



Nantyr Shores News May 2018

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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.

Generous Donation from Parkbridge & Arnott Construction



Thank you to Parkbridge for their donation of a Framing, Roofing & Brad Nailer with a Compressor. Also to Arnott Construction for their scaffolding donation. This was a donation on their part for our participation in the construction of the Bat Structures for the local endangered species of brown bats. These tools and equipment were much needed and will be used in the Construction and Woodworking classes to aid in project completion and safety. A huge Thank you to Parkbridge and Arnott Construction for this generous donation.

2018-19 School Year Calendars now Approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

Community Involvement Hours

Opportunity for High School Students who Speak an International Language

Do you speak Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu or Vietnamese? The SCDSB is currently looking for high school student volunteers to help support the Saturday morning international language classes for students in Grades 1 - 8. The classes run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Sept. 15, at the Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) and the Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E., Suite 200). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the program coordinator, Amanda Hickling, at ahickling@scdsb.on.ca

Updated Criminal Record Checks Required for Volunteers

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

Canada Education Savings Programs Are Available to Help Fund your Child's Education

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- Canada Education Savings Grant - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.
- Canada Learning Bond - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit: www.canada.ca/education-savings.

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 are on the Learning Centres website at

www.thelearningcentres.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!

Safe Kids Week is June 4 to 8

This year's theme focuses on concussion at home, at play and on the road:

- Help reduce the likelihood of head injury, like concussions, during sports, recreation and unstructured play by encouraging your teen to use correctly fitting protective equipment and to follow safety rules.
- Remind your teen to walk with phones away and heads up.
- Teach your teen how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, which can happen even without a direct hit to the head and without losing consciousness. If your teen does have signs of concussion, remove them from the activity and seek medical care.
- Be sure to inform your school principal if your teen sustains a concussion, either on or off school property.

Learn more at www.parachutecanada.org

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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.



Keep Your Kids Healthy, Active and Engaged This Summer



Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to

healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

- Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

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/.

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. Enrolment 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.

Guidance Department Update

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

Notes from Guidance

The guidance department is excited for next year and encourages all students and parents to contact us with any questions or concerns @ (705) 431-5950 x 40290. The office opens August 27th. Please read the information below regarding the end of year and start-up of the 2018 – 2019 school year.

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.



Attention Graduates

Ontario Universities' Admission Information Service

Qualified Ontario secondary school students applying to admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer on admission can inquire about the possible openings at other Ontario universities through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). Students can go to the website (www.ouac.on.ca) or call 519-823-1063 after June 6th to find out what Universities still have space in programs.

Once on the website, students should select “**(OUAC101) Current Ontario Secondary School Students**” and then select “**Admission Information Service**”, from the menu on the right hand side. Select “**Go to the Admission Information Service search form**”. Here you may search programs that are still accepting applications, based on your potential average. If you want to apply to one of these programs, you need to log into your OUAC account and either **ADD** the program of choice and pay an additional \$50/program choice, **OR** delete one of your original choices to add the new program at no additional cost.

This service will be in operation from June 6th until August 31st, 2018.

Please note that to be considered for admission, applicants must have completed the OSSD including six 4U/M courses by early September 2018. An average of at least 60% is needed, although higher averages are normally required.

Grade 9 Orientation

Thursday, August 30th 2018 (from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm), Nantyr Shores Link Crew will welcome incoming Grade 9 students. Students will participate in an awesome orientation, pick up their timetables and tour the school. Lunch will be provided and students are asked to wear comfortable clothes. Parents are to drop off their students and are welcome to return to attend an Information Session at 1:00pm with Nantyr's Principal, Ms. Liselle Prickett. Students are asked to bring \$25.00 to cover the cost of their student ID card, link crew activities and school lock. Phys-Ed t-shirts will also be on sale for \$15 each.

Community Involvement Activities



As a graduation requirement, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement. This encourages students to develop an awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and the contributions they can make in supporting and strengthening their communities. You may begin accumulating hours the summer before your grade 9 year. Please check out the list regarding eligible activities. <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Students/Pages/Community-Involvement.aspx>

Information Updates from Guidance

Follow us on Twitter @NantyrGuidance to receive regular updates from guidance about post-secondary pathways, work and volunteer opportunities, as well as scholarships and bursaries. Students are encouraged to check out our page to be aware of the most up to date information. Alternatively, please see our guidance webpage at nss.scdsb.on.ca (Guidance tab at the top of page).

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.

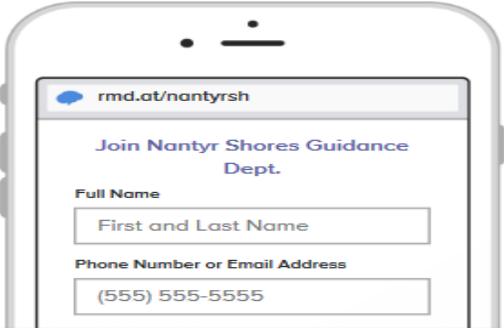
Pick a way to receive messages for **Nantyr Shores Guidance Dept.:**

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

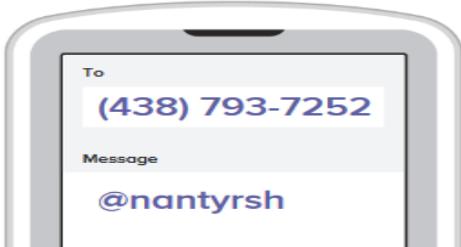
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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.schoolcashonline.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 e-check 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@schoolcashonline.com.



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IMPORTANT DATES

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
Grade 9 Orientation	
Grade 9 Orientation	August 30, 2018 – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Day of School	September 4, 2018

Have a Safe and Happy

