

# Nantyr Shores News

## January 2018

1146 Anna Maria Avenue  
Innisfil Ontario L9S 4X5  
Phone: (705) 431-5950 Fax: (705) 431-7921  
Email: nantyrshores@scdsb.on.ca

**Principal:**  
Alberto Bernardi : [abernardi@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:abernardi@scdsb.on.ca)

**Vice-Principals:**  
Liselle Prickett : [lprickett@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:lprickett@scdsb.on.ca)  
Doug Woods: [dwoods@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dwoods@scdsb.on.ca)



**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.

### **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).

### **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*

## **Five Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Your Family**

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
- have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

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

## **Provide Input on Proposed 2018-19 School Year Calendar**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, input can be provided by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline to submit input is Jan. 31.

## **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.

## **Special Education**

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; **ext. & voicemail - 40297**
- Heather Birch – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voicemail - 56121**
- Jane Boake – COPE teacher and SERT; **voicemail - 40361**
- Will Gunn – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voicemail - 56147**
- Blair Klink – Learning Centre teacher and SERT; **voicemail - 56159**
- Samantha Luscombe – Learning Centre teacher and SERT **ext. & voicemail - 40299**

## **School's in for Summer at the SCDSB**

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://www.learningcentres.com/>. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

Parents 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.

### **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.

## **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 site [nss.scdsb.on.ca](http://nss.scdsb.on.ca) under the department, guidance, course selection, student portal link.

**Login User Name: Same as computer network username**

**Password: Same as computer network password**

### **Graduating Students and Parents**

The equal consideration dates for University and College applications were January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### **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.

## **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.

## **Edutravel**

The SCDSB has once again partnered with EduTravel to offer SCDSB students the unique opportunity to earn secondary school credits while travelling abroad. March Break and Summer School options are available.

For more information about the programs we are offering this year, please visit

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

## **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.

## **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).

## **High school information nights coming to a school near you!**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what’s new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what’s offered: **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – 1146 Anna Maria Avenue**. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool>

## **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. 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*

## **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

### Twitter

Nantyr Shores is on Twitter – Follow Us - @nsstritons

### 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 @ [dmcsmartin@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dmcsmartin@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).



### 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>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>