



Lakehead Public Schools



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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Whitefish Families,

I want to thank all of you for your patience, support and ongoing cooperation. We have had an interesting start to 2022, but we have been working together to make it a success for the students. All of us at Whitefish are SO happy to have the kids back at school so we can be here to learn together.


Please continue to complete and follow the screener daily, as you have been. That is the best thing we can all do to keep everyone around us healthy and make it possible to keep school open while we ride out this phase of Covid-19.

If you are not connected to the Seesaw Family app, please reach out to the office or to your child's teacher and we can help to get you connected. That is the easiest way for me to send out school-wide announcements
I am really enjoying being here at Whitefish, and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better as the year continues!

Catherine Jonas
Vice-Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES

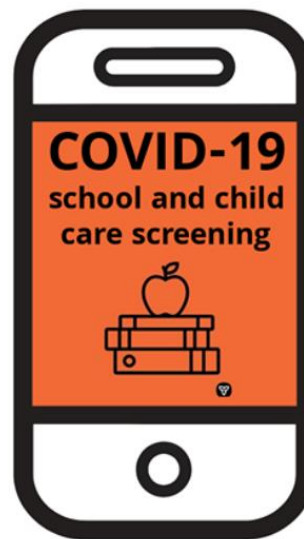
Please mark the following events in your calendar:

Feb 3	Pizza Day
Feb 7	School Council Meeting @ 3pm
Feb 10	Pizza Day
Feb 11	Chocolate Order arrives
Feb 14	Valentine's Day 
Feb 17	Pizza Day
Feb 18	Report Cards Going Home
Feb 21	Family Day – No School
Feb 24	Pizza Day
Feb 24	Parent Teacher Interviews

PRE-SCREENING TOOL

Self-assessment will help keep everyone safe!

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>



Students, and School Bus Drivers

should do a
pre-screen before
getting on the bus
every day.

#TBayBusSafetyTip

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE and SCHOOL MESSENGER

Just a reminder to parents, please let the school know if your child will be absent ahead of time. (i.e. hockey tournaments, etc.)



All students arriving LATE, please check in with the office before going to your class.

Please report your child's planned absences using SchoolMessenger.

Please follow the link below or click on the image.

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/signup>



WATER BOTTLE REMINDER

In order to prevent the spread of germs, our water fountains will be closed for students. We do have water bottle filling stations. Please remember to send your child with a water bottle. It should be labeled and taken home frequently to be cleaned.

EXTRA CLOTHING

With the changing of the temperatures throughout our days, please remember to dress your child appropriately for cold weather. You may also want to consider sending a change of clothes in their backpack. Extra mitts and socks is often needed as well.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Who Should Register?

JK – Children who will turn 4 in 2022

SK (SKFI) – Children who will turn 5 in 2022

(Please remember to bring proof of your child's age and address.)

If you have a child attending JK in one of our schools, you:

- DO NOT need to register for SK English.
- DO need to register for SK French Immersion.

We encourage you to contact your school Principal to talk about the Kindergarten program and how the program will support your child's educational adventure.

Questions? Call the Program Department at 625-5165

To register click on the link below:

www.register.lakeheadschoools.ca



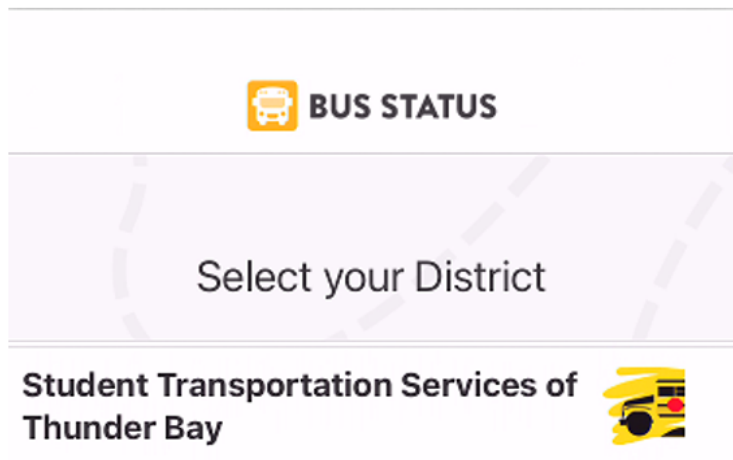
Bus Delay and Cancellation info sent directly to your mobile device!

The Bus Status app displays bus service information from our contracted school bus operators for school routes administered by Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay. The app uses real-time push notification alerts to keep parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in the Thunder Bay area updated. Users can subscribe to receive alerts for inclement weather cancellations and school bus delays/cancellations.

REMINDER: As school bus routes can change every year; you will need to re-select your AM & PM routes at the start of each new school year.

Step 2: Select Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay

App users will need to select 'Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay' from the district list the first time they open the new app. From that moment on, the app will default to routes administered by STSTB.



Step 3: Subscribe to Weather Cancellations

The first options in every list are "RURAL ROUTES WEATHER CANCELLATIONS" and "ALL ROUTES WEATHER CANCELLATIONS". Tap and highlight the star to the right of either or both to receive general alerts in the event of either Rural Only or All bus cancellations due to inclement weather.

PLEASE NOTE: Weather Cancellations always override the individual bus status for each bus that falls under the weather cancellation type (All or Rural).

Step 4: Subscribe to your bus route(s)

Tap "All Buses" at the bottom of the app screen to display the list of all bus routes, both AM and PM, servicing multiple schools.

Tap "Filter by School" above the start of the list of bus routes to narrow the list to only bus routes servicing your school.

Subscribe to bus delay notifications by tapping and highlighting the star to the right of your morning and afternoon bus route(s). This will allow you to receive alerts on your mobile device in the event of a delay.

PLEASE NOTE that many bus routes service multiple schools and it is important to select the correct route which includes your child's school code in the Route Name displayed. Filtering the route list by your child's school name will help with this.

You can confirm your bus route name by logging into the [Parent Portal](#)