

Nantyr Shores News March 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.

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. 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.

Get Active and Energized This March Break

March Break is the perfect opportunity to get your kids off their screens and moving! Children are spending less time being active and only seven per cent of Canadian kids get enough exercise. Health Canada recommends children and youth get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Getting our daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image and supports mental health. Here are ideas to get you and your kids moving this March Break:

- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air as you explore your local trails, parks and toboggan hills, or build a snowman!
- Make a splash at a local community pool like the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka. Day passes are available for families to take advantage of recreational swimming. For older kids, March Break is the perfect time to enrol in aquatic leadership programs such as Bronze Medallion or National Lifeguard training.
- Train as a family by signing up for the YMCA's Move to Give fundraising event, happening on April 7. Challenge the whole family to start training for a 5K run, indoor cycling or a triathlon and continue training together until the event. It will keep the entire family focused on a goal and it's all for a great cause – supporting your community! For more information, visit www.movetogive.ca.

Skating is a great sport for all ages – it's low impact and helps improve coordination and balance. Check your local public arenas for family skate times.



March Break is a great time to create healthy daily habits for your children and the entire family. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers many opportunities to get fit as a family over the March Break. For more information, visit your local YMCA or www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

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.



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.

Stay Healthy This School Year



Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth. The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol based hand rub hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same! For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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.

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!

Prom 2018 Information

When: Saturday, May 26th

Where: Tangle Creek Golf Course 5-10pm

Tickets: \$70/per person

On Sale: April 30-May 4 at lunch ONLY



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 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

Gilbert Centre programs for LGBTQ2S youth and families

The Gilbert Centre is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides programs and services to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals and families in Simcoe-Muskoka. Visit the Centre's website at www.gilbertcentre.ca for more information about these programs:

- **LGBTQ2S Youth Connection drop-in groups**
LGBTQ2S Youth Connection is a drop-in and social space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, 2spirit, trans, asexual etc. and questioning youth. Groups are a place for youth to connect with each other and to community. Groups take place in Barrie, Midland and Orillia.
 - **Parenting LGBTQ Youth sessions**
These free sessions, 'Parenting LGBTQ Youth,' are offered in April, May and June in Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia. Dinner is provided. To reserve your spot, contact Jake at jakef@gilbertcentre.ca or 705-722-6778 ext. 107.
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Special Education

Parent Sessions for Special Education:

Parents are 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.

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, Midhurst.
No registration required.



Guidance Department Update

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

2018-2019 School Year

Course selections for the 2018-2019 have been completed. Students have a limit time to make changes to these selections prior to the timetable being made. All changes should be made before March 31st.

Summer School 2018

Summer school will be running through the Learning Centres again this year. Please check www.thelearningcentres.com for course offerings. All face-to-face summer school courses will take place at the Barrie Learning Centre from July 3rd – July 27th. Bussing is provided from select sites around the board at no cost to students. Sign-up is currently available. Students who wish to take a summer school course MUST register with a Guidance Counsellor. Elearning courses are also available. They are conducted entirely online. Students interact every weekday with their peers and the teacher using a virtual learning environment. The commitment required is 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week from July 4th – August 2nd. Students MUST register for e-learning courses with a Guidance Counsellor.

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.

All potential graduates must purchase a graduation gown for \$30 in guidance by June 1st as gowns are the mandatory attire to participate in the ceremony. Grad gown purchases can be made in guidance (school cash online, cash or cheque payable to Nantyr Shores). This fee also includes a professional photo of the grad receiving their diploma on stage.

Community Service Hours

All Ontario students must complete 40 hours of Community Service to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Potential graduates have until June 1st to submit their hours.

Reminder: Students starting grade 9 in 2018 will be able to start earning Community Service Hours during July and August! Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities in your area.



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

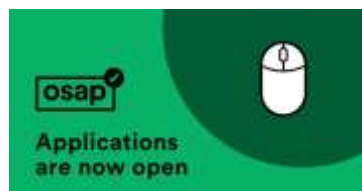
Biology (SBI3U1 and SBI4U1) – Fiji

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

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 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 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.

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

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.

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.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.



Twitter

Nantyr Shores is on Twitter – Follow Us - @nsstritons

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nss.scdsb.on.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

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 - (Available for Pick-up, more info to follow)	July 5, 2018

