

# Nantyr Shores News

## November 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](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 at [nsstritons](https://twitter.com/nsstritons) or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

### SCDSB's new Holy Days and Holidays Calendar now available

The students and staff of the SCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions. The Holy Days and Holidays calendar helps identify some of the important days of commemoration, however it isn't designed to be a complete listing of religious days. Students and staff from a particular faith background may or may not be absent from school on these special days. If they do attend, certain accommodations may be required.

To view the July 2017 - December 2018 calendar, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), click on 'Schools,' 'School Year Calendars' and then 'Holy Days and Holidays Calendar.' You can also learn more the significant faith dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

### Edge Imaging Grad Photos

EDGE IMAGING Photographers will be here starting **November 17<sup>th</sup>** to take Grad photos.

Book your appointment online at [www.bookmygrad.ca](http://www.bookmygrad.ca) . Your school code is NAN

Grade 12 students will receive a "Portrait Session Guide" in homeroom classes. If you do not have a homeroom, please pick up a Guide in Guidance.

Follow this link for more tips on picture day

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

### Varsity Girls Flag Football

The varsity girls' flag football team had a great season this year. The girls practiced hard, played with their hearts and were positive athletes throughout the season.



### **Special Education**

SERTS are available to answer any questions you may have about your student's classes and learning. Completed and updated IEPs will be sent home with students by mid-October.

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.

IEPs are completed and have been handed out to students. The 'school' copy should be signed and returned to the SERT as soon as possible. SERTs are available to discuss IEPs, programming, and student progress at any time.

### **Nantyr's Special Education Resource Teachers are as follows:**

Jennifer Brownlee – Department Leader; **ext. 40297**  
Heather Birch – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56121**  
Jane Boake – COPE teacher and SERT; **voice mail 40361**  
Will Gunn – Life Skills teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56147**  
Blair Klink – Learning Centre teacher and SERT; **voice mail 56159**  
Samantha Luscombe – Learning Centre teacher and SERT (**voice mail coming**)

### **Voluntary self-identification of First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry**

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

### **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).

### **Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and our schools**

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Barrie & District is proud to partner with the SCDSB to run three mentoring programs for students. Volunteers are welcome to apply to mentor students for as little as one hour per week. Call BBBS Barrie at 705-728-0515 or visit [www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/barrie) to find out more. The Orillia (705-325-3151), Georgian Triangle (705-445-2330) and North Simcoe (705-526-5051) BBBS locations also welcome volunteers for their in-school mentoring programs.

## **Guidance Department Update**

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

**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.

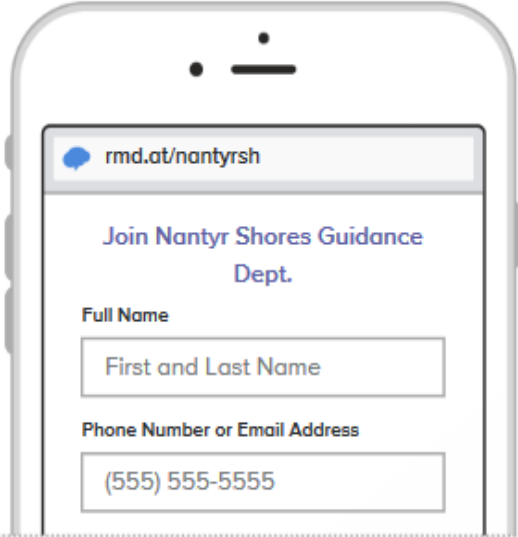
Pick a way to receive messages for **Nantyr Shores Guidance Dept.:**

**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](http://rmd.at/nantyrsh)

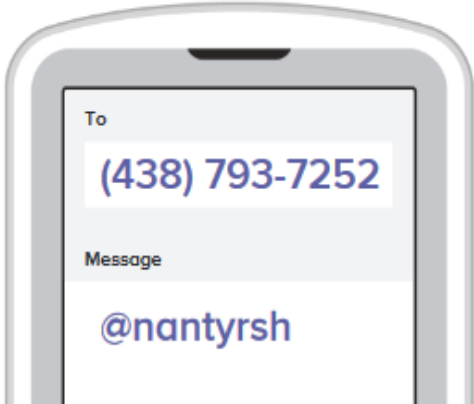
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**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](http://rmd.at/nantyrsh) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

## **Post-Secondary Planning for Potential Graduates**

Many opportunities are coming up for our potential graduates to explore post-secondary options. Guidance counsellors delivered presentations in all Grade 12 homeroom classes that discussed diploma requirements, researching college, apprenticeship and university options, scholarship opportunities and financial planning for post-secondary education. A snapshot of the topics covered during these visits is available on our Twitter feed. Follow us @NantyrGuidance or see <https://twitter.com/NantyrGuidance>.



