

Nantyr Shores News

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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.

Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo Takes Place May 17

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email edo@simcoe.ca.

Summer Camp Can Be a Life-Changing Experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

- **Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.
- **Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.
- **Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.
- **Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at YMCASummerCamp.Ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Prom Information



When: Saturday, May 26th

Where: Tangle Creek Golf Course 5-10pm

Tickets: \$65/per person

On Sale: April 30 - May 4 at lunch ONLY

Contact:

Mrs. Anderson or
Mrs. Marks if you
have any questions.

Stay Safe In The Sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade

For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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/.

Upcoming Events for Canadian World Studies

May 2nd - Mrs. Popple and Mr. Harrison's Civics classes will be on a trip to Queen's Park where they will get a tour of our provincial parliament and meet with MPPs

May 18th - Mrs. Popple's civics class is hosting all -candidates meeting for the new Provincial riding of Barrie-Innisfil. All four main political parties will be coming in to speak with students.



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. 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.



Raising Healthy Children Grade 11 are hosting a Play Day for 1, 2 & 3 year olds on May 17, Periods 1 & 2.

Arts Opening Night Reception to be held on May 3rd from 7 – 9 at the MacLaren Art Centre.

The Varsity Girls Rugby Team

has gotten off to a great start with a very fun team bonding tournament in Niagara and an excellent season opener winning 48-15. We are looking forward to the rest of the season, and hoping for some sunshine.

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.

Mental Health Awareness Week is May 7 to 11

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week our school will have various activities for students to participate in. A schedule will be posted and activities will be announced every day.

Special Education

Parents Invited to Information Session About Special Education on May 16

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

Date: May 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

Topic: Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp. Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

Guidance Department Update

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

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. E-learning 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 (cash or cheque). 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

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 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@schoolcashionline.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
2018 Prom	May 26, 2018 – 5:00pm to 10:00pm
Parent Council Meeting	May 28, 2018 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
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