



SCOTT CREEK TIMES

September 2016

Principal, R. Foot
Vice Principal, L. Sviatko



We Believe, We Can, We Will

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Scott Creek staff we would like to welcome back all returning students and their families. We would also like to offer a special welcome to our new students, especially our grade 6's who are new to the Middle School experience. We are looking forward to working with you during your 3 year journey through Scott Creek.

Scott Creek Middle School is a wonderful place for your children, where they will explore a variety of learning opportunities, discover their strengths and interests, and enjoy the importance of a sense of community and citizenship.

September will be very busy with plenty of opportunities for students and parents to get involved. Please take the time to read our monthly newsletter and check our website regularly to keep informed about all the great things happening at Scott Creek.

The year start up is always a very hectic time and we appreciate your patience and support. At this time we are able to accommodate all registrations, but we are extremely full. If all goes well, students will meet with their homeroom class for the first time on Friday.

Our goal is to develop balanced, educationally sound classes for our 640 students. Much time and discussion is involved in the placement of each student and several factors are considered, including gender balance, academics, learning needs, and social and emotional development. All factors are considered and every effort is made to ensure the best possible educational placement for all students. We find that it takes our students a few days to settle into to their new classes and to

feel comfortable with their teachers and classmates.

Our staff is committed to working in partnership with you and keeping you informed and involved in the months to come.

The Scott Creek Staff is eagerly looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year!

Rob Foot
Principal



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| Pro D Day | Friday, Sept. 23 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, Oct. 10 |
| Pro D Day | Friday, Oct. 21 |
| Remembrance Day | Friday, Nov. 11 |
| School Not in Session | Monday, Nov. 14 |
| Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session) | Friday, Dec. 16 |
| Winter vacation period | Dec. 19– Dec 30 |
| Schools reopen after Winter vacation | Tuesday, Jan. 3 |
| School Based Pro D Day | Mon., Jan 30 |
| BC Family Day | Monday, Feb. 13 |
| Pro D Day | Friday, Feb. 24 |
| Schools close for Spring vacation (last day) | Friday, Mar. 10 |
| Spring vacation period | Mar. 13 – 24 |
| Schools reopen after spring vacation | Mon, Mar 27 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 14 |
| Easter Monday | Monday, April 17 |
| Pro D Day | Friday, Apr. 21 |
| Victoria Day | Monday, May 22 |
| School Based Pro D Day | Mon, May 29 |
| Last day of school for all students | Wed, June 28 |
| Report Card Pick Up | Thurs., June 29 |
| Administrative Day | Friday, June 30 |

Grade 6 Pancake Breakfast - Friday, September 9th



It is a tradition at Scott Creek to welcome our new Grade 6 students with a Pancake Breakfast!

This year's breakfast has been planned for tomorrow Friday, September 9th and all Grade 6 students are invited to attend this free event!! Come and meet all of our 210 new grade 6 students!!

Please arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 am and be prepared to enjoy the culinary greatness of the Scott Creek Staff!

Parent /Guardian Paper-forms and E-forms

Paper Forms

All students will receive their "Student Agenda" soon. We ask that you review the first 15 pages with your child. These pages contain important information, including the Scott Creek Code of Conduct and parent consent for network access and walking field trips. Page 4 needs to be completed and signed by both a parent and the student.

A paper copy of the **Student Verification Form** will be sent home soon. Please make any changes directly on the form and send it back to Scott Creek with your child.

E- Forms (Not available as yet)

The school district collects most of our information using E- forms. Our next Newsletter will include information as to what E-forms need to be completed and how to access them.

Kids Plus - Accident Insurance

If you are interested, application forms are available in the office. For more information please visit www.kidsplus.ca/info

Meet the Teacher Evening - Thursday, September 15th

A casual, informal Meet the Teacher Evening has been planned for September 15th from 7:00-8:00 pm. All parents are asked to meet in the gym where there will be opening comments and Staff introductions. You will then have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers in their classrooms. You will also have a chance to have a look around the school if you have not yet done so. A formal Parent/Teacher Interview evening has been scheduled for Thursday, October 27th.



Photo Day - Monday, September 19th



Order forms will be sent home on Friday. Please complete and return on photo day. Please be sure to include payment.

Even if students are not purchasing a photo package, their picture will be taken for our yearbook.

Get Caught Reading!



Ms. T. Lawrence
Teacher/Librarian

Scott Creek 14th Annual Triathlon

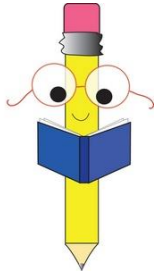
Registration forms are now available for the 14th annual Scott Creek Triathlon which will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Completed entries must be returned to Mr. Sturrock no later than Tuesday, September 20th. Last year about 250 students participated and we hope to surpass that number this year.

