



École Port Elgin Saugeen Central

Daily Schedule

8:45	*Yard Supervised*
8:55	Student entry
8:55	Period 1
9:35	Period 2
10:15	Period 3
10:55	Lunch/Recess
11:35	Period 4
12:15	Period 5
12:55	Period 6
1:35	Snack/Recess
2:15	Period 7
2:55	Period 8 (20 min)
3:15	Dismissal



École Port Elgin Saugeen Central
JK-Grade 6
504 Catherine Street
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(519) 832-2038

WELCOME! BIENVENUE!

Welcome to École Port-Elgin Saugeen Central School. We are very pleased that you will be joining our WILDCAT family this year.

Our school has approximately 610 students and is considered 'dual-track' as we have classes in English and French from JK-grade 6. Our school is always busy, with a strong focus on student achievement and well-being. To this end, we take pride in the academic excellence of our students as well as the many activities both daily, and throughout the year that promote a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Our students take part in a variety of fundraisers for local and global charities, focusing on supporting those in need within our own community as well as in under-developed countries in our world. We are proud of our Me to We students and the many ways in which they continue to give support to others.

Aside from our academic program, our students enjoy a strong Physical Education and Arts program, where students can be involved in a number of extra-curricular activities, including sports, bands, and choirs.

Our staff is diligent in their efforts to plan and implement programs focused on the Ontario curriculum and student needs. We believe that 'All Children Can Learn' and achieve success. We work towards high expectations, but have fun along the way as well. Our students' council helps to plan various spirit days throughout the school year, which are enjoyed by all.

We know you will enjoy becoming a member of the WILDCAT family. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the office (519) 832-2038.

We look forward to meeting you!

Karen Spragg (Principal)
Amy Doherty (Vice-Principal)



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2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR Important School Year Dates and Holidays

First Day of School	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving.....	October 14, 2019
Christmas Break.....	December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020 (Inclusive)
Family Day.....	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break.....	March 16 – 20, 2020
Good Friday.....	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday.....	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day.....	May 18, 2020
Last Day of School for Students	Thursday, June 25, 2020
School Year Ends.....	June 26, 2020

Professional Activity Days

All schools have common professional activity days

Friday, September 27, 2019
Friday, October 25, 2019
Friday, November 22, 2019
Friday, January 31, 2020
Friday, April 24, 2020
Friday, June 5, 2020
Friday, June 26, 2020

Secondary School Examination Days

January 24, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2020
and June 19, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2020

Saugeen Shores Community Information

Town of Saugeen Shores

600 Tomlinson Drive
www.saugeenshores.ca

(519) 832-2008
www.visitsaugeenshores.ca

Registrations are held twice a year at The Plex in September and March to join the various clubs and activities that operate throughout the school year and during summer months such as. Skating, Swimming, Hockey, Soccer, Baseball, Art Gymnastics, Karate, Dance, Music, etc.

Contact the Town office for further information.

- Hockey: www.ssmha.com
- Skating: www.saugeenshoresskatingclub.com
- Soccer: www.ssunitedfc.com
- Baseball: www.saugeenshoresminorbaseball.com

Port Elgin Library

708 Goderich Street (519) 832-2201
pelib@brucecounty.on.ca

Kidstreet Co-Operative Nursery

Hepner Crescent (519) 389-9050
kidsstreet@bmts.com

Ontario Early Years Centre

St Joseph's School, 584 Stafford Street (519) 389-5762
portelgineyc@bmts.com

YMCA Full Day Child Care

374 Bruce Street (519) 832-6225

A Note from Your Fellow Wildcat Parents:

If you are new to Saugeen Shores or just new to the school, welcome to ÉPESCS! Transitioning to a new environment can be an exciting challenge and the Wildcats welcome you to join in!

