

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *Lori McKay*

Welcome back! The doors of Bowmore are once again open to exuberant and energetic students who are eager to learn and grow, with the guidance of our dedicated staff and you, the parents and guardians. We welcome new and returning staff to our school this year: Mr. Goldberg, Ms. Paufler, Miss Bethanis (LTO), Mr. Matchett (LTO), Mr. Prouten (LTO), Ms. Harquail (LTO), Ms. Cahill, Mme Hui, Mme Aivalis, Ms. Lambers (Guidance), Ms. Shepherd, Ms. Zhu, Mr. Rea, Ms. Ali, Ms. Sheikh, and Mr. Papavasiliou (LTO). Our sincere thanks to our custodian staff for doing a wonderful job in getting our building ready for our staff and students. With teacher preparations and summer cleaning we are ready for a very successful and productive year ahead at Bowmore.

School will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:10. Please ensure that your child arrives no earlier than 8:30 a.m. as that is the earliest supervision will be in place in the morning. Our Nutrition program will continue, however, start-up has been delayed.

As each school year begins, enrolment is completed and the number of students attending each school is calculated. If required, school staff is re-assigned based on class size. School reorganization occurs within the last couple of weeks of September. It is likely that some students will have to change teachers or classrooms as our student's numbers are very high in some grades. Affected families will be notified. We thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility as we endeavor to meet the learning needs of all of our students.

As always, we believe that communication between home and school is essential in order for parents to stay informed of their children's progress as well as events and functions that may occur during the school year. Your input is very valuable and we look forward to sharing information with you about your child's education and school. A school newsletter will be sent home from the office once a month. Please be sure to read this information as its purpose is to keep you informed and up-to-date.

Your child will have brought home important forms throughout this past week that need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure we have updated health and home information. Thank you for assisting us in providing the best care for your child.

Due to work to rule, our Curriculum Night has been cancelled. Similarly our fundraising initiatives have been postponed due to the challenges with money collection. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We look forward to strengthening and developing a strong partnership with you to see that Bowmore is a school that prides itself in putting children first, in creating excellence in education, and creating a positive tone that is both inclusive and evident when you enter our doors.



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A POSITIVE TONE TO START THE YEAR

Bowmore students are awesome, and they showed us that again during our Welcome Back assemblies. All of the students, from grade 1 through 8, demonstrated respect and attentive listening as we greeted them and reviewed the expectations that make Bowmore such a great place to learn.

Those expectations are embodied in our new Code of Conduct, which is divided into 4 areas: Respect Others, Respect Yourself, Celebrate Differences, and Eco-friendly Behaviour. The Code of Conduct, which was developed with student, parent and teacher consultation, can be found in the student agendas. Please feel free to take a look and talk to your child about what these 4 areas look like at home, at school and in the community.



School Council Corner

Lice Check Update

Our first school-wide lice check was completed on Sept. 18 by our professional team, Nit Wits! Thanks to those who have already sent in donations, we had enough funds to cover our first check! Just \$5 for the year covers the cost of checking for eggs/nits/lice, so you can rest at ease - or nip a problem in the bud. Bowmore's School Council covers the cost of lice checks for students who are not able to pay. We appreciate the donations of \$5 extra dollars we have received to help fund this initiative. You can help keep lice at bay by reminding your kids not to share hairbrushes or hats. Senior students should watch out for those selfie heads-together shots! Here's to a lice-free year at Bowmore!

Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Thursday September 24th at 6pm in the senior cafeteria. Pizza and care-giving will be available. The subsequent meeting will take place October 14th. Remember: Every parent has a vote at Bowmore and all parents are welcome at School Council meetings. Hope to see you there!

Join Bowmore School Council!

School Council self-nomination forms were included in the Welcome Packages students brought home - and copies are available in the office. Please return completed forms no later than September 24th.

Police Checks

A reminder that if you did a Police Check last year, you need to complete your free Volunteer Annual Offence Declaration Form to keep your Police Check valid. Forms are available at the school office. The cost of a new Police Check is now \$20 and can be paid by certified cheque or money order. See the office or BowmoreSC.com for information.

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- Facebook.com/BowmoreSC
- Website: BowmoreSC.com
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School Drop-Off Safety Tips

Bowmore Road is very busy in the mornings, and we all have to be diligent to make sure that morning drop off is safe for our students. Here are some tips that will help:

- Students in grades 1 to 8 go to the school yard in the morning and enter the school from there. The best place to drop them off is Beaton Ave
- Ensure that you are pulled over and facing the correct direction before letting your children out of the car
- Please do not stop in the bus loading zones, as this can cause congestion



Beaton Ave is the best road for Gr 1-8 drop off

Thank you for helping make our roads safer. It takes all of us to make Bowmore a great place to learn!

A big Thank You to everyone for helping to make this a great start to the school year!