

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils are advisory bodies to the school principal and, where appropriate to the School Board. Elected parents form the majority of the Council. Meetings are held on a regular basis with date and time advised through a newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BUSSING

The school bus is considered to be an extension of the school. The Rainy River District School Board "Code of Conduct" applies to students taking the bus. While on or waiting for the bus, students must act in a responsible manner and follow all directions given by the driver. The bus driver will inform the principal of behaviour concerns. Bussing arrangements made at the beginning of the school year **cannot** be changed on a day-to-day basis. If you have any questions about transportation or if you want to know if a bus has been cancelled due to inclement weather, visit the <http://rrdtsc.rrdsb.com> website.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to conform to a reasonable dress code appropriate to a school environment. School dress, when appropriate, should not jeopardize the health and safety of anyone in the school. Clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, has a sexual reference or is offensive in any way is not allowed. Students are to dress appropriately for weather conditions. Students will be expected to regularly take part in Fire and Safety drills and should be dressed with appropriate footwear to quickly exit the building in all weather. Our school is designated a "hat free zone" so that as individuals enter the school, they may be immediately and clearly identified. **Crossroads School requests that all staff, students, and visitors please remove their hats/hoods upon entrance to the school.**

New for the 2020-21 school year, all students in grades 4-8 are required to wear a face mask on the bus and inside the school.

SCHOOL DEVICES/

When using electronic resources students must demonstrate appropriate online conduct/manners and refrain from improper/unethical use of technology, including computer hacking and cyberbullying. Inappropriate Internet and technology use includes all forms of violence, threats and harassment directed at staff members, students or any member of the school community. This applies to school, work and home Internet use. Please refer to RRDSB Policy 2.64 for more information on Digital Citizenship.

SCHOOL STAFF

Principal Sharla MacKinnon
Vice Principal Heather Bridgeman

Kindergarten Cindy Poirier/ Rebecca Barker
Grade 1/2 Kendra Bodnar
Grade 2/3 Kirsten Sheppard
Grade 2/3 Trevor Hands
Grade 4/5 Sherri Allan
Grade 5/6 Jeff Wiersema
Grade 6/7 Mike Cuzzolino
Grade 7/8 Sarah Teeple
Primary Prep Cindy Poirier

Reading Recovery Jennifer Meyers
Special Education Jennifer Meyers
French Rebecca Barker
Ojibwe Sandra Smith

Communication Assist. Laura Mutz/
Christine Cridland
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Early Childhood Educator Heather Schram

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Jen Libiak Rhonda Smith
Lori Woodgate Lori Smith
Pam VanHeyst Chelsea Smith
Megan Perry Melvina Chiefson
Sue Herman Christine Cyr
Shannon Kuchma Monica Smith
Cheryl Smith

Secretary Marni McDonald
Custodians Doug Olson
Tina Hagen

Daily Schedule

School Starts 8:30 AM
First Instructional Block 8:30 AM - 10:12 AM
First Nutrition Break 10:12 AM - 10:52 AM
Second Instructional Block 10:52 AM - 12:28 PM
Second Nutrition Break 12:28 PM - 1:08 PM
Third Instructional Block 1:08 PM - 2:50 PM
Dismissal 2:50 PM

Crossroads School STUDENT & GUARDIAN GUIDE



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<http://crs.rrdsb.com>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Day of School (All Students)	September 8
Virtual Open House	September 24
School Council Meeting	September 24
Terry Fox Walk	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 12
PD Day	October 30
Remembrance Day Service	November 11
Progress Reports Sent Home	November 18
Bullying Awareness Week	November 16-20
Christmas Break	December 21 to Jan.3
PA Day	January 29
Family Day	February 15
Report Cards Sent Home	February 17
March Break	March 15 to 19
Good Friday	April 2
Easter Monday	April 5
PD Day	April 23
Victoria Day	May 24
PD Day	June 11
Grade 8 Graduation	June 16
Report Cards Sent Home	June 25
Last Day for Students	June 25

NUTRITION BREAKS

- Students will continue to follow a balanced day schedule.
- During each nutrition break, students will remain in their classroom cohorts. Each cohort will have lunch and outdoor recess in designated zones.
- To reduce the number of students outside at the same time, half of the student population will be eating while the other half is outside. Then the two groups will switch.
- Microwaves will not be available in classrooms.
- Please send items that your child can easily open without assistance.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Academically, students are expected to achieve the expectations identified at each grade level by the Ontario Curriculum. Modifications and accommodations will be made to support those students that may require these. Behaviorally, students are aware of the expectations identified in the Classroom Discipline Plan. A copy of this plan is available from the classroom teacher. The RRDSB Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and consequences for inappropriate behavior. The Code of Conduct is posted on the school website.

