



# Nantyr News

## September 2019



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## Welcome Back Nantyr!

2019-2020 could be your best year yet!

Get involved, join clubs, study hard, plan your future, take chances  
and have a ton of fun.

This year is what you make it!



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### Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with SchoolCash Online

We have made it easy for parents to make their school purchases from the convenience of their own home. Whether it's lunch days, field trips or school wear, we have it online for you! Follow these three steps to get started:

1. Go to [simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com) or visit our school website and click on 'Pay Fees'
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account. You will need your Students' Student # to add them.
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card  
It's safe, fast and convenient. Contact the office with any questions.



Parents: Come get involved! New to the area? Or new to the Country? Fresh ideas and enthusiastic participants are always welcomed. As the Council grows each year, we can expect bigger and better successes. A strong, active student body can only serve to benefit our School and Student

body.

Our first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year is Monday, Sept 16 @ 6:30, if you are interested but cannot attend contact: Liselle Prickett/Tania Bondi (Chair) or the School Office to get your voice heard!

## Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca).
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://instagram.com/scdsb)). *Instagram@wetheshores*

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

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## Career Centre provides job search help for free

Are you looking for work? Would you like help with your job search at no cost to you? The Career Centre is available to help. Visit [www.barriecareercentre.com](http://www.barriecareercentre.com) for more information.



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## 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-late October.

The Resource Room (#318) 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:

Jennifer Brownlee – department leader; ext. 40297

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

Meagan Dolbear – Science teacher and SERT; voice mail 57748

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

Amber Lewis – French teacher, Literacy Coach and SERT; 55642

Verity Thompson – Social Science teacher, Leadership teacher and SERT; voice mail 58999

Sandra Walker – Life Skills teacher; voice mail 56210



## **BUY YOUR SPC CARD AT NANTYR!**

**\$10 buys you a card to gain access to STUDENT DEALS at 450+ stores**

**Buy your card at the NANTYR SCHOOL STORE (TUES-WED-THURS) AT LUNCH (beginning Sept 10, 2019)**

**Through SCDSB CASH-ONLINE**

**DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR SPC: STUDENT DEALS**

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### **Concussions – what you need to know**



Any hit on the head can cause concussion and serious long-lasting symptoms if not treated carefully. Concussions are invisible injuries, so it's important to treat every hit on the head with caution. If your child hits their head, watch for symptoms, such as trouble remembering, low energy, headaches, sensitivity to light and noise or being more emotional than usual. If you see any of these, stop play and take them to a doctor right away. Remember to tell their principal, coaches and teacher about any head injuries that happen outside of school. Depending on the injury, your child may need a personalized plan, time off from school work, sports or other activities to help them fully recover.

For more information on concussion prevention and management visit <http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/concussion>.

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### **Student accident insurance information for this school year**

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. The SCDSB has selected the Insure my Kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage. Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students.

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### **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, you can visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

## ***Procedures help keep our school safe***

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
  - reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

- **Shelter in place** is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.
  - A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.
- A **lockdown** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites ([www.facebook.com/SCDSB](http://www.facebook.com/SCDSB) and [www.twitter.com/SCDSB\\_Schools](http://www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)) and website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)), through local police and local media.
- All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.
  - Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the **intercom system** to enter the building. **Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, so please be patient.** All visitors, including school volunteers, are required to **sign in** at the school office and wear **visitor identification**.
  - Staff and volunteers must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.
  - We ask parents to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our **Safe Arrival** program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in **first aid and CPR**. All SCDSB schools have **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**.

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.

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### **Student dress code**

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available online at [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress\\_code](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress_code). If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact the principal or the SCDSB Equity and Inclusion Education Team at 705-728-7570.



## Guidance Department Update

*For the latest information, follow us on Twitter! @NantyrGuidance!, Instagram @wetheshores, or visit our website @ [nss@scdsb.on.ca](https://nss@scdsb.on.ca).*

### 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 and Instagram.

College and university representatives will visit our school over the next few months to offer information to students. Potential grads are encouraged to view the visit schedule posted in guidance, on our Twitter and Instagram.

Field trips are coming up to attend the Ontario College Information Program at Georgian College on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10 (morning only). At the start of September, senior students interested in attending university were invited to the field trip to the Ontario University Fair on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre at a cost of \$20 (all day).

Students and parents are also invited to attend the Ontario University Fairs at local high schools in Simcoe County, on the following dates:

Date	Time	Location	Format
Monday, October 7, 2019	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Barrie: St. Peter's CSS	Fair Event
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Bradford: Bradford DHS	Fair Event
Thursday, October 10, 2019	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Orillia: Orillia SS	Fair Event

College and University Online Application Training will occur in late November/early December. See Guidance for times and location.

### 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.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.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:

<https://yconic.com/>      <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>      [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)      <https://www.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 scholarships bulletin board in the guidance office, and also on the @NantyrGuidance Twitter feed and Instagram. There is also a 'Scholarship Report' that can be found in guidance and in the 'resource' section on MyBlueprint.

**Grade 9 Students: Take Our Kids to Work Day is Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 9 students should be planning their placement for this day, with a parent, family member, friend or neighbour. Further information about this day will be provided to students in early October. Students who do not find a placement and attend school that day will be in study hall all day.

## Important Dates Coming Up

<b>First Day of School</b>	<b>September 3</b>
<b>School Photo Day</b>	<b>September 12</b>
<b>School Council</b>	<b>September 16th, 6:30pm Library</b>
<b>PA Day</b>	<b>October 4th</b>
<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>October 10</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>October 14</b>
<b>Parent Night</b>	<b>October 17 5:30pm-7:30pm</b>
<b>Mid Term Reports</b>	<b>November 15th</b>
<b>Christmas Market</b>	<b>Saturday November 16</b>
<b>PA Day</b>	<b>November 22</b>