

Nantyr Shores News February 2017

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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.



EDGE IMAGING GRAD PHOTOS

EDGE IMAGING Photographers will be here **February 23, 2017** for Grad Re – Takes,

Book your appointment online at www.bookmygrad.ca . Your school code is NAN

(There are 4 different session options to choose from including a free yearbook & composite only pose).

Follow this link for more tips on picture day

<http://www.edgeimaging.com/en/high-school/senior-graduation.html>

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CLOSURES



Bus cancellation information in case of inclement weather

Winter is here in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

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 Weather Zone**. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that 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 also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

Your Top Eight Snow Day Questions Answered

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the *Sharing Simcoe* blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'. Remember to follow the SCSTC on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus updates and cancellations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

SERTS are available to answer any questions you may have about your student's classes and learning.

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:

Barb Kremer – department leader; ext. 40299

Heather Birch – Life Skills teacher and SERT; voice mail 56121

Jane Boake – COPE teacher and SERT; voice mail 40361

Jennifer Brownlee – English teacher and SERT; voice mail 56127

Will Gunn – Life Skills teacher and SERT; voice mail 56147

Blair Klink – Learning Centre teacher and SERT; voice mail 56159

Catherine Morgan – Business and Math teacher and SERT; voice mail 56178

Guidance Department Update

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



Online Option Sheet

Students will be selecting their courses for the 2017/2018 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 21, 2017.

Students will submit their course choices **electronically** using the online option sheet found on the school web page www.nantyrshoressecondaryschool.com under the guidance tab – then course selection tab. Here you will find Nantyr's Course Calendar, course selection instructions, and the link to "Choose your courses now!"

***Login User Name: Student Login
Password: Same as last year***

Graduating Students and Parents

The equal consideration dates for University and College applications were January 11th and February 1st respectively.

Students who will meet their graduation requirements are still encouraged to apply at either www.ouac.on.ca (university) or 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 29th, at 6:30 pm** at the Innisfil Recreational Complex.

Potential graduates please note:

- a Grad Gown fee, \$25, must be paid to Guidance by **May 1st** (No guaranteed refunds)
 - Gowns will not be guaranteed if requested **after** the **May 1st** deadline.
- community service hours need to be submitted no later than **May 1st**
- 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. 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)

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

Register now for Night School starting in February

Semester two of Night School starts February 14. Classes are offered in a blended format with students attending class one night a week for three hours and completing an additional three hours of course work online each week. Current SCDSB students can find course offerings and register online through the student portal.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED – Learn a new culture and share yours

Would you like to become a host family for an international student? Learn more about another culture? Share yours? Make a new friend? There are different hosting programs available - several days, weeks, a month, semester or 10 months...it's up to you and your family. For more information, call 705-734-6363 x11211 or email: studyinsimcoecounty@scdsb.on.ca

Operations Appreciation Day a chance to say 'Thank You'

Feb. 8 is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. **We'd like to say thanks to: Sharene, James, Ernie, Ivano, Laura, Julie, Dave, and Robert.**



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TWITTER

Nantyr Shores is on Twitter – Follow Us - @nsstritons



REMIND 101

School Text Message Alert Communication Tool
Grab your Phone!!

Follow these steps to sign up for your SCHOOL COMMUNITY messages and updates.
Please add 289-277-0558 to your contact list under the name School Community. Then text @414277 to this number. You will receive a joining confirmation via text.

PARENT PORTAL

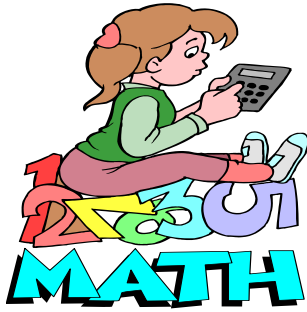
<https://ps.scdsb.on.ca/public/>

This is another way to stay informed on what is happening with your child. If you do not already have access, please contact the school to get your login code.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com/>

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips, and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out!



The Nantyr Shores S.S. Mathematics Department will be making available a Mathematics EXTRA HELP Program for any student who wishes to improve their performance during Semester 2. Teachers are available on designated days and of course, if you have any concerns, you should be speaking to your teacher to set up time for extra help outside of the designated time.

This is open to all students. During this time, you are to work on your homework, work on previous tests or quizzes or study for an upcoming test and get assistance from your teacher.

SAFE SCHOOL REPORTING TOOL

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, www.nantyrshoressecondaryschool.com, 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>.

Has your Teen Started Driving?

Getting a driver's license and riding as a passenger with friends is an exciting milestone for many teens, but it can also a stressful and challenging stage for parents. It can be hard to balance giving them independence and trying to keep them safe. Be patient and look for opportunities to help your teen learn driving laws, and how to be safe behind the wheel or as a passenger with friends. For more information, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520



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.



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.)
- Leftover craft supplies (felt, popsicle sticks, etc.)
- Lego or other building toys
- Knitting needles and yarn
- Playing cards
- Card Stock
- Duct tape
- Embroidery thread
- Beading supplies
- Playdoh
- Stuffedies that play music or move
- Soldering equipment
- Wire
- Electrical supplies to make circuits
- Scissors
- 3V batteries, AA and A batteries (new)

Thanks for your continuing support of our school.

IMPORTANT DATES

Grade 8 Parents Info Session	January 18, 2017 – 7:00 pm
Parent Council Meeting	January 23, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Evaluations	January 26 – 31, 2017
PD DAYS	February 2 & 3, 2017
Semester 2 Start	February 6, 2017
Semester 1 Report Cards Distributed	February 17, 2017
Family Day Holiday	February 20, 2017
Graduation Photo Retake Day	February 23, 2017
Progress Reports Distributed	March 10, 2017
March Break	March 13 – 17, 2017
Parent / Teacher Night	March 23, 2017 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Vimy Ridge Trip	April 1 – 12, 2017
Parent Council Meeting	April 3, 2017 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Prom @ Tangle Creek	May 13, 2017
Parent Council Meeting	May 29, 2017 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Arts Night	June 6, 2017- 7 – 9:00 pm
Commencement @IRC	June 29, 2017