

# Nantyr Shores News

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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 [@nsstritons](https://twitter.com/nsstritons) or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

### The Benefits of Youth Leadership Development

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
- enroll in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

### Walking to School is Great for Students

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



## **2017-2018 Secondary 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. Between February 12 and March 5, all students in grades 9 to 12 will be asked to complete a confidential on-line survey about how they feel about their school. Teachers will supervise the class during the survey's completion and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have.

This year, parents/guardians of students in grades 9 to 12 will also be asked to complete an anonymous on-line survey about how they feel about their child's school.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to our SCDSB Strategic Priorities and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Students, parents/guardians and staff will not be asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

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

- the overall tone of the school, often referred to as school climate;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- experiences of school safety and bullying or harassment; and
- questions to assist the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in their Healthy Schools Initiative.

### **Student Survey**

A sample version of the student survey is available at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). A paper copy of the student survey is also available in your school's office. Please call your school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

### **Parent/Guardian**

To complete the SCDSB 2017-2018 School Climate Survey for parents/guardians please go to [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click on the link to the survey. If you do not have access to the internet and/or prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, copies of the parent/guardian survey are available in your school's office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Decision Support Services team at [research@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:research@scdsb.on.ca)

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our school in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Thank you for your support!

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### **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).

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### **Questions About Your Teen's Health?**

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- birth control, sexually transmitted infections, stress, drugs and alcohol, safe food and water, quitting smoking
- health unit clinics including dental, vaccines, sexual health
- web resources for school projects
- community resources for mental health, addictions and quitting smoking

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*



## **Special Education**

IEPs continue through semester #2. Appropriate accommodations will be put into place for all new courses semester #2. SERTS are available to answer any questions you may have about your student's classes/ timetable and IEP.

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.

## **Nantyr's Special Education Resource Teachers are as follows:**

Jennifer Brownlee – department leader and SERT; voice mail 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

Tasha Nielson – Learning Centre teacher and SERT; voice mail 58284

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## **Guidance Department Update**

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

### **Online Option Sheet**

Students will be selecting their courses for the 2018/2019 school year during the first and second week of semester two. Course selections take place online (computer time at school will be available for those that require it). Option sheets are due by February 22, 2018.

Students will submit their course choices **electronically** using the online option sheet found on the school web page [nss.scdsb.on.ca](http://nss.scdsb.on.ca) under the department, guidance, course selection. Here you will find Nantyr's Course Calendar, course selection instructions, and the link to "Pick your courses now!"

**Login User Name: Regular Student Username**

**Password: Regular Student Password**

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## **Graduating Students and Parents**

The equal consideration dates for University and College applications were January 17th and February 1st respectively.

Students who will meet their graduation requirements are still encouraged to apply at either [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) (university) or [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (college).

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## **Students Taking Night School or Independent Learning Credits**

Students taking courses other than regular day school and are applying to college or university need to inform Guidance of the credits ASAP. Counsellors must manually change an applicant's status with OUAC or OCAS; not doing so may jeopardize acceptance to a program.

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## **Spring Commencement Date**

Commencement will take place on **Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** at the Innisfil Recreational Complex. Potential graduates please note:

- a Grad Gown fee, \$30, must be paid to Guidance by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** (No guaranteed refunds)
  - Gowns will not be guaranteed if requested **after** the **May 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.
- community service hours need to be submitted no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>**
- all course work must be submitted no later than the day of your exam for any given course, in order to participate in commencement.



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### **Edutravel**

The SCDSB has once again partnered with EduTravel to offer SCDSB students the unique opportunity to earn secondary school credits while travelling abroad. We will be offering the following programs this year:

### **March Break**

NEW – Hospitality and Tourism (TFJ3C1) – Orlando, Florida  
Civics and Careers – Ottawa, Montreal and New York City

### **Summer School (July)**

Geography (CGC1D) – outdoor camping techniques – Sudbury, Manitoulin Island, Bruce Peninsula, Algonquin  
Civics and Careers – Ottawa, Montreal and New York City  
Biology (SBI3U1 and SBI4U1) – Fiji  
English (ENG3U1 and ENG4U1) – Boston, New York City, Washington DC

