

Nantyr Shores News

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REPORTING OF STUDENT ABSENCES

It is very important that you notify our Attendance Office to report and verify your child's absences. You can notify us in any of the following ways :

E-mail our Attendance Hotline at: nssattendance@scdsb.on.ca

Call our Attendance Office at (705) 431-5950 Ext. 40281

Send a note to the Attendance Office.



THANKS TO THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

I have had the pleasure of working as an administrator at Nantyr Shores since early April while Miss Prickett has been away. I appreciate the warm welcome and friendly ways of the staff and students. It has been a very enjoyable time and I hope it won't be my last visit to NSS.

Best Wishes
Mike Howell

SHINE GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, MAY 1 TO 7

The Canadian Mental Health Association invites us to wear green during Mental Health Week. Be sure to share online with the hashtag #GETLOUD. Going green for mental health is a simple way for all of us to recognize that we must make mental health a priority. Visit www.greenformentalhealth.ca for more information.



Monday May 1, Display in Main Hallway - there will be a youth mindfulness meditation in the library at lunch. Tanya Armstrong is with the Integrative Stress Management Program, and she will bring her ocean drum to kick off Mental Health Week. Contribute your thoughts & check out some art work during lunch.

Tuesday May 2, Mental Health Fair - come check out community resources in the main hallway during lunch

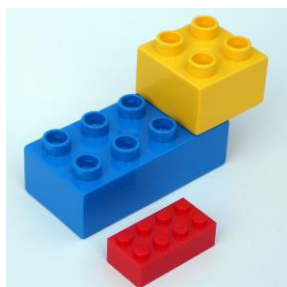
Wednesday May 3, Green Day – Wear green to raise awareness

Thursday May 4, Day of Positivity – Be recognized for your positivity!

Friday May 5, De-Stress Day – Yoga & colouring in the café during lunch

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF LEGO...

Anyone who has old LEGO, K'NEX, or MECHANO that they don't need anymore is welcome to donate them to the Research & Design program at Nantyr.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

For the latest information, follow us on Twitter! @NantyrGuidance

2017-2018 School Year

Course selections for the 2017-2018 have been completed. Students were given a confirmation of their course requests this week and were told to make any required changes to course selections prior to April 27th in guidance.

Summer School 2017

Summer school will be running through the Learning Centres again this year. Please check www.thelearningcentres.com for course offerings. All face-to-face summer school courses will take place at Bear Creek Secondary School from July 4th – July 28th. Bussing is provided from select sites around the board at no cost to students. Sign-up is currently available. SCDSB students currently in school should register through the student portal link on www.scdsb.on.ca. Elearning courses are also available. They are conducted entirely online. Students interact every weekday with their peers and the teacher using a virtual learning environment. The commitment required is 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week from July 5th – August 4th. Students MUST register for elearning courses with their Guidance Counsellor.

Commencement 2017

Commencement is Thursday, June 29th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Innisfil Recreation Complex. Invitations were sent out to all potential graduates in March. Please contact guidance if you did not receive an invitation and feel that you should have. As a reminder to all families of graduates, there are NO TICKETS for this event. Seating is first come, first serve, however we request that you please be mindful of the number of extra guests to ensure that each graduate's family members are able to attend.



All potential graduates must purchase a graduation gown for \$25 in guidance by June 1st as gowns are the mandatory attire to participate in the ceremony. Grad gown purchases can be made in guidance (cash or cheque).

Community Service Hours

All Ontario students must complete 40 hours of Community Service to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Potential graduates have until June 1st to submit their hours.

Reminder: Students starting grade 9 in 2017 will be able to start earning Community Service Hours during July and August! Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities in your area.

Are you Looking for Work?

The Simcoe County District School Board's Career Centre is ready to help at no cost to you. The Career Centre has experienced, professional employment consultants available to help job searchers prepare for and find work. Visit the Career Centre for resources, including the use of computers, internet, printer, fax, information sessions, job board and online postings. No appointment necessary and the Centre is open Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the services available, visit barriecareercentre.com or call 705-725-8990. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.



