

Newsletter

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Junior School

September 2019

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Call our Safe Arrival Number.

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Toronto District School Board website

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca>

Upcoming Events

September 3: School Begins
September 9: School Council Meeting
6:30 in Staffroom
September 18: Council BBQ 5:00-6:30
Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-7:30
September 25: Photo Day
September 26: Terry Fox Walk/Run
October 11: PA Day, no school for Students
October 14: Thanksgiving Day, **School Closed**

Reminder: September: Possible
Class Reorganization. All class placements
remain tentative.

Character Attribute for September
Respect
The Four Tribes Agreements



Principal Michael Kanalec
Vice-Principal Amira Kamel -Zia
Superintendent Sandra Tondat
Trustee Pamela Gough
School Council Co-Chairs: Paul Younger &
Kristen Fox
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Principal's Message

The staff at Sir Adam Beck would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning students and families. A special welcome also goes out to our new FDK students and their families.

A warm welcome back to: Mme Dibon-Smith – Room 207 Gr 2/3 FI, Mme Pappalardo – Phys Ed/Dance Prep FI, Ms Vucinich – Phys Ed/Dance Prep, Mr Matthew Breaw – Room 215 HSP/SERT and special welcome to new staff, Ms Harwood – Room 115 FDK and Ms Warson – Music/Drama
Sincere thanks go out to:

- Mr Jasinski and his team for their hard work in preparing the school. The school looks great!
- All the teachers for coming in during the summer to set up their classrooms and team plan with colleagues.
- Ms. Hayden and Ms Wilson for all their work registering students and preparing the office for the first day.

During the first week of school you will receive a student information package from the school in hard copy as well as an email from the TDSB regarding documents that are to be completed online. Please ensure that you read, complete, sign and return all hard copy forms to your child's teacher. Please let us know if you require assistance accessing the online forms. We look forward to meeting new and returning parents at the Curriculum Night on Wednesday September 18th – the School Council will once again be hosting a welcome back dinner from 5 - 6:30 and the classrooms will be open from 6:30 to 7:30. Over the first two weeks we will monitor class sizes very closely and will notify families if there is the need for class re-alignments. Your children are always our first priority. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

We look forward to an exciting 2019/2020 school year.

Yours in partnership,
M.Kanalec

We Are Eco-Schools Green

We strive not to send home paper copies of correspondences from the office rather use our list serve to email information to families. Newsletters will be emailed monthly and always available on our website:
<http://www.siradambeck.ca> Please let your child's teacher know if you are unable to access our publication via the net.

New Start Up Packages – Online and school Based Hard Copy Packages

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to working with you, your child/children and their teachers this year. This week a start up package containing important information about the new online start up forms as well as hard copy start up forms specific to Sir Adam Beck was sent home with your child. Please take time to read the information with your children, follow the link emailed to you to complete the online forms for each child and sign the SAB specific forms located in the Parent Acknowledgement Section and return them to your child's classroom teacher by **Friday, September 6th, 2019**.

School Start-up Digital Forms – As part of the TDSB's Digital Transformation strategy and in support of a Board directive, a selection of school start up forms will be made available to parents/guardians this September in digital format using Permission Click.

A broadcast message was sent by TDSB to all parents/guardians (priority 1 or 2 contacts with an email recorded in Trillium) through School Messenger on Thursday, August 30, 2019 to communicate the new process for digital forms.

The forms/procedures that will be provided in digital format are:

PR088 - [Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources](#)

PR511H - [Walking Excursion - Immediate Community](#)

PR511E - [Medical Information for Excursions](#)

PR519A - [Severe Weather Conditions: Permission to Leave School](#)

PR529B - [Student Media Consent Release Form](#)

PR563 - [Anaphylaxis](#)

PR571 - [Code of On-line Conduct](#)

PR585 - [Board Code of Conduct](#)

PR607 - [Diabetes Management](#)

PR714 - [Asthma Management](#)

[TDSB Digital Learning Tool Consent Form](#)

Safe Welcome Program

The front door will be locked daily at 9:15 AM and remain locked for the duration of the day. Access to entering the school during the day will only be available through the front main entrance. We appreciate your patience.

