



# Nantyr News



## October 2023

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## Upcoming Events:

- Oct 9: Thanksgiving
- Oct 10-13: Shore Wars!
- Oct 12: Parent/Guardian Interviews  
5:30pm-7:30pm
- Oct 20: PA Day
- Oct 24: Academic Awards Assemblies
- Nov 6: Photo Retake Day
- Nov 6: Parent Council Meeting
- Nov 20-30: OSSLT



## Parent/Guardian Interview Night at Nantyr

October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30

Meetings will be limited to 5 minutes in length

This year, you will be using a website to sign up your child. To sign up to meet with a teacher you can use this QR Code

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/v6nfw>




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They're back!

# SPC


Cards @ Nantyr!

The Student Price Card, also known as SPC Card, is a student loyalty discount program offering discounts and deals on items such as fashion, food, shoes, and travel and more. Students show their SPC Card at participating locations to receive instant savings every time they shop. The cards are valid for 1 year from the date of activation. To learn more visit: <https://www.spccard.ca/>

There are great deals in fashion, tech, beauty, travel, fitness, entertainment, lifestyle and local!

Cards are available for **\$10 on School Cash Online**. Happy shopping!  
We deliver ordered cards to your afternoon classes OR you can stop by and pick yours up in Rm 241 in P3 or P4 on Thursday or Fridays. Pls bring your receipt!

## Cooperative Education Employer Appreciation

Thank you to all of our employers for hosting co-op students throughout the year, without your support this program would not be made possible. Every month we will be highlighting local employers as well as showcasing our students on Instagram; follow us all year  @nsscoop.



A big shout out goes to **Scott Knack at Alcona Esso** and **Kevin Augustyn at Sobeys** for being longtime supporters of the Co-op Program at Nantyr Shores. Both of these employers go above and beyond to help engage and train our students to become valuable employees within our community.

### How can you help?

Are you a business owner in the Innisfil Community? We are always seeking partners in experiential learning. Fill out the google form below and we will be in touch!

<https://forms.gle/Rv5ALjdgx1tWNGqu6>

## THANK YOU TRITONS!!

Mrs. Enwright's

Personal Life

Management class

would like to thank

everyone who

participated in this

years Thanksgiving

Food Drive. It was

amazing to see the

large amount of

donations that came

in to help support

families in need

here in our

community.



## Communication to families regarding inclement weather days

*Please note that APM A3020 – Inclement Weather, 3.1.2 states that “parents/guardians are to be reminded, in writing at appropriate times (October and January) each school year, that it is their responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.”*

### 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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information.

## Get on the move

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to *get on the move* and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: [bit.ly/3OC4CJ9](http://bit.ly/3OC4CJ9)

## **News from Guidance:**

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

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

Guidance counsellors visited all Grade 12 Period 1 classes to deliver important information. Topics of discussion included 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 2024” Google classroom that we have invited all grade 12s to join. (Google Classroom code: x67bw3x)

College and University Applications for September 2024 are due February 1<sup>st</sup>, and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, respectively. Instructions on how to apply to College and University will be available on the google classroom soon. Application training sessions for University are on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at lunch. Application training sessions for College are on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at lunch.

### **College and University Information Fair Field Trips**

There is a **College Information Fair on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 10:30 a.m.** at Georgian College. A representative from each Ontario College will be present to speak to students and answer questions. There is a **University Information Fair on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort. A representative from each Ontario University will be present to speak to students and answer questions. Guidance is planning a ‘field trip’ to both these events. Stay tuned to the Google classroom and to School Cash Online for more information.

