



SafeArrival & SchoolMessenger

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we continue to use the student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence, and is easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

The SafeArrival system is active for all our schools, and student absences shall continue to be reported this way.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account (use the email address you have on file with the school). Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-294-4832** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent without advance notice. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will complete a follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will **NOT** receive these notifications.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dean Mutch

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Superintendent
Anglophone North School District