Student Drop off Kiss and Ride Program

We will continue with the successful Kiss and Ride Program. Stop your car between the pylons, whereby there will be parent volunteers to open the car door and direct your child to the schoolyard. This works well for the younger children. There is another **drop-off area** as well. **Eltham Avenue** on the north side of the school property is a municipally designated Kiss & Ride. Just drop your child off on the south side of the street, and then watch as they enter the schoolyard. However, *if you wish to walk your child into the schoolyard*, be sure to find a legal parking spot either in the lot or on the streets surrounding the school, and walk your child into the yard. Vehicles parked in the drop-off zone may be ticketed.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE REMINDER

Registration is open now. To register for School Cash Online, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com> select “Get Started Today” and complete the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available online.

If you have questions about the registration process or using School Cash Online, please select the “Get Help” option on the top of School Cash Online web page. You can also contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 and parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com. The Parent Help Desk is available to assist parents/guardians with the registration process, password recovery, accessing your account or payment issues.



The Student Drop-off Zone is for quick stops only; drivers must stay in their vehicles. Do not park or leave your car in the Student Drop-off Zone in the west parking lot.

Please do not park in front of residences on Horner Ave on Wednesdays. It has a profound impact on refuse collection. Thank you.

Parking Lot – Parent Safety Program Update

Volunteers Needed - 20 minutes a week - Parking Lot Safety Program

Twenty minutes of your time once or twice a week to assist with the Kiss and Ride Parking Lot Safety program is what is required. If you drop your child off at school, you can help with this program.

Arrive at 8:40 am, help children safely from the cars, keep the traffic moving, that's it! Your job is done at 9:00 am when the bell rings. This program will continue to be successful with the help of volunteers.

Let's keep our parking lot a safe place!

A big thank you goes to Chris Morren who has volunteered to be the “point person” for this very important program. If you wish to volunteer a little of your time please contact Amira Kamel-Zia (VP) in the office – 416 394 7670

Yes, I would like to volunteer for the Kiss and Ride Safety program.

(name) _____ (email) _____

(Phone number) _____ **Please return to the main office.**



Join the School Council Executive!

Come out on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the staff lounge to participate in a School Council meeting. Find out how this group of volunteers helps to advocate for SAB students and raise funds for extra activities at school. If you want to get more involved in the school, think about nominating yourself to become an executive voting member. The form is enclosed with this newsletter, and is also available in the main office and online.

Council organizes a welcome barbecue before Meet the Teacher night on September 18th. Stay tuned for details!

Don't want to make lunches?

The Council Welcome package is enclosed with this newsletter and it details lunch programs coordinated by Council at the school, including pizza, Subway, Pita Pit, hot dogs, milk, cookies and frozen fruit treats. If you are able to help out with coordinating any of the lunches, please email the Council.

You can also register online to order with the following two TDSB approved external service providers who will be delivering to the school on certain days of the week. For additional information, or to register, visit the websites below:

- The Lunch Lady: every Tues/Thurs, beginning Sept 10. <http://thelunchlady.ca/>
- Kid's Kitchen: every Wed, beginning Sept 11. <https://www.kidskitchen.ca/>

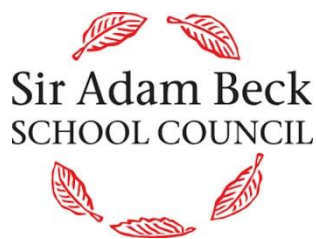
Winter Bazaar help!

The annual Winter Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 23 and Council needs help to make this event a success! It's the largest fundraiser of the year, bringing about \$12,000 for our students, while also bringing so much joy to our kids and the community. Please email the Council if you can commit some time before or during this great event.

Ongoing fundraisers

We have two ongoing fundraisers that help you shop for your kids, while also giving 20% of the value of all purchases back to the school.

- 1) Buy Indigo eGift cards at indigo.flipgive.com and search for Sir Adam Beck Jr. School or enter Campaign ID 41499. You can redeem them online or in store, or give them as gifts.
- 2) Mabel's Labels are a great way to identify your children's clothing, equipment, containers, water bottles, etc. Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com or click the "Support a Fundraiser" button at the top right of the website and select Sir Adam Beck.