Students can enter as an “Iron Kid” (student completed 2.0 km run, 3.0 km bike ride and 200m swim by him/herself) or join up with a friend or 2 as a “relay” (each relay member does 1 or 2 of the bike, run or swim).

Registration forms can be found by the upstairs water fountain on the bulletin board. The entry fee is \$3.00 per person.

Counsellor's Corner

The transition from lazy summer days to the world of structure and time management appeared relatively smooth with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. The first few weeks of September are normally spent adjusting to new time schedules, environments, as well as new faces for both students and teachers alike. Students and staff soon fall in to a smooth school routine in no time!



Scott Creek Middle School offers a diverse array of activities outside the academic arena that enhances growth of a student as a whole unit. Activities offered here include but are not limited to band/choir, sports - from A to Z, and a variety of clubs. One such club that I am sponsoring is the **Homework Club**, which will be available on Tuesdays from 3:00pm- 4:00pm. Students will have a supervised place to complete their school work with help from high school students. Please have your son/daughter pick up a Homework Club Permission Form from the counselling area. The opportunity for students to find their “niche” that enhances their personality and interests are numerous at Scott Creek, and we look forward to your son/daughter participating in school activities throughout the upcoming year!



Band and Choir Classes for 2016/2017

Advanced Band (7:45-8:30 am) Mon/Tues/Wed

**Classes begin Sept 12. Bring only a pencil next week.*

Monday -Woodwinds and Strings

Tuesday - Brass and Percussion

Wednesday- All instruments together

Beginning Band (7:45-8:30 am) Thursday/Friday

**First class is next Thursday Sept 15.*

Thursday - bring only a pencil

Friday - Bring a pencil and your instrument.

Choir (at Lunchtime)

**Class starts Sept 13.*

Grade 6 Choir is on Tuesday

Grade 7/8 Choir is on Thursday

New members are welcome. Registration will take place during the first Practice. Bring a water bottle and a lunch that can be eaten quickly! Be prepared to sing.

Ms. L. Aspinall
Music/Band Teacher

SPORTS



Scott Creek Athletics!

Fall sports are almost upon us! Don't forget that getting involved in school sports is a great way to: participate in your school, get some healthy exercise and make new friends! Listen to those morning announcements for upcoming information about Field Hockey, Swimming, Volleyball and Cross Country Running!

Jeff Tvergyak

Traffic Congestion at Scott Creek**



If you have tried to **pick up** your children after school you already know that there is a problem with traffic congestion out front of the school in the loop.

We are continually monitoring the situation and have a few suggestions to improve the congestion level.

Morning Drop off

Our morning drop off is very efficient if we all do the following:

- **Stay to the right** - stay in the right (curb) lane when entering from Lansdowne
- **Pull up as far as you can** - until you have reached the very front of the curb lane or a stopped car
- **Drop off quickly** - as soon as you can't move further forward

Afternoon Pick up

Let your students walk home, or if that is not possible arrange a different pick up location such as the gravel parking lot under the power lines between Eagle Ridge Elementary and Scott Creek.

- 1) Arrange to pick your child up a few minutes later, maybe at 3:15 after the rush.
- 2) Do not stop in the driveway area unless you are on the curb. That means if you don't have your student in the car, you should be in the right hand lane of the driveway. Students can walk up the driveway to meet you. Then you can pull out into the left lane to exit the parking lot.
- 3) You should **NOT** be double parking cars so that your children can get in the car. You should only pick up your children when you are parked on the right side of the driveway up against the curb.
- 4) Cars should never be left unattended for any reason between 2:50 and 3:15 unless you are in a parking stall in one of the lots. On occasions staff members need to leave for various appointments or events with students. Often they are unable to leave because there are a vehicles double parked in the lot blocking their vehicles.
- 5) Please do not idle and wait in the parking lot or drop off lane.
- 6) Please do not park in any reserved parking spots during the school day 8:00am-4:00pm

**The congestion is a problem for a short period of time each day between approximately 2:55-3:15. Fridays and rainy days are extremely busy. Please do your part in helping keep our driveway safe for the students and the drivers.

Spring Break Opportunity! (please see attached brochure)

Scott Creek Middle School Spring Break Tour 2017



We are excited to offer a Spring Break 2017 Tour to New York City, USA. This 6 day tour provided by EF Tours in-cludes:

- Round-trip transportation**

- 5 overnight stays in a Manhattan Hotel**

- Breakfast and Dinner daily**

- Full time EF Tour Director and Guide**

- Visits to special attractions—Empire State Building, Radio City Musical Hall, Statue of Liberty**

- Sightseeing tours of Midtown, Lincoln Center, CBS Morning Show and New York City**

- 2 Broadway Shows**

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:

Thursday, September 15th, 6pm in Cafeteria (before meeting the teachers)

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