Guidance has also been meeting one-on-one with each potential graduate to go over graduation requirements, post-secondary options, application deadlines, scholarship opportunities and OSAP information.

**College and University Online Application Training** will occur in Guidance during the lunch hour on the following days:

<b>University</b>	<b>Nov 27th – 29th</b>
<b>College</b>	<b>Dec 4th</b>

## **Researching College, University, Apprenticeship & Workplace Options**

Parents and students are encouraged to consult the following websites to help with post-secondary planning:

Programs and entrance requirements for Ontario colleges: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)  
Programs and entrance requirements for Ontario universities: [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca).  
Information about Apprenticeships and the skilled trades: [www.oyap.com](http://www.oyap.com) and [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)  
Exploring workplace opportunities: <http://www.barriecareercentre.com>

Want to learn more about careers that match with your interests and abilities? Explore all that [www.myblueprint.ca/simcoe](http://www.myblueprint.ca/simcoe) has to offer! Click “log in with school account”, students then enter their school login and password, then give MyBlueprint’s “Who am I” surveys a try, or explore options under the “post-secondary” menu.

## **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:

<a href="https://yconic.com/">https://yconic.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/">http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/</a>
<a href="http://www.schoolfinder.com">www.schoolfinder.com</a>	<a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org">www.studentscholarships.org</a>

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.

**OSAP** stands for Ontario Student Assistance Program. It is a combination of grant and loan from the Ontario government. Students cannot apply for OSAP until they “accept” a program at a College or University. However, you can visit <http://osap.gov.on.ca> to find out more information and to get a free ESTIMATE now of how much you may be eligible for.

## **Grade 8 Information Night**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this winter! Information nights give an overview of what’s new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

High school is an exciting time – there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend the information night (see schedule on SCDSB’s website here: <http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Schools/Pages/highschool.aspx>) to find out what’s offered at your local high school.

**Nantyr Shores’ Grade 8 Night is Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

### **Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 5 to 11**

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 11. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties) and [www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/](http://www.anishinabek.ca/education-resources/gdoo-sastamoo-kii-mi/).

### **November 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week**

Nov 12 to 18 is National Addiction Awareness Week. The SCDSB will be marking this week by providing schools with a variety of resources to increase awareness and education among staff and students. We hope that your child will share some of what they are learning this week and we have included some helpful resources to support you in conversations you might be having with your kids:

- [www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play](http://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/unplug-and-play)
- <http://parentactionondrugs.org>
- [www.drugfreekidscanada.org](http://www.drugfreekidscanada.org)
- [www.camh.ca](http://www.camh.ca)

### **Nutri-eSTEP can help your family encourage healthy eating habits**

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out [www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP](http://www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP). You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **It's time to update your child's immunization records**

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. It's easier than ever 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.

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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 1. 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.

### **Celebrate peace in your community: Peace Week is Nov. 18 to 25**

November is a month of reflection and gratitude. The sight of poppies and wreaths serve as a reminder of the brave men and women who have fought for peace and freedom.

The month of November also celebrates a nationwide YMCA initiative called Peace Week, from November 18 to 25. This is a time when we can celebrate the presence of peace in our local and global communities. Peace Week offers activities and opportunities for people of all ages to explore peace from personal, community and global perspectives. Simple actions like sharing, being patient or smiling and saying hello can have a far greater impact than we think.

As an advocate for peace, the YMCA invites everyone to be part of the conversation. Share something you do to foster peace in your home, school, workplace or community. Join in spreading kindness throughout our community with "Be Kind Bells." These bells will be hidden in locations throughout our community. If you find one, perform one kind act, then hide the bell for someone else to find. Share on social media using #YMCAPeaceWeek with the location where you found the bell, your kind act and encourage someone else to do the same!

Visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-international/peace-week/> for more information.

### **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's TEA, 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.

### **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.



### **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 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 @ [dmcmartin@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dmcmartin@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](http://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 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@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).

### **Global Action – ANNUAL GIVE Campaign**

Global Action collecting items for WE Scare Hunger at Alcona Sobeys on October 29th.

We will begin collecting any donated non-perishable items for the Innisfil Food Bank in December for our ANNUAL GIVE Campaign. Any donated items can be dropped off in room 214!



# Makerspace

## **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
- Stuffedies 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 – SEMESTER 1**

<b>Grade 12 Graduation Photos</b>	<b>November 13 - 21, 2017</b>
<b>PA DAY</b>	<b>November 17, 2017</b>
<b>Midterm Reports</b>	<b>November 20, 2017</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>November 27, 2017 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Arts Night</b>	<b>December 12, 2017 – 7 – 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Vermont Parents Meeting</b>	<b>December 13, 2017 – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>December 18, 2017 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>December 25- January 5, 2018</b>
<b>Grade 8 Parents Info Session</b>	<b>January 17, 2018 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<b>January 22, 2018 – 6:30 – 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>