



# Nantyr News



NANTYR SHORES  
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## **Parents/Guardians:**

### **STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PERMISSION FORM/STUDENT INFORMATION COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE AGREEMENT 2021-2022**

The 2021-2022 Standard Acknowledgment and Permission Form and Student Information Computing Technology Appropriate Use Agreement are required forms for all Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students. The forms have been made available electronically through School Cash Online. School Cash Online is our preferred method for forms. If you are unable to submit these forms electronically, please contact the office for paper copies of the forms.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is the backbone of student success and achievement. If you know in advance that your son or daughter is going to be absent from school, please call to let us know. If your child has been absent from school and you have not called, we have an automated phone message system that calls the home phone number for each student.

Early dismissal - Please note that if you are wanting to release your student early from class you must inform the office. At this time, the school is only permitting staff and students in the building. Please call the school upon arrival and we will call your student out of class.

**To report an absence or early dismissal of your student, please call: 705-431-5950, select option 1, alternatively a Parent or Guardian can send an email to [nssattendance@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:nssattendance@scdsb.on.ca)**

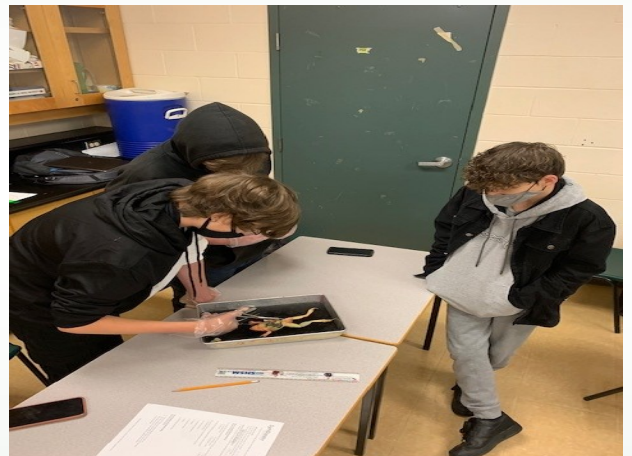
What an amazing way to represent and recognize the diversity that makes us all a Triton Family. The artwork is a representation of the talent and unique lived experiences within our school community. Absolutely outstanding works of art!



Art students will have a variety showcase up in Alcona Library (Idealab) from November 9th to December 17th. Community members are welcome to stop in and check it out!

Science classes have been busy this month consolidating their learning through dissections.

Grade 10 students dissected a Grass Frog to take a closer look at the digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems. Students showed tremendous patience, skill, respect and curiosity as they manipulated their specimens.



Our diversity and culture makes us Triton Strong! Our Community welcomes everyone and our relationships create strength. What a great entrance into our building

**Character attribute for the month of November**  
Courage - we do the right thing even when it's difficult.

**November PA Day**

Please note that Friday, November 12th is a PA Day for all elementary and secondary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school. Please refer to the [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#) on the SCDSB website for

**Daily COVID-19 self-assessment**

All students and staff are required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

**Updates to the School Screening Tool for the 2021-22 school year - International travel**

Recently, the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) was updated to reflect the return to school requirements for students who are returning from international travel. Individuals who are unvaccinated and returning from International travel, may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. For further clarity, while unvaccinated children and those under the age of 12 are exempt from federal quarantine if they travelled with a fully vaccinated companion, they may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. Individuals with all other quarantine exemptions (e.g. travelling for cross-border custody arrangements, travelling for medical treatment) may continue to attend school or child care.

**Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder**

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'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. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.



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](#) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.





## Post-Secondary Planning for Potential Graduates

Guidance counsellors have met one-on-one with potential graduates to go over graduation requirements, post-secondary options, application deadlines, scholarship opportunities and OSAP Information. Ask your potential graduate about this meeting. If they missed their

appointment, they can still book one with their guidance counsellor. Please do this ASAP so that you do not miss timely information! All potential graduates were encouraged to join our **'Triton Graduating Class of 2022' google classroom** where all the above information and more can be found. The classroom join code is **'vq325bf'**.



Click on the links below to make an appointment with a counsellor.