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Welcome from the SAB School Council

Welcome new and returning SAB families to the 2019/20 school year! As a parent of a child or children attending SAB, you are automatically a member of the School Council. We are a body of volunteers that has the best interests of students at heart. We meet monthly to discuss a variety of issues and activities affecting our school and we maintain an ongoing dialogue with the principal. Come out and see for yourself on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the staff lounge. Child-minding for school-aged children is available in the gym. This package provides an overview of Council activities, but we encourage all SAB families to join our Facebook group and check our website at <https://siradambeck.ca/schoolcouncil/> to ensure you get the latest updates from Council.

School Council Executive

If you would like to be an executive member of School Council (having voting power), nomination forms are available in the school office or online. Please submit the form to the office or via email by Friday, October 4, 2019 at 4 p.m. Voting will take place on Monday, October 7, 2019. We usually hold meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and meeting dates for the school year are listed on the next page.

Volunteers

All School Council events require volunteers! If you are able to help out with any one of the fundraising or special events this year, please email sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Please note that all volunteers who have direct contact with students are required to complete a Police Reference Check. Forms are available in the school office and there is a \$20 fee. If you have previously completed one, please check at the office to ensure it's still valid.

Fundraising

One of Council's main activities is fundraising so that we can provide meaningful programming for our children that might not be covered through the school budget. These programs include class trips, special assemblies, Scientists in School and sports equipment, to name just a few. There is a scheduled fundraising plan (on the next page), which is discussed and agreed to by School Council in an effort to meet our budget. **Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000.**

Below are some examples of the fundraising initiatives that took place last year and the amount raised:

Fundraiser	Timing	Amount raised (2018/19)
Welcome BBQ	September	\$1,500
QSP	October	\$4,550
Winter Bazaar	November	\$12,000
Family Dance	April	\$1,100
Pizza lunches	Year-round	\$3,500
Hot dog lunches	Thrice yearly	\$1,000

School Council Fundraising/Event Calendar *(Tentative, pending election of 2019/20 School Council)*

Month	Date/timeframe	Activity
September	9	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	18	Family night BBQ
	Late Sept to mid-October	Laura Secord Chocolate sales
October	4	Council executive nomination forms due
	7	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	TBD	Big Box of Cards sales
November	11	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	23	Winter Bazaar (including poinsettia sale)
	TBD	Purdys Chocolatier sales
December	9	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
January	13	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

February	10	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	TBD	MacMillan's and Terra Cotta sales
March	9	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
April	6	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	TBD	Family Dance Night
May	11	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
June	8	Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	22	Play Day

Repeat Activities:

- Pizza lunch – twice a month starting Oct. 4
- Subway lunch – last Monday of every month starting Oct. 28
- Pita Pit lunch – 2nd Monday (approx.) of each month starting Oct. 7
- Hot dog lunch – three times a year
- Frozen Snacks – every Friday starting Sept. 20 (Grades 1-5 only)
- Lunch Lady lunch service – every Tuesday/Thursday starting Sept. 10
(<http://thelunchlady.ca/>)
- Kid's Kitchen lunch service – every Wednesday starting Sept. 11
(<https://www.kidskitchen.ca/>)

Passive Activities:

- Indigo eGift cards: Visit <https://indigo.flipgive.com/>, search for Sir Adam Beck Jr. School or enter Campaign ID 41499 and purchase vouchers to redeem online or in store, or give as gifts.
- Mabel's Labels: Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com or click the "Support a Fundraiser" button at the top right of the website and select Sir Adam Beck.

One-time Fundraising Contribution

In response to parent interest, we are offering the option to forward a **one-time fundraising contribution per family in lieu of participation** in Council fundraisers. Although any amount that is suitable for your family is much appreciated, the **suggested minimum contribution is \$50 per family**. A fundraising contribution option is available through School Cash Online. Please sign up at <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to get started.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from this contribution will come back to the school and will benefit your child.

Please note that at this time we are unable to filter the families participating in the one-time contribution from the distribution of fundraising materials. These materials will still be sent home with students, but can be discarded if you do not wish to participate.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support and for considering this fundraiser.

Lunch Programs

All signup for our Council-run lunch programs will be completed online using School Cash Online. Please sign up at <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to get started.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds once the orders have been submitted.

