

## Nantyr Shores News December 2017

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**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT: <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca>**



### **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](mailto:nssattendance@scdsb.on.ca)

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

Send a note to the Attendance Office.

### **Bus Cancellation Information Reminder**

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the Central zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter [@SCSTC\\_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at [nssstritons](https://twitter.com/nssstritons) or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

### **Land/territory acknowledgement introduced for SCDSB meetings, events and schools**

Over the past few months, the SCDSB has worked with Indigenous partners, local elders and the First Nations Education Advisory Committee to develop a land/territory acknowledgement. A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations' tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory. The statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

#### **For school daily use:**

"Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – 'About Us'.

### **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](http://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus).

### **Special Education**

SERTS are available to answer any questions you may have about your student's classes and learning. Completed and updated IEPs will be sent home with students by mid-October.

The Resource Room (#120) is open and available to support all identified students. Please encourage your student to access the Resource Room and other supports available through his/ her SERT.

IEPs are completed and have been handed out to students. The 'school' copy should be signed and returned to the SERT as soon as possible. SERTs are available to discuss IEPs, programming, and student progress at any time.

### **Nantyr's special education resource teachers are as follows:**

Jennifer Brownlee – Department Leader; **ext. 40297**  
Heather Birch – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56121**  
Jane Boake – COPE teacher and SERT; **voice mail 40361**  
Will Gunn – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56147**  
Blair Klink – Learning Centre teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56159**  
Samantha Luscombe – Learning Centre teacher and SERT (**voice mail coming**)

### **Parents invited to information sessions about special education**

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

#### **Dec. 18**

Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

#### **Jan. 22**

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

#### **Feb. 19**

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

#### **March 19**

Accessing Supports in the Community

#### **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 in Midhurst. No registration required.

### **Poinsettia fundraiser great success**

The Europe trip 2019 participants ran a poinsettia fundraiser to offset the cost of the bus they will take to and from the Toronto airport. The poinsettia fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to all those who supported our fundraiser! Remember, any additional purchases made at Bradford Greenhouses (Barrie and Bradford locations), will result in a 5% donation of that purchase back to our trip!

### **Semi-Formal Info**

Hi! The Masquerade Semi Formal is happening on Thursday, December 7 from 7pm -10pm at Nantyr. The tickets will be on sale at lunch in the main hall starting Thursday, December 30. They are \$10. For students who want to bring someone from another school, there are forms that can be picked up and brought back to their home school for the Administrators to sign so that they can buy a ticket.

### **K-Cup @ Barrie Molson Center**

K-Cup is Coming! K-Cup is on Wednesday, December 13th this year. You can get your permission slip form for this event on Thursday, November 30. You need a permission slip AND a student card to purchase a ticket. Tickets for K-Cup will be sold starting Friday, December 1 in the main hall at lunch. Each ticket is \$10 and includes a T-shirt. The T-shirt is your ticket to get into the event. Tickets will only be sold from Friday, December 1 - Friday, December 8.

## **Guidance Department Update**

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

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Guidance now has a “Remind” account that both students AND parents can join. This will keep you up-to-date on the latest Guidance news throughout the entire school year. Follow the below instructions to join!

## **Sign up for important updates from Nantyr Guidance.**

Get information for **Nantyr Shores Guidance Dept.** right on your phone—not on handouts.

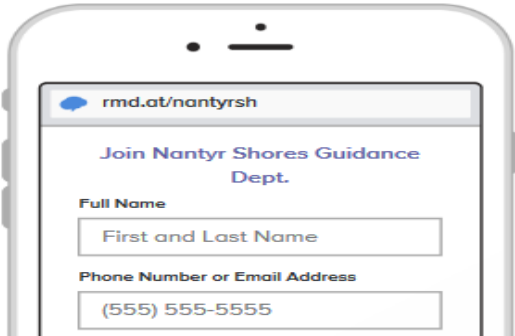
Pick a way to receive messages for **Nantyr Shores Guidance Dept.:**

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/nantyrsh](http://rmd.at/nantyrsh)

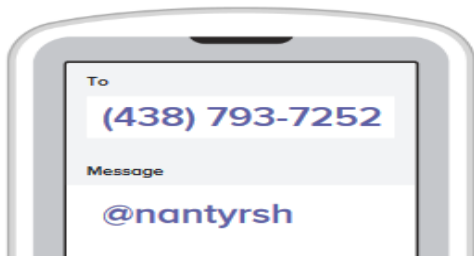
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @nantyrsh to the number (438) 793-7252.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/nantyrsh](http://rmd.at/nantyrsh) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

### **Guidance hosted College and University Online Application Training**

at lunch in Guidance on the following days:

**University – Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**College – Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

If you missed these sessions or have questions regarding your application, please see Guidance for assistance. Application deadlines are:

**University – Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**College – Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

### **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](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://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.

### **Grade 8 Information Night**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this winter! Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

High school is an exciting time – there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend the information night (see schedule on SCDSB's website here: <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Schools/Pages/highschool.aspx>) to find out what's offered at your local high school.