- Meet parents of your child's classmates by volunteering at events or class trips.
- Attend a school community council (SCC) meeting to keep informed about what goes on at the school.
- Volunteer to help in the school by signing up to help with the Scholastic Book Fair.
- The Ontario Early Years Centre provides an excellent space for parents and children ages 0-6, all free!
- The Family Y operates the First Base program in the school if you need daycare before and after-school.
- Visit the library, the Town offices and the Service Ontario office to learn about recreation programs and other services available in the community.
- Get your hands on the **Community Profile** and the **Tourist Guide** available at the Chamber of Commerce for great information about events and services.
- ÉPESC School student day-planners have information for parents about Bluewater School Board Policies and other school-related details. Please ask for a planner at the school.

Please feel free to leave your name and phone number at the School Office if you would like a parent member of the School Community Council to contact you.

Once again, welcome to Port Elgin Saugeen Central!

Other Things You Should Know.....

ÉPESCS has great programs to support your child's education:

Breakfast Club: Healthy breakfast snacks are provided through the School Nutrition Program. All students are invited to take a morning snack on their way into school. Monetary donations are always welcome and volunteers are much appreciated. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt from the Board.

Milk Program: Milk is available to students every day with pre-paid Milk Cards. Cards are valid for 25 cartons of milk for \$25.

Pizza Days: Pizza Days are Wednesdays. Slices are \$1.75 each and are available through pre-order only.

Let's Learn Clinic: This event is held in November every year and is the time for parents to register their children for Kindergarten for the upcoming school year (2020-2021). It's a great opportunity to meet the teachers and ask any questions before sending your child off to school. Please contact the office at École Port Elgin-Saugeen Central School for an appointment time.

After School Program: The Family Y First Base Program. Please contact the YMCA (519) 832-6225.

Day Planners: Day Planners are available for purchase for a nominal fee during the first week of school for Grades 1-6. They are a useful tool for both your child and for you as parents to keep track of daily & weekly assignments as well as to communicate with your child's teacher. It is important to check and sign your child's planner every day.

Wildcat Outside Playground Committee: This sub-committee of the School Community Council (SCC) has been working on a number of initiatives to revitalize our school playground. Volunteers are needed to support this committee to help with projects and fundraising. Check us out at wildcatoutsidepride@gmail.com or like us in Facebook. Be sure to contact the school if you would like to be a part of this committee.

Important Contact Information

Safe Arrival Line (519) 832-2038 ext. 100
Or **TEXT** 519-389-7022 (when texting the first time, please state your name and your child's name)

****Call this number if your child will be late or away from school****

School Office: Ann Lachance, Office Manager (519) 832-2038 ext. 521

Principal: Karen Spragg ext. 527

Vice Principal: Amy Doherty ext. 526

ÉPESCS Website:
www.pt.ebwdsb.on.ca

School Community Council Chairpersons:
TO BE DETERMINED

BWDSB School Trustees
www.bwdsb.on.ca

Katie Lutz: (519) 832-3051
Town of Saugeen Shores Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Email: katie_lutz@bwdsb.on.ca

School Bus Transportation
www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca

Contact: Sharon Stewart: (519) 364-0605 (ext. 240)
Email: sharon_stewart@bwdsb.on.ca

****Website provides detailed information about First Time Rider program and bus eligibility for students.****

Year at a Glance

September:

School Open House/Meet the Teacher Community Council Elections
Soccer
Picture Days

October:

Cross Country Running Picture Retakes

November:

Scholastic Book Fair Let's Learn Clinic (JK registration)
Progress Reports Remembrance Day
Parent/Teacher Interviews

December:

Food Drive Holiday Music Concert

January:

February:

Report Cards Public Speaking
Rotary Club Winterama Teacher Appreciation Week
Pink Day

March:

Skating Scholastic Book Fair
***March Break**

April:

May:

Track and Field Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Testing

June:

Scholastic Book Fair Play Day
Fun Fair Report Cards

Contact the school office to help with:

School Community Council
Classroom activities
Student Literacy/Numeracy
Book Fairs
Gardening Club
Breakfast Club
Library
Spring Fun Fair



Volunteer Opportunities!!!

