

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.

SCDSB Specialist High Skills Majors Programs Offer Students Opportunity to Earn Industry-Recognized Certifications



Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) are bundles of 8-10 courses that allow Grade 11 and 12 students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while getting their high school diploma. SHSMs provide students with an opportunity to focus their learning and gain valuable experience for all post-secondary opportunities. The SHSM program has a number of required components, designed to give students a "leg-up" to pursue post-secondary opportunities in a variety of employment sectors. Students will also earn

industry recognized certifications, which builds confidence in their skills and links their studies with the world beyond high school and future careers. Find out more about SHSM at www.myshsm.ca.

Applications Open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/.

Events at our School in Celebration of International Day of Pink

Our school will be hosting several events during the week of April 9 to 13 in honour of the International Day of Pink, which is Wed. April 11. This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action that started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia. Our school will be recognizing Day of Pink by having a Variety Show on Wednesday, April 11 during Period 3. **Wear Pink or Tie Dye on that day and get a free ticket into the show!**

Identifying School-Sponsored Trips

All field trip information will be sent home on school and/or Simcoe County District School Board letterhead. This is the best way for parents/guardians to identify supervised and approved trips. There may have been times when community or external groups have organized trips that have been mistaken for school-sponsored field trips. Parents would be notified of individual circumstances if the school is aware that an external trip is being planned. When in doubt about any trip ask questions of the organizers, including "Who is sponsoring or in charge of this trip?", "Who will be supervising?" and "What are their qualifications?" You can also contact the school if you have any questions about a trip you see advertised that you think may not be school-sanctioned.

Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at www.adoption.on.ca/events. Questions? Contact pact@adoptontario.ca.

Please Turn off Your Car While you Wait

A reminder to please turn your engine off when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Idling cars release exhaust that is harmful to the environment, our health and the health of our students. It's good to get into the habit of turning your car off any time you're stopped and in park for more than 60 seconds.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our kids and our environment healthy!

For more information to keep you and your family healthy, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.



Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Upcoming Events for Canadian World Studies

April 26th at 6pm Nantyr's Mock Trial team will be competing in the Simcoe Muskoka Mock Trial Competition at the Barrie Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend and support our team. Please see Mrs. Popple or Mr. Harrison for more details.

May 2nd - Mrs. Popple and Mr. Harrison's Civics classes will be on a trip to Queen's Park where they will get a tour of our provincial parliament and meet with MPPs

May 18 - Mrs. Popple's civics class is hosting all -candidates meeting for the new Provincial riding of Barrie-Innisfil. All four main political parties will be coming in to speak with students.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day taking place on April 29

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
 - Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.
 - Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!
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Do you Know a Youth, Aged 15-29, who is Looking for a Job or Gain Work Experience?

The Career Centre can help. Services include paid employment training, support with job searches and more, at no cost. Meet with an Employment Consultant today, or visit the Career Centre website at www.barriecareercentre.com for more information, including hours of operation. The Career Centre is operated by the Simcoe County District School Board. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

OHIP+ Provides Free Prescription Drug Coverage for Children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus.

New Path Offering Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-in Clinics

New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the clinics are posted on the New Path website (www.newpath.ca). For more information, contact New Path's Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.

Special Education

Parent Sessions for Special Education:

Parents are invited to information sessions about special education.

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/ guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

April 16: Understanding Alternative/ Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst.
No registration required.

Guidance Department Update

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

Summer School 2018



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 the Barrie Learning Centre from July 3rd – July 27th. Bussing is provided from select sites around the board at no cost to students. Sign-up is currently available. Students who wish to take a summer school course

MUST register with a Guidance Counsellor. E-learning 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 4th – August 2nd. Students MUST register for e-learning courses with a Guidance Counsellor.

Commencement 2018

Commencement is **Thursday, June 28th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Innisfil Recreation Complex**. Invitations were mailed out to all potential graduates' March 1st. Please contact guidance if you do 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 **\$30** 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). This fee also includes a professional photo of the grad receiving their diploma on stage.

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 2018 will be able to start earning Community Service Hours during July and August! Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities in your area.

Financial Help for Students Attending University and College in 2018 – 19

Is your child making plans to attend college or university next fall? Visit Ontario.ca/OSAP to see what financial aid is available to help pay for tuition and other expenses.

This year, about one-third of students attending college or university full-time are receiving free tuition from OSAP. Visit Ontario.ca/OSAP and use the calculator to see what your child may be eligible to receive from OSAP.

Apply early and use the OSAP comparison tool to help your child make the best choice for their future. Find out more and apply at ontario.ca/osap.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Planning for Post-Secondary Education

It is never too early to start your scholarship search! Students are encouraged to visit the following websites to create profiles and be matched with scholarships / bursaries:

<https://yconic.com/> <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
www.schoolfinder.com www.studentscholarships.org

In addition, further scholarship and bursary opportunities arrive in the guidance office regularly. These will be advertised during daily school announcements, on the scholarships bulletin board in the guidance office, through our “Remind” account and also on the @NantyrGuidance Twitter feed. As well, once students know what schools/programs they are applying to, they should seek out scholarships and bursaries on those schools’ websites.

New Safe School Reporting Tool

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca/>, 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>.

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.

Parent Portal Gives Parents Real-Time Access to Attendance & Grade Information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children’s attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child’s SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we’ll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

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 have access, please contact Christine @ clachapelle@scdsb.on.ca to get your login information.

Pay for Field Trips, Lunch Days, etc. with School Cash Online

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:



1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Secondary Mid-Point of Semester	April 18, 2018
Parent Council Meeting	April 23, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
PA DAY	April 27, 2018
Mid-Term Report Cards	April 30, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
2018 Prom	May 26, 2018 – 5:00pm to 10:00pm
Parent Council Meeting	May 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Secondary Evaluations Days	June 21 – 27, 2018
PA DAY	June 28 & 29, 2018
Commencement	June 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Report Cards (Available for Pick-up, more info to follow)	July 5, 2018

Prom Night

Prom 2018 Information

When: Saturday, May 26th

Where: Tangle Creek Golf Course 5-10pm

Tickets: \$65/per person

On Sale: April 30 - May 4 at lunch ONLY