Guidance will be visiting grade 8 classrooms during the week of January 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> to teach grade 8 students how to choose their grade 9 courses at Nantyr. Parents and students can hear about all high school opportunities during our:

**Nantyr Shores' Grade 8 Night is Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

### **OSAP applications for 2018-19 now available**

Going to college or university next year? The 2018-19 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is now accepting applications for full-time students. Apply early to get an estimate of the amount of grants and loans you could receive. Apply now at: [www.ontario.ca/osap](http://www.ontario.ca/osap).

### **Register now for Night School (Semester Two) to complete high school, prepare for post-secondary education**

Night school at the Barrie Learning Centre offers secondary school credits in a variety of subjects for students completing their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and for students who are preparing for post-secondary education. Subjects include math, english, chemistry, biology, physics, social science and history.

All night school courses are offered in a blended format where students attend in-class sessions once a week and complete the remainder of their assigned weekly work online. Students are welcome to access computer resources and meet with their classroom teacher during the office hours of their online night class. Learn more and register at:

[www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com).

### **RVH Film Festival welcomes student submissions**

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5, 2018. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at:

[www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx](http://www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx).

### **Update your child's immunization record**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Three healthy lifestyle changes you and your family can make today**

More and more research is showing that the key to lifelong good health is lifestyle choices starting at a young age. Making simple changes in diet, exercise and stress management is key to achieving good mental and physical health for adults and children. Here are some easy tips to start making those changes today.

- Drink more water – Your body is made up of about 60% water. A mere 5% drop in water levels in the body causes 25 to 30% loss of energy and can cause your metabolism to slow down. Some effects of dehydration include hunger, poor digestion, bloating, joint pain and high blood pressure. Make sure to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water each day. Kids should be drinking five to seven glasses of water each day.
- Exercise daily – Did you know that Health Canada recommends adults get 150 minutes of exercise per week and kids should accumulate at least 60 minutes of exercise each day? If you want to live well and live longer, you must exercise. Studies show that even 10 minutes of exercise will make a difference!
- Practice relaxation – The relationship between the mind and the body is strong. Providing yourself and your kids with a small amount of relaxation or “time-out” every day – even just 15 minutes – can improve your health dramatically. Try taking a yoga class to reduce stress and clear the mind and make sure to sleep at least seven hours per night (kids and teens should get more than that).

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers many opportunities to get healthy as a family, For more information, please visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka ([www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca))*

### **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>.

### **Nantyr is selling SPCs (Student Pricing Card) this year as a fundraiser.**

SPC is Canada's favourite loyalty card that provides students with discounts and deals with 120+ retailers. Some SPC retail partners include Urban Outfitters, GNC, Forever 21, Adidas, DAVID'sTEA, Reebok, Amazon.ca, Bath & Body Works and more!

The cards are valid for one year (August to July) for \$10. SPC loyalty cards are available at the Nantyr's NEW school store or through school cash online.

### **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](http://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.

CLICK HERE  
TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[nss.scdsb.on.ca](https://nss.scdsb.on.ca)



### **Twitter**

Nantyr Shores is on Twitter – Follow Us - [@nsstritons](https://twitter.com/nsstritons)

### **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.*

### **New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics**

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit [www.newpath.ca](http://www.newpath.ca) or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

### **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 Denise @ [dmcmartin@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dmcmartin@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](http://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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com).

# Makerspace

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

*Thanks for your continuing support of our school.*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Semi-Formal Dance</b>	<b>December 8, 2018 – 7pm to 10pm</b>
<b>Arts Night</b>	<b>December 12, 2017 – 7 to 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Vermont Parents Meeting</b>	<b>December 13, 2017 – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>December 18, 2017 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>December 25 – January 5, 2018</b>
<b>Grade 8 Parents Info Session</b>	<b>January 17, 2018 – 7:00 to 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>January 22, 2018 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Evaluations</b>	<b>January 25 – 31, 2018</b>
<b>PA DAY</b>	<b>February 1 &amp; 2, 2018</b>
<b>First Day of Semester 2</b>	<b>February 5, 2018</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>February 16, 2018</b>
<b>Family Day</b>	<b>February 19, 2018</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>February 26, 2018</b>
<b>March Break</b>	<b>March 12 – 16, 2018</b>
<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>March 19, 2018</b>
<b>Parent/ Teacher Night</b>	<b>March 22, 2018 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>March 26, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>March 30, 2018</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>April 2, 2018</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>April 23, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm</b>
<b>PA DAY</b>	<b>April 27, 2018</b>
<b>Mid-Term Report Cards</b>	<b>April 30, 2018</b>
<b>Victoria Day</b>	<b>May 21, 2018</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>May 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm</b>
<b>Evaluations</b>	<b>June 21 – 27, 2018</b>
<b>PA DAY</b>	<b>June 28 &amp; 29, 2018</b>
<b>Commencement</b>	<b>June 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>July 5, 2018</b>