STRENGTH-BASED RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Staff at CRS School will utilize a “Strength-Based” approach to supporting students and working through challenges that occur in the classroom or school yard. It is understood that students will make mistakes and these are opportunities for learning and growth. A restorative approach with a focus on repairing relationships and making things “right” will be the first priority in the process.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

As part of ongoing communication with parents/guardians to support students in their academic and social growth, school Newsletters will be sent home the first week of the month. Classroom teachers will use Google Classroom, SeeSaw and email lists to inform parents/guardians of things happening in their classrooms. School newsletters and other information will be posted on the school website <http://crs.rrdsb.com> and Facebook page. Parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the classroom teacher if they have questions or concerns.

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Students will be allowed to use the office telephone for unexpected school situations/illness that requires communication with a parent.

CROSSROADS BEHAVIOUR MATRIX



SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

Students leaving the school before the regular dismissal time must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian before leaving. A note, a phone call or a personal visit to the school office is required to provide the reason for the early dismissal and the length of the absence. Students returning from appointments, as well as those who are late, must be signed in at the office.

RRDSB CODE OF CONDUCT

The RRDSB School Code of Conduct is online and aligns with the Parent/Student Handbook. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child/ren.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The cost of maintaining school buildings and supplies is assumed by the taxpayer. Any additions created by deliberate acts of vandalism are, if the guilty person is undetected, also assumed by the taxpayer. School custodians are hired to maintain the school building, to keep it in good repair, and to keep it clean. Students are expected to keep the school free from litter, vandalism and graffiti. This can be achieved by refraining from littering, reporting incidents of vandalism and removing graffiti and litter whenever possible. Food and beverages must be consumed in designated areas. Smoking/Vaping is not allowed on School Board premises.

PEDICULOSIS CONTROL (HEAD LICE)

If a staff member suspects that a student may have pediculosis, the following steps are to be taken:

- i) The teacher will report the symptoms noticed to the principal, vice principal or designated person in charge.
- ii) After making contact with the parent(s)/guardian, the principal, vice principal or designated person in charge will send home, with the student, the 1st Notification to Parent/Guardian including the Pediculosis Readmission form.
- iii) To return to the classroom, the student will bring the completed Pediculosis Readmission form to the school office. The student will be excluded from class until such time as the completed form is presented - ref. Education Act, 265(j) (m).
- iv) The Notification to Parent/Guardians, Pediculosis in School will be sent home with classmates to alert parent(s)/guardian to the potential case of pediculosis in the classroom.
- v) It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to follow the instructions outlined in the Communicable Disease Guidelines for Schools to ensure that the pediculosis is treated properly. If re-infestation occurs steps 1, 2, and 3 are appropriate.

ACCESS TO RINK & TRAIL

All students will require signed consent to access the outdoor rink and trail at CRS. While participating in activities, students are reminded to ensure they are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Classroom time is allotted for the completion of assignments. Homework is seldom necessary for a student. If homework is assigned, it will be for one of the following reasons:

- The assignment was not completed in the time period allotted in class;
 - The assignment was missed due to absence;
 - The work is assigned for practice, review or for test preparation.
- Older students may be required to complete independent or group assignments as part of their program. Some time may be required out of school to complete this work.

ILLNESS/MEDICATION

When a student becomes ill at school, the office will contact the parent/guardian or emergency designate and request that the student be picked up. Please ensure that the school has all current information (telephone numbers and emergency contacts). For safety reasons, emergency contacts are required.

Board policy does not permit school personnel to administer any medication without proper authorization. Medication forms providing the required authorization and information necessary to ensure proper use of the prescribed medication are available from the school office. All medication is to be stored at and administered through the school office.

ATTENDANCE/SAFE ARRIVALS PROGRAM

In the interest of student safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences are accounted for in all schools of the Rainy River District School Board. If a student is to be late or absent, parents/guardians are asked to call the school. Parents may leave a message on the school telephone voice-mail system stating their child's absence. Please include your child's first and last names and grade. Thank you!

If the school has not been notified that the student will be absent from school, the school will call and check on daily student absences. Notes are requested for lates or absenteeism, for early dismissal, for an appointment, or for permission to be picked up by someone other than parent/guardian. Identification may be requested. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students can only use personal mobile devices during instructional time if it is for educational purposes under an educator's instructions, for health or medical purposes or for special education needs.

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