### **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 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.

All grade 12 students are encouraged to book an individual **Graduation Check** with their guidance counsellor. Go here to book an appointment: <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca/departments/guidance> **Don’t miss out on this valuable appointment!!**

## Meet Your Guidance Counsellors!

| Counsellor      | Student Alpha | Request an Guidance Appointment - Click link  | Ext   | Email                    |
|-----------------|---------------|---|-------|--------------------------|
| Ms. Kalbfleisch | A - F         | <a href="https://nssguidancekalbfleisch.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidancekalbfleisch.youcanbook.me</a> | 40288 | akalbfleisch@scdsb.on.ca |
| Ms. Weymark     | G - N         | <a href="https://nssguidanceweymark.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidanceweymark.youcanbook.me</a>         | 40291 | nweymark@scdsb.on.ca     |
| Ms. Shaw        | O - Z         | <a href="https://nssguidanceshaw.youcanbook.me">https://nssguidanceshaw.youcanbook.me</a>               | 40289 | jshaw@scdsb.on.ca        |

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

SERTS are available to answer any questions you may have about your student's classes and learning. New SERT information for this school year was sent home with your student. Completed and updated IEPs will come home with students by mid-late October.

The Resource Room (#318) is open and available to support 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:

| Name               | Title                            | Extension/Voicemail & Email   |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Jennifer Brownlee  | Department Chair                 | ext. 40297<br><a href="mailto:jbrownlee@scdsb.on.ca">jbrownlee@scdsb.on.ca</a>        |
| Heather Birch      | Life Skills teacher and SERT     | voicemail 56121<br><a href="mailto:hbirch@scdsb.on.ca">hbirch@scdsb.on.ca</a>         |
| Meagan Dolbear     | Science teacher and SERT         | voicemail 57748<br><a href="mailto:mdolbear@scdsb.on.ca">mdolbear@scdsb.on.ca</a>     |
| Frances Hannigan   | Life Skills teacher              | <a href="mailto:fhannigan@scdsb.on.ca">fhannigan@scdsb.on.ca</a>                      |
| Blair Klinck       | Learning Centre teacher and SERT | voicemail 56159<br><a href="mailto:bklinck@scdsb.on.ca">bklinck@scdsb.on.ca</a>       |
| Jennifer Patterson | Math teacher and SERT            | voicemail 56186<br><a href="mailto:jpatterson@scdsb.on.ca">jpatterson@scdsb.on.ca</a> |
| Olufunke Soetan    | Life Skills teacher              | <a href="mailto:osoetan@scdsb.on.ca">osoetan@scdsb.on.ca</a>                          |

### **Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families? Join us for a virtual special education outreach series**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/ caregivers in learning more about programs, supports, and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

The first session, *IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/caregivers*, will be held on Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will include an opportunity for participants to share some of their questions regarding IEPs and special education programming.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about upcoming sessions and how to register on the SCDSB website: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education/special\\_education\\_outreach\\_sessions](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions).

## October PA Day

Please note that Friday, Oct. 20 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar).

Below is a summary of the activities planned for the Oct. 20 PA Day:

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| <b>Length:</b>                      | Full day  |
| <b>Topic:</b>                       | Health and Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Mathematics |
| <b>Host:</b>                        | - Simcoe County District School Board                               |
| <b>Presenter(s)/facilitator(s):</b> | School board staff and school administrators and school leads       |

Educators will participate in a half-day Health and Safety digital learning session focused on health and safety incident reporting and investigations with a particular emphasis on the essential aspect of workplace violence prevention. The session will equip staff with the knowledge and tools to report incidents effectively and promptly, provide insights into the investigative and risk mitigation process, fostering transparency and accountability, and highlight the critical role staff play in preventing workplace injuries.

Educators will learn about Somali, Latino, South Asian, and African Black Indigenous heritage. They will collaboratively plan within grades and divisions. Through this, they will celebrate identities and create environments that foster well-being and sense of belonging.

Educators will choose learning related to the Knowledgehook digital math tool based on their readiness. Different learning pathways have been planned for new users, those with some experience, and those who are ready to extend their use of the math tool. All participants will learn about how to invite parents/guardians to view their child's progress. Additionally, educators will