For more information about the programs we are offering this year, please visit [www.edutravelforcredit.com](http://www.edutravelforcredit.com)

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### **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)

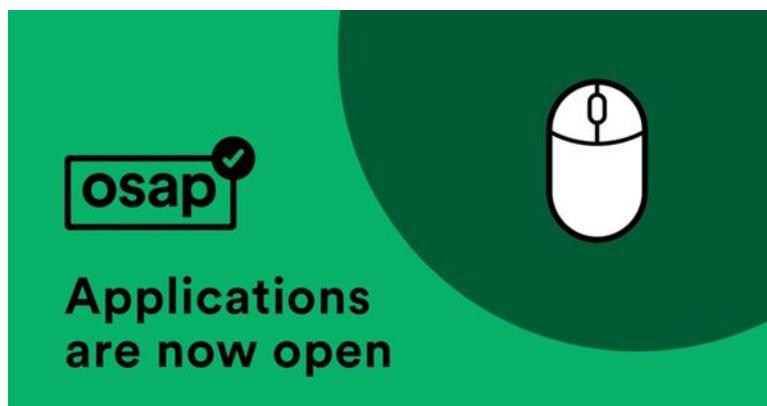
In addition, further scholarship and bursary opportunities arrive in the guidance office regularly. These will be advertised during daily school announcements, on the scholarships bulletin board in the guidance office, through our “Remind” account and also on the @NantyrGuidance Twitter feed.

As well, once students know what schools/programs they are applying to, they should seek out scholarships and bursaries on those schools’ websites.

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### **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).



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



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## **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>.

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## **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.

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## **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 @ [dmc martin@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dmc martin@scdsb.on.ca) to get your login information.

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## **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.*



## Youth Mental Health and Addiction Supports

New Path Child and Youth Mental Health Clinics provide free counselling to youth and their families without an appointment at a variety of locations throughout the county. Barrie: Wednesdays and Thursdays 11am to 7pm at 165 Ferris Lane; Bradford: Mondays 11am to 7am at 118 Barrie Street. For more information please visit <https://newpath.ca/services/walk-in-clinics/>.

Youth addiction support is available through Canadian Mental Health Association. Youth may attend the walk-in clinic on Mondays at 134 Anne Street in Barrie between the hours of 1pm and 4pm to complete an intake, where they will be connected to support that best meets their needs. For more information please visit [http://www.cmhastartalking.ca/addiction\\_services](http://www.cmhastartalking.ca/addiction_services)

MOBYSS Youth Walk-In Clinic is a mobile physical, sexual, and mental health walk-in clinic. Youth Mental Health Workers, Nurse Practitioner and Peer Support Specialists are skilled in assisting youth with a variety of issues, including assessment, treatment and diagnosis of acute illnesses such as sore throat or bladder infection, sexual health education, counselling, support and referrals. Students can access MOBYSS without an appointment and a health card is not required. MOBYSS attends Nantyr on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 2pm. MOBYSS is a service offered by Canadian Mental Health Association York Region. For more information please visit [www.mobyss.ca](http://www.mobyss.ca).

This year there are individual mental health professionals available to provide resources and support to Nantyr students. Students may access this service by speaking to any Nantyr staff member such as their teacher, guidance counsellor, or the School Social Worker and requesting a referral for mental health support.

Mental Health Crisis Line (all ages; 24/7): **(705) 728-5044** and **(905) 310-COPE**

Kids Help Phone (up to age 18; 24/7): **1 - (800) 668-6868** Kids Help Phone Live Chat: Visit <https://kidshelpphone.ca/> and click “chat with a counsellor”; available Wednesday to Sunday 6pm to 2am.

# IMPORTANT DATES

PA DAY	FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2018
First Day of Semester 2	February 5, 2018
Report Cards	February 16, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
Parent Council Meeting	February 26, 2018
March Break	March 12 – 16, 2018
Progress Reports	March 19, 2018
Parent/ Teacher Night	March 22, 2018 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Parent Council Meeting	March 26, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 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
Parent Council Meeting	May 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Evaluations	June 21 – 27, 2018
PA DAY	June 28 & 29, 2018
Commencement	June 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Report Cards	July 5, 2018



## Twitter

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