Counsellor	Student Alpha	Request a	Email
Ms. Kalbfleisch	A - F	<a href="https://nssguidancekalbfleisch.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidancekalbfleisch.youcanbook.me</a>	akalbfleisch@scdsb.on.ca
Ms. Weymark	G - N	<a href="https://nssguidanceweymark.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidanceweymark.youcanbook.me</a>	nweymark@scdsb.on.ca
Ms. Shaw	O - Z	<a href="https://nssguidanceshaw.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidanceshaw.youcanbook.me</a>	jshaw@scdsb.on.ca

Guidance Assistant		
DeeDee Partridge	Ext 40290	Email - dlpartridge@scdsb.on.ca

Student Success		
Clark Larmon (Semester 1) Matt Rietkoetter (Semester 2)	Ext 40374	Email - clarmon@scdsb.on.ca Email - mrietkoetter@scdsb.on.ca

## Researching College, University, Apprenticeship & Workplace Options

Parents and students are encouraged to consult the following websites to help with post-secondary planning (resources can be found on the google classroom):

Programs and entrance requirements for Ontario colleges: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

Programs and entrance requirements for Ontario universities: [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca).

Information about Apprenticeships and the skilled trades: [www.ovap.com](http://www.ovap.com) and [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)

Exploring workplace opportunities: <http://www.bartecareercentre.com>

## **Researching College, University, Apprenticeship & Workplace Options Cont'd**

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:

<https://yconic.com/> <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> <https://scholartree.ca>

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com) [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org) <https://grantme.ca>

In addition, further scholarship and bursary opportunities arrive in the guidance office regularly. These will be advertised during daily school announcements, on the google classroom, through school email and also on the @NantyrGuidance Twitter feed. Grade 12 parents were recently emailed information about upcoming WORKSHOPS regarding Planning and Funding POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION!

**OSAP** stands for Ontario Student Assistance Program. It is a combination of grant and loan from the Ontario government. It is too early to apply for next year however; you can visit <http://osap.gov.on.ca> to find out more information. Want an estimate of how much you may be eligible to receive? Go here [OSAP AID ESTIMATOR](#)

### **Grade 8 Students who will be Tritons next year**

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? Transition activities will look different this year but we will do our best to help your child transition well to high school. The first step is to join our ‘Nantyr Graduating Class 2026’ google classroom using the code ‘h3iytdt’. This classroom is currently under construction, but eventually, everything that you need to know about grade 9 at Nantyr will be available in this classroom. Check it out!

Here is a link to a document to help you and your child with the transition from elementary school to high school.

[https://www.scdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_210898/File/Secondary/All-About-High-School.pdf](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_210898/File/Secondary/All-About-High-School.pdf)

## **Student Voices on Mental Health**

Ontario Secondary School students, School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action have launched #HearNowON for 2021. Your voice and perspective is important! Share your ideas on mental health awareness, learning and wellness promotion in Ontario schools.

The #HearNowON 2021 online survey is live and closes Nov. 19, 2021. Contribute your perspective here: [https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021\\_ONecoute2021](https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021_ONecoute2021).

Attend a virtual student consultation event and share your perspectives on student mental health with School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action. This opportunity will gain you volunteer hours and allow you to meet students across the province! Sign up for a virtual forum of your interest here: [www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/](http://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/).

## **Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians**

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to announce a new three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

Nov. 23, 2021 Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part One

Nov. 30, 2021 Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part Two

Jan. 25, 2022 Understanding and Managing Screen Time

March 29, 2022 Connection and Empathy in Response to Behaviour

May 19, 2022 Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at [www.pineriverinstitute.com](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

## **Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 1 to 5**

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. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 1 to 5. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships. Take some time Nov. 1 to 5 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).

## EQUIFORUM

Graduation Coaches of Simcoe, Roxann Whittingham and Camara Edwards invite you to:

### **Student, Parent and Community**

#### **Panel Discussion**

Theme: ***Bridging the Gaps!***

November 23rd, 2021

5-7 P.M.

Online via Zoom

Click below to register today to receive your presentation link:

### [Registration Form](#)

Hosts: Delhia Richards, Jamari Charles

Panelists: Natalia Saunders, Simba Musewe, Shelly Skinner (Uplift Black), Omida Franco, Hannah Simmonds, Rushell Campbell, Cheraldean Duhaney (Impact Youth), Gregory Leslie, Andrew Simmonds, Aliyah Gayle, Liselle Prickett, David Brooks, and Matthew Webbe (Principal of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion)

Additional Panel Guests: Special Education Resource Teacher, Student Success Teacher and Social Worker.

