buses arrive
7:50	Entry Bell
8:00	Classes begin
8:00 – 8:50	Period 1
8:50 - 9:40	Period 2
9:40 – 10:00	Recess
10:00 – 10:50	Period 3
10:50 – 11:40	Period 4
11:40 – 12:30	Lunch (OFFICE CLOSED)
12:30 – 1:20	Period 5
1:20 – 1:40	Recess
1:40 - 2:30	Period 6
2:30	End of Day



Office hours

Please note the following directives:

- **Lunch:** 11:40 to 12:30 the office will be closed. Please coordinate your drop off and pick up before or after lunch. Phones will not be answered during lunch. Email us at southhull@wqsb.qc.ca.
- **Recesses:** Please arrange pick up times before or after recesses.
- **End of day:** If you are changing your end of day schedule, inform us prior to 2:00pm. Phones will not be answered between 2:00 and 2:30 as we prepare for end of day. This is for safety reasons for all students.

Pedagogical Days and Holidays

- Monday, September 7 is a holiday – SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- Friday, September 18 is a PD day.

Daycare Information

September 30 is the cut-off date for subsidized daycare for one day a week or more on a consistent basis. Any child registered after September 30, will be placed on a waiting list. Please be advised that students on a waiting list does not guarantee a spot at daycare. Please contact Norma at nsplane@wqsb.qc.ca.



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Daycare Morning Drop Off

The daycare door unlocks at 7:00 am. Please ensure your children are not left alone at the daycare door before this time. Please ensure your children enter the building before you exit the premises.

September 30 - IMPORTANT

- It is extremely important that ALL STUDENTS be in attendance on September 30 (declaration of attendance to the Ministry). If your child will not be in attendance on September 30, a letter will be sent home that you must sign and date to attest that your child was absent and the return to school date. ***You must email southhull@wqsb.qc.ca each day your child is absent until they return.***
- September 30 is Orange Shirt Day in honour of Truth and Reconciliation. Students are welcome to wear an Orange T-Shirt.

Start of Day

It is preferable that students come to school by bus. For students within walking distance or morning drop-offs, supervision starts at 7:40 am. Please do not drop off students prior to that time.

Students are expected to be at school on time for the first bell at 7:50. Otherwise, this creates disruptions to student learning.

Late Arrivals

All students who are being dropped off late in the morning must be accompanied by a parent and report to the front office.

Reporting Student Absences

Please email southhull@wqsb.qc.ca to report if your child will be absent, late, appointment and/or end of day changes. Please indicate the **first and last names of the student, their homeroom teacher, and the reason**, i.e., sick, appointment, will be late, family trip, etc.

Emergency Health Information and Field Trip

You will be receiving a health, and field trip forms in your child's school bag. Please review/sign (dark blue pen – please print clearly) and return them to the teacher as soon as possible. It is important that we keep our records up to date with current phone numbers and addresses.

Lunches

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with a fully packed healthy lunch, snacks and water.
Information will be provided once a lunch program is ready.





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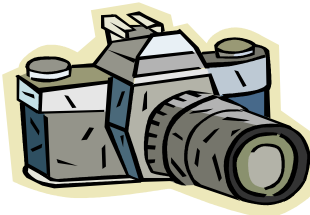
Regarding Lunch Drop-Offs: South Hull encourages healthy lunches and snacks at school, therefore; we are requesting that parents not drop off fast food (McDonalds, or send uber-eats, skip the dishes, door dash, etc.).

If dropping off a lunch, please ensure it is done before 11:40 as the office is closed during the lunch hour. Clearly have the lunch identified with the student's name and Teacher's name.

Allergies

Do not send any lunches and snacks containing peanuts and/or ANY nut products, ANY fish, and ANY sea food (including sea-weed). There are several students/staff with allergies in the school. These are the most prevalent allergies; however, the teacher will inform you if there are any allergies in the classroom.

We are also requesting all students, staff and parents/guardians, to NOT wear perfume, scented hair products, scented hand sanitizers, scented hand creams, etc., as there are staff and students who have allergies from fragrances. Thank you.



School Photos

SAVE THE DATE... school photos will be taken on November 17. School photo day is not intended for sibling photos. Those arrangements can be made when a retake date is scheduled (date to follow).

Student Handbook

We will be sending you an electronic copy of the student handbook. Please ensure that parents/guardians and students review the student handbook. It provides useful information.

Change of Clothing

It is recommended for children of all ages to have a back-up set of clothes that CAN be kept in their backpack or locker. This can avoid a phone call home for a change of clothing.

Lice

Please check your child's hair for lice on a regular basis. Should lice be found, please ensure that all nits and lice are removed before sending student back to school.

School Events - Pets

We would like to remind parents/guardians that pets are not permitted at any school events, i.e. Summerfest, Fallfest, Terry Fox Walk/Run, picnics, etc.



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Important Messages Regarding Traffic Safety

- Please be mindful of the speed while travelling on Oval, Crescent, Lakeview and the side streets. Parents, students and neighbours alike are our walking and safety for all is important.
- When parking in front of the school, down Crescent or on the side streets in the school vicinity, please refrain from parking across from neighbours driveways, if makes it difficult for them to pull out/in of their driveways.
- Please be vigilant of the municipal street signs. There is no access from Crescent North between 7:00 and 8:30. There is no right turn at the top of Des Frenes Rouge.
- The best way to access the school is to take Crescent South and that will guide you to the front of the school. OR take Veterans to Crescent and turn left and that will lead you to the front of the school.
- Please do not park directly in front of the walkway that is situated at the front of the school. This area is reserved for handicapped busses/transportation.