



Nantyr News

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Character Attribute for the month of October

Cooperation - we work together towards shared goals and purposes.

More information about Character Education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

Days of Awareness and Recognition taking place in October

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of October:

October	Canadian Autism Awareness Month
Oct. 1	International Coffee Day
Oct. 2	National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct. 7	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl
Oct. 19-23	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 21	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 24	Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day
Oct. 27	Ontario Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies

Guidance Department Update

For the latest information, follow us on Twitter! @NantyrGuidance!, Instagram @wetheshores, or visit our website @ nss@scdsb.on.ca.

Post-Secondary Planning for Potential Graduates

Guidance counsellors will be delivering presentations in all Grade 12 Period 1 classes starting Monday, October 5th. Topics of discussion will include diploma requirements, researching college, apprenticeship and university options, scholarship opportunities and financial planning for post-secondary education. All topics can be researched on the “Triton Graduating Class of 2021” Google classroom that we have invited all grade 12s to join. (Google Classroom code: briqr34)

College and University Applications for September 2021 are due February 1st, and January 15th 2021 respectively. Instructions on how to apply to College and University will be available on the google classroom soon. To apply to University specifically, students need a PIN. This year, all University PINS (personal identification numbers), are being mailed to students’ homes directly from the University Application Centre (OUAC). **Please ensure that your mailing address is correct in our system. Without this PIN, students CANNOT apply.**

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
Programs and entrance requirements for Ontario universities: www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca.
Information about Apprenticeships and the skilled trades: www.oyap.com and 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 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/>

www.schoolfinder.com

www.studentscholarships.org

<https://www.grantme.ca/>

In addition, further scholarship and bursary opportunities arrive in the guidance office regularly. These will be advertised on the @NantyrGuidance Twitter feed and Instagram as well as posted under the scholarship tab in the Google Classroom. There is also a ‘Scholarship Report’ that we subscribe to that is put out quarterly that can be found there as well.

Finally, all grade 12 students are encouraged to book an individual **Graduation Check** with their guidance counsellor. There is a link in the google classroom where students can book this appointment at a time that is convenient for them. **Don’t miss out on this valuable appointment!!**

School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place October 19 to 23, 2020. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/ for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. October 21, 2020 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.



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. Our school is in the central zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. 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](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/Login.aspx>



Nantyr Shores Secondary School
Enviroventure, and Challenge and Change, grades 9 to 12
Innisfil, Ontario

Mark Gaynik: Environmental educator immerses students in real-world issues
Year: 2020 — Province: Ontario
Certificate of Achievement Recipient

“As the creator of the Enviroventure program in our school, Mark has made a life-changing impact on every student who has taken this program.”

Principal

Environmental and civics educator Mark Gaynik practices what he teaches. He and his family live in a converted schoolhouse, raise chickens, reduce energy use with green landscaping and tap maple trees. They also raise funds for local projects such as a wheelchair ramp and a Snoezelen sensory room for children with disabilities.

Teaching approach

Mark revamped his school's outdoor education leadership class. It is now a full-day, full-semester, interdisciplinary program that features multiple field trips and immerses students in real-world issues. The course is so popular that teens switch schools to take it.

In the classroom

- Spurs students to push their physical, mental and intellectual limits: guides them to reflect in journals; encourages them to earn third-party environmental certifications; leads 15 field trips per semester, culminating in a challenging, nine-day camping trip.
- Fosters civic awareness: students analyze social issues that interest them; soon, they are volunteering for community initiatives, such as recycling, tree planting and Rotary Club projects; alumni have studied international development and built schools in Nepal.
- Adapts teaching to individual needs: one student struggled to form relationships and was close to dropping out of school; she thrived when Mark helped her learn at her own pace; Mark coached her more outgoing brother to develop leadership skills.
- Creates relevant, real-world projects: students calculated their homes' carbon footprint and designed their sustainable "future homes"; developed an app to help a conservation centre track invasive insects; researched waste-reduction measures for a paper company.

Outstanding achievements

- Builds cooperative teams: emphasizes that students and teachers are all responsible for each other's learning and growth; students say the class feels like a family ("vacuum-sealed," as Mark puts it) and they are emotional when it ends
- Led a major fundraising project: students, teachers and community members raised \$25,000 through grants and a gala to buy solar panels for school roof and for camping trips, as well as GoPro cameras; students learned to set up and use the equipment.
- Exposes students to conferences: students lead workshops at universities and provincial gatherings; 13 students joined Mark at a national environmental educators' conference, the only students in attendance and one student was his co-presenter.

Self-assessment

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU. 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/>.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4 to 10

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" is aimed to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them. This year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely seeing as the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

Have you met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.

Important Dates Coming Up

Thanksgiving	October 12th
Mid Term Report Cards	October 15th