Register now for Summer School

A new selection of summer school credit courses is available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details can be found on the Learning Centres website: www.thelearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS INVITED TO REGISTER FOR BARRIE DRAGON BOAT RACES



All high schools in Simcoe County are invited to enter a team for the Barrie Public Library's Simcoe County High School Dragon Boat Championship. Happening on the morning of Tuesday, June 13, this event is open to all students from all grades of all high schools in Simcoe County. The race will run rain or shine. Race day and all practices will take place in Barrie on Kempenfelt Bay. No experience necessary but students must have completed an Ophea swim test to participate. Twenty-one team members are required per team (10 boy and 10 girl paddlers plus 1 drummer). The cost is \$40 per student, which includes two practice sessions and the race. Register by May 5. More information can be found on the Barrie library's website: library.barrie.ca/news/register-high-school-dragon-boat-race.

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REMIND 101

School Text Message Alert Communication Tool
Grab your Phone!!

Follow these steps to sign up for your SCHOOL COMMUNITY messages and updates.
Please add 289-277-0558 to your contact list under the name School Community. Then text @414277 to this number. You will receive a joining confirmation via text.

PARENT PORTAL

<https://ps.scdsb.on.ca/public/>

This is another way to stay informed on what is happening with your child. If you do not already have access, please contact Tanya Williamson at the school to get your login code.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips, and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out!



The Nantyr Shores S.S. Mathematics Department will be making available a Mathematics EXTRA HELP Program for any student who wishes to improve their performance during Semester 2. Teachers are available on designated days and of course, if you have any concerns, you should be speaking to your teacher to set up time for extra help outside of the designated time.

This is open to all students. During this time, you are to work on your homework, work on previous tests or quizzes or study for an upcoming test and get assistance from your teacher.

SAFE SCHOOL REPORTING TOOL

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, www.nantyrshoressecondaryschool.com, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

HAS YOUR TEEN STARTED DRIVING?

Getting a driver's license and riding as a passenger with friends is an exciting milestone for many teens, but it can also a stressful and challenging stage for parents.

It can be hard to balance giving them independence and trying to keep them safe. Be patient and look for opportunities to help your teen learn driving laws, and how to be safe behind the wheel or as a passenger with friends. For more information, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahhealth.org or call *Health Connection* at

705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520



EDUCATION VERIFICATION REQUESTS

Requests for letters of education verification for government agencies and other organizations, (i.e. Revenue Canada, Social Services, and/or confirmation of attendance letters, etc.) must be made by the parent/guardian/adult student, in advance and in writing, and must be verified with proper identification and/or documentation. Forms are available on the Simcoe County District School Board website www.scdsb.on.ca under **Student>Transcripts> Transcript and/or Education Verification Request Form**. Please be advised that processing these requests may take up to 10 business days, so please plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

MAKER SPACE IN THE LEARNING COMMONS

"A **makerspace** is a workspace where people with common interests, often in computers, machining, technology, science, digital art or electronic art, can meet, socialize and collaborate". (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackerspace>)

NSS is building a Maker Space but we need your help. If you have any of the following items to donate, please bring to the school as soon as you can. Thanks!

- Hand tools (screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, etc.)
- Leftover craft supplies (felt, popsicle sticks, etc.)
- Lego or other building toys
- Knitting needles and yarn
- Playing cards
- Card Stock
- Duct tape
- Embroidery thread
- Beading supplies
- Playdoh
- Stuffies that play music or move
- Soldering equipment
- Wire
- Electrical supplies to make circuits
- Scissors
- 3V batteries, AA and A batteries (new)



Thanks for your continuing support of our school

IMPORTANT DATES

Prom @ Tangle Creek	May 13, 2017
Parent Council Meeting	May 29, 2017 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Arts Night	June 6, 2017- 7 – 9:00 pm
Commencement @IRC	June 29, 2017