Coordination and distribution of these lunches is done by volunteers. Parents are welcome and needed to help out on designated lunch dates as outlined below. Please email sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you have questions or if you wish to volunteer with any of the lunch programs. Volunteers must have a valid Police Reference Check.

Pizza Lunch								
We are offering 17 Pizza Lunches this year, with Cheese or Pepperoni slices (approximately 9 cm by 14 cm from Il Paesano Pizzeria). Orders cannot be accepted on the day of the pizza lunch as we cannot guarantee there will be enough pizza.								
Please submit your pizza order by September 20 th for orders until December. After September 20 th , there will be an option to start orders for January until June.								
Volunteers are needed to distribute pizza on Pizza Lunch days from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.								
October 4,18	November 8, 22, 29	December 13	January 10, 24	February 7, 21	March 6, 27	April 3, 17	May 8, 22	June 12

Hot Dog Lunch		
We are offering three hot dog lunches this year. We will serve Maple Lodge Chicken Dogs for \$1.00 each, with a maximum limit of 3. Veggie dogs are also available. Juice is available for \$1.00. Cut veggies will also be served with lunch.		
Please submit your Hotdog Lunch order by Friday, October 18th to ensure lunch for Friday, November 1. Orders cannot be accepted the day of the hot dog lunch.		
Volunteers are needed to help cook hot dogs in the mornings on Hot Dog lunch days and also from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to serve and clean up.		
November 1	January 31	May 1

Subway Lunch

Please complete an order for each date. Note that orders must be submitted by two weeks prior to the lunch date.

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
28	25	16	27	24	23	27	25	15

Pita Pit Lunch

Please complete an order for each date. Note that orders must be submitted by two weeks prior to the lunch date.

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
7	4	2	13	10	2	6	11	8

Milk and Cookies/Frozen Treats (Grades 1-5 only)

School Council is offering a pre-paid system for frozen snacks and milk/cookies that are available during the lunch hour.

Presently, your child must bring money to school in order to purchase any of these items. Milk and/or cookies are always available every lunch for \$0.75 each, with proceeds going to the school. Sugar-free frozen yogurt cups, dairy- and sugar-free sorbet cups and fruit ice will be sold every Friday for \$1.00, with proceeds going to the School Council.

We are offering punch cards (10 items per card) for both the frozen snacks and/or milk/cookies. The cards will remain at the school and you would be notified when the card is running low. Frozen snacks will be available for sale starting September 20th.

If you have any questions related to any of the initiatives listed above, please email sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting new volunteers and organizing some wonderful activities this school year!

Kind regards,
SAB School Council



School Council Executive Self-Nomination Form 2019-20

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the SAB School Council Executive.

I am interested in the position(s) of:

- Co-chair, to shadow for the following school year
- Treasurer, to manage finances for the Council and work with an accountant
- Secretary, to take notes at each Council meeting
- Member at large (for voting purposes)
- Any position

Name:		
Address:		
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email Address:

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at Sir Adam Beck Junior School.

I am an employee of the Toronto District School Board Yes No

Candidate's Signature

Date

Please provide a brief biography and/or candidate's statement on the second page of this form. In the event that an election is required, your biography will be circulated to parents.

Completed forms may be returned to the SAB School Office or via email at sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com by **Friday, October 4, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

If an election is required, it will be conducted at the October 7 School Council meeting.

OFFICE USE

Received by:	Date:	Time:
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Personal information is collected by the Sir Adam Beck School Council under Ontario Regulation 612/00 for the purposes of conducting elections for parent representatives to the School Council Executive. Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to the Sir Adam Beck School Council at sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com



School Council Executive Candidate Biography

In the space below, please write a short biography (about 250-350 words) outlining relevant experience and why you would like to become a member of SAB School Council Executive. Please also indicate any specific activities/skills you can bring to Council.

Safe and Caring Schools - IMPORTANT REMINDER

Anaphylaxis – Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis – Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. The TDSB is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and works with Toronto Public Health and other partners to ensure the successful implementation of Sabrina's Law, which came into effect on January 1, 2006.

Sabrina's Law requires every school board to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. The TDSB has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about this life-threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.

