



**Southern  
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# SOC Update

School Newsletter

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## From the Principal, Alison Currie



Over the past few weeks, students have kept busy with visits from Trent University, the University of New Brunswick and Junior Achievement; we've also met as a school to discuss online and financial safety – how to avoid scams and theft, a growing threat in virtually every country. Photos from our Taste of Africa Feast follow later in this newsletter.

March break has come and gone: while some students travelled, some participated in a three-day workshop around preparation for the workplace; included were interview skills, cv writing and job shadowing; of course, these skills are also vital for university and college scholarship applications as well as co-op and work placements.

### **END OF SEMESTER APPROACHES**

We're approaching the end of Semester 2. All parents should have access to student results via Edsembli; if you have questions, please contact Catherine McFarland [catherine.mcfarland@mysoc.ca](mailto:catherine.mcfarland@mysoc.ca).

Teachers are always available to meet with students and support their learning; now is certainly the time for students to focus on any support they may need to successfully complete their courses this semester. All students have one-to-one meetings with teachers across the semesters, ensuring clarity and understanding around learning needs and progress.

### **MEETINGS WITH GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR – COURSE SELECTION**

It is important that all students contact Ms Mignault to finalize their course selection for Semester 3. **Students who haven't responded to her request are urged to meet with her by March 28.**

### **OSSLT**

As you know, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, administered by the Ministry of Education, is a requirement for graduation. All students are scheduled for preparation classes and tutorials for the OSSLT. This is now an online test and graduating students are writing it across late March and April. All tests must be completed by April 25, 2023. Students who don't achieve the requisite 75% pass rate on this government test must take the Ontario Literary Course in Semester 3 in order to be eligible to receive the OSSD and graduate.

Questions? Contact Molly Mignault at [molly.mignault@mysoc.ca](mailto:molly.mignault@mysoc.ca)

## Key dates

Semester 2 Final Exams	April 14 and 17
Semester 3 Mid-term Exams	May 18
Semester 3 Final Exams	June 23 and 26
Graduation Ceremony	June 30

## Holidays

Easter	April 7 and 10 (statutory holiday – all schools are closed)
Victoria Day	May 22

*Easter, Ramadan and Eid are celebrated in March and April, important events in students' spiritual lives and our own. We wish each one of you a time of blessing, peace, thankfulness and love.*

## VACCINATIONS

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires parents to provide proof of immunization (or appropriate [exemption documents](#)) for certain diseases if their children attend school in Ontario. Children enrolled in primary or secondary school must have proof of immunization against the following diseases:

- diphtheria
- tetanus
- pertussis (whooping cough)
- polio
- measles
- mumps
- rubella
- meningococcal disease (Men-C-C for children under 12 years old)
- meningococcal disease (Men-C-ACWY for children 12 years and older)

If you haven't yet forwarded proof of immunization for your child, please send it to [abeer.ghoreib@mysoc.ca](mailto:abeer.ghoreib@mysoc.ca) or [catherine.mcfarland@mysoc.ca](mailto:catherine.mcfarland@mysoc.ca) as soon as possible. The Ministry of Health will require immunization for students whose records haven't been received.

The school's **Taste of Africa** feast was a great celebration of food, music and fun. Many thanks to those who contributed food, recipes, time and goodwill.



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