Please Remember to.....

Absence/Illness/Appointments:

- Sign in and out at the office when visiting the school or taking your child out of school early.
- Send a note to the school if your child needs to be picked up early for appointments, has someone picking them up from school who is not a parent or guardian, or is not riding the bus that day.
- Call the Safe Arrival Line (519-832-2038 ext. 100) or text 519-389-7022 if your child will be late, is ill, or will be absent from school for any other reason.

Snow Days/Bus Cancellations:

- Listen to the radio station during bad weather conditions between 6:30-8:00am to find out if the buses are running or if the school is closed:

CFOS 105.6 or CKNX 101.7 or 98 The Beach

or

Anyone can subscribe for email or SMS (text) notifications for route delays/cancellations, school closures and general notices.

To subscribe navigate to www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca

- Click on “Delays and Cancellations” (red text in upper right corner)
- Click on the “Subscriptions” icon
- NEW Subscribers: enter Email Address in window on the right, check “I’m not a robot” and Press “Submit”
- Existing Subscribers: enter Email Address and Password and Press “Submit”
- New Subscribers will receive an automated email containing a link that must be clicked to complete the subscription process
- Once you have confirmed your email address you will be able to login and select what you want to subscribe to

Notes:

- Existing subscribers are no longer required to re-subscribe each year
- Existing subscribers may sign in to add the Text option (SMS) to their subscription

Detailed instructions for subscribing can be found at:
<http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca/Subscription%20Directions>

***Kindly remember to contact the school if your child is a walker and will not be attending school on a “No Busses” day.**

Wildcat Spirit Days: We will have a series of Spirit days throughout the year. Have your child dress in their Wildcat gear or Wildcat colours (black & yellow) on the last Friday of each month and share in the school spirit!

School Community Council (SCC): This advisory group of parents and community members meet with the school administration on a regular basis to review school happenings and events. Come on out! The meeting schedule is posted on the school magnet sent out to each family at the start of the year.

FundScrip: The School Council Committee has launched a new fundraising campaign for our school that will benefit all students in our school. When you order gift cards from the various vendors that you regularly shop at (i.e. Grocery, Canadian Tire), a small percentage of the card's purchase price is then given back to our school. This program is very simple and provides immediate benefit to our school without any additional cost to us as parents. Please watch for brochures in your child's planner or stop by the SCC table during events like the Fall Open House, Christmas Concert Night & Spring Fun Fair to register and help start raising money for our school today!

Helpful Information:

- Two (2) pairs of footwear are required per child. An **indoor pair** that will be worn only inside the school and an **outdoor pair** that will be worn to and from school and outside during recess.
- Help your kids choose appropriate clothing that is comfortable and functional for school. The school dress code is located at the front of all school planners.
- Check out the school website for upcoming events and activities, school newsletters and school calendar at www.ptc.bwdsb.on.ca
- For ongoing communications from the school, sign up for SCHOOL MESSENGER.



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SIGN UP to receive TEXT MESSAGES

From your mobile device, text **Yes** to 724665

Emergency

- School related emergency situations impacting families
- Weather-related school delays and closures
- Power outages or other issues during the school day

General

- School activities, events
- Meeting notifications (e.g. School Council)

Commercial/Fundraising

- Pizza or sub days
- Year book sales



You will need to repeat the opt-in process for any wireless numbers that you wish to include.

IMPORTANT

Please contact the school ASAP if we do not have your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you have not yet opted in, you may receive a one-time opt-in invitation to any numbers that we have on file for you. To opt in, simply reply with **Y** or **Yes** or **OPTIN** or **SUBSCRIBE**. If you do not wish to receive any further messages from us, simply disregard the message or reply with **STOP**.

You may unsubscribe from receiving text messages at any time by texting **STOP** to 724665.

Please note that although Bluewater District School Board does not charge you for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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