Whether you are living with the allergy yourself, caring for someone who is, or concerned about people in your community, more information about life threatening allergies is available on the Anaphylaxis Canada's web site at <http://www.anaphylaxis.org/> or by calling 416-785-5666.

Please pack your child's lunch in reusable plastic containers that can be returned, washed and reused.....it's ECO friendly!!! Don't forget spoons. **Regular and chocolate milk, along with cookies will be made available for \$.75 each, daily in the lunchroom starting September 9th.**

Student Medication

If your child requires prescription medication during the school day, it is essential that a medical form be completed and kept in the office. All medication must be sent in the original bottle with the prescription information included. A record will be kept of all medication dispensed through the office. If your child requires an Epi-pen or inhaler for allergies, medical forms must be completed. The Toronto District School Board's procedures for the use of medication at school are intended to increase student safety and we ask for your support and cooperation.

LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS NEEDED !!!!

If you enjoy working with children and being a part of a team and can spare an hour and a half daily please consider putting your name forward as a lunchroom supervisor. All candidates begin this paid position as a supply lunchroom supervisor filling-in on an as needed basis. Therefore the work schedule is flexible. If interested or know someone who would be interested please contact Mme Kamel-Zia in the main office (416 394 7670)

Student Transportation

Important Student Transportation Update

The Student Transportation Department was impacted by the fire at York Memorial C.I. and had to relocate. Despite all efforts to ensure Transportation Request forms were resent, there remains a concern that not all may have been received and/or processed. All receiving schools have been asked to review their transportation lists on BusPlanner Web as soon as possible so that you can ensure that all students are accounted for. We are carefully doing this and hope to have all outstanding ridership issues resolved. We appreciate your patience.

At the TDSB, busing service may be provided for elementary students (K-5) residing 1.6 km or more from their designated school. TTC tickets may be provided for middle school students (grades 6-8) residing 3.2 km or more from their designated school.

The safety and welfare of students is a shared responsibility and parents can help by stressing school bus safety with their children. Here is some useful information that will help make your child's journey a safe one.

Boarding/Departing Bus

Parents/guardians are encouraged to review their child's walking route to the bus stop. Students getting off a bus at a stop must have an adult there to pick them up. In order to change their normal bus and/or stop, parents must contact the school office.

Passengers should arrive at the bus stop no later than five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Once bus doors are closed and the bus has departed, drivers cannot stop for late arriving students.

While waiting at the bus stop, students are expected to stand a safe distance from the street and are expected to respect private property. When the bus approaches, students must observe the instructions of the driver, especially in the winter when slick road conditions exist.

If students are required to cross the road, they should follow the driver's instructions and always cross in front of the bus with the aid of the flashing stop sign lights and crossing arm. Students dropped off at school loading zones where the bus lights are not activated, should wait until the bus departs before crossing the street.

Accidents/Breakdowns/Delays

School bus travel is extremely safe. Bus drivers are trained in defensive driving techniques and buses are carefully maintained. The size and bright yellow colour make school buses very visible. Yet, given the thousands of miles travelled annually, and the traffic conditions in our area, accidents, breakdowns and delays due to inclement weather can happen.

Parents can get the latest transportation information by signing up to the transportation portal to receive email notifications when bus companies report late buses. Delays will also be posted to <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>.

In addition, parents can contact the Toronto Student Transportation Group at 416-394-4287 or their local school in the case of delays of more than 15 minutes. Please note, however, that at the beginning of each new school year there is always a short adjustment period as drivers familiarize themselves with new routes and students so there may be short delays during this time.

Severe Weather

Occasionally, severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or if conditions become severe during the school day. Visit the www.tdsb.on.ca or <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>, check Twitter @tdsb or listen to local radio or TV stations starting at 6 a.m. for bus cancellations.

Passenger Safety

The bus driver is responsible for ensuring each passenger arrives to and from school safely each day. Drivers receive special training and rigorous examinations and must maintain a good driving record. Safe, respectful conduct is expected of all passengers.

The TDSB reserves the right to suspend transportation privileges for any student who demonstrates behaviour unreasonably distracting to the driver which may contribute to unsafe operation.

Parents are requested keep the school and transportation company up-to-date on any changes to their children's medical health and contact information so that emergency contacts are accurate at all times throughout the year.

Looking forward to a great year!!!