



Nantyr News



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Character Attribute for the month of April:

Optimism - we maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

More information about Character Education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



Student Card Required to Attend

Nantyr's 3rd Annual Public Speaking Competition

Attention all public speakers--veteran and new! This year's Public Speaking Competition will happen on **Thursday, May 5th**. Any and all students from grades 9-12 are invited to participate. Speakers are encouraged to select a topic that interests and/or means something to them. Speeches are to be entirely original, 3-5 minutes in length, with the language, content and messaging that is appropriate for a school-based audience. No props, costumes, music, or other visual enhancements. Rehearsals and polished speeches are to be reviewed by April 28th. Please see Dr. McGrath if you have any questions or she can be reached by email at jimcgrath@scdsb.on.ca.

The Needle Craft Cooperative (NCC)

Do you love crafts? Have you always wanted to learn to crochet or knit? Are you experienced and are willing to teach others? Whether you are new to the needle craft world or highly experienced, we would love to have you join Nantyr's newest club and the first of its kind! The **Needle Craft Cooperative (NCC)** is open to all Nantyr staff and students and is an informal, drop-in club where you can pop by and teach a stitch or two, or you can bring your lunch and learn how to crochet, knit, hand sew, embroider, macrame, cross stitch, beading and more. No commitment. Just fun. The NCC is open at lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 304. Have supplies, bring them! If you don't have any, use ours! If you have any questions or are interested in donating supplies, please connect with Dr. McGrath in Room 304 or by email at jimcgrath@scdsb.on.ca. *Special Note:* Students willing to teach others how to craft may earn Volunteer Hours!

Dr. Jennifer McGrath, PhD, OCT
(she/her)
English & Philosophy Teacher
Debate & Public Speaking Coach

News From Guidance:

2022-2023 School Year

Course selections for the 2022-2023 school year have been completed. Students have limited time to make changes to these selections prior to the timetable being made. All changes should be made before April 14th (before Easter weekend).

Summer School 2022

Summer school will be running through the Learning Centres again this year. All courses will be eLearning and run asynchronously through the D2L online learning platform. The commitment required is 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week. Students MUST register for eLearning courses with a Guidance Counsellor. Please check www.thelearningcentres.com for course offerings. Courses run from July 4th – 29th.

Graduation 2022

Details regarding our 2022 Graduation have been shared with families through School Messenger; emailed to students and posted in the Grade 12 Google Classroom. For the first time since 2019, we are having a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony at the Innisfil Recreation Centre on Tuesday, June 28th at 2:30 PM.

There is a fee of **\$40.00 (non-refundable)** that covers the cost of a graduation cap, stole, hat, tassel and general graduation expenses. **Please login to your School Cash On-Line account to pay this fee.** If you already have a gown and stole, there is an option to purchase just the cap and 2022 tassel. Included in this fee are 3 tickets/graduate. Additional tickets **may** be available for purchase on School Cash On-line after June 6th at a cost of \$5/ticket.

Community Service Hours

For 2022 Graduates, the number of Community Service hours required to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma has been lowered from 40 to 20. *Grade 12 students can check their email, or the Grade 12 Google Classroom for CSH options!*

School Council Members Invited To Learn More About Skilled Trades in the SCDSB at Virtual Event

School council members from Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools are invited to attend Connections 2.0 on April 19. This virtual event, hosted by the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), will feature conversations about skilled trades and apprenticeship opportunities and engage participants in discussions and idea-sharing sessions.

Join guest speaker Elaine McLachlin, the SCDSB's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Coordinator, for a skilled trades and apprenticeship presentation followed by virtual school tours, a panel discussion on redefining school councils and a breakout session with your PIC representative.

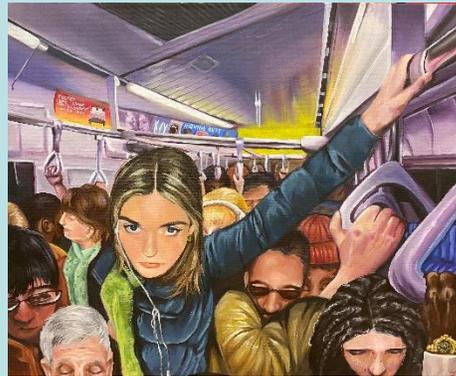
To learn more and register visit www.scdsb.on.ca/connections. Registration closes on April 15.

Nantyr Artists Excelled at This Year's Maclaren's Portfolio 2022 Showcase!

This show is a juried art show and recognizes art from Simcoe County grade 12 graduating students. Opening night was a huge success and it was wonderful to see all of our students and their parents out for the night to celebrate! Congratulations to all of our participating students:

1. Alyssa Johnston
2. Amber Fowler
3. Andrew Schubert
4. Doran Stephen
5. Lauren McKay
6. Madison Nybog
7. Maggie Rouselle
8. Shiriya Firth
9. Natalie Betts

Three of our students were recognized and won awards for their art! Congratulations to Doran Stephen for her painting called "Sense of Self" and Amber Fowler for her conceptual piece called "Personal Pressure". Doran and Amber both received awards for being in the **Top Three**. Congratulations also to Alyssa Johnston for receiving the **People's Choice Award** for her painting entitled "Time's Up". We are so proud of their hard work and success!



SCDSB Schools Continue to be Mask-Friendly Environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

Keep Connected With Our School and With the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca. Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day – June 27, 2022

On June 27, 2022, all secondary schools will run a Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day for students. Students requiring an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit or to improve on an area of missed expectations can attend and meet with teachers and support staff. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction that day, but it is an opportunity for students to work more closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

School Climate Survey

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. During the month of April, all students in Grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous and confidential online SCDSB School Climate Survey about how they feel about their school. Any participant of a SCDSB School Climate Survey will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information because all surveys are anonymous.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to the [SCDSB Strategic Priorities](#) and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- excellence in teaching and learning;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- community; and,
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

Student Survey

A sample version of the student survey will be available on the [SCDSB website](#). Please call your child(ren)'s school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

Questions?

School staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns a student may have. Questions about the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey can also be directed to: schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca.

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our schools in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support!

Interested in Learning More About the Ways That the SCDSB Supports Students With Special Education Needs and Their Families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2022, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation – information for parents/caregivers

April 12

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers

May 10

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>.

Public Secondary Schools –Vaccination Clinic

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many students have missed routine vaccinations that would have been given at school, during their Grade 7 year. These missed vaccines include hepatitis B (Hep B) human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) meningococcal vaccine. Catch-up school clinics for these three vaccines are being scheduled in all secondary schools for Grade 9 and 10 students in April.

While all three vaccines are strongly recommended, Meningococcal vaccine is required by law, under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), for school attendance.

More information will be sent home prior to the school clinic for review by the parent and student. For more information about routine vaccinations, visit our school immunization page.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 13, 2022	OSSLT = Literacy Testing Day of Pink
April 15 & April 18, 2022	Good Friday and Easter Monday
April 22, 2022	Earth Day
April 25, 2022	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
April 29, 2022	Mid Term Report Cards
May 2 - 6, 2022	Mental Health Awareness Week
May 6, 2022	Full Disclosure Day
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day
May 30, 2022	School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
June 2, 2022	Prom 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
June 27, 2022	Last Day of School
June 28, 2022	Convocation Ceremony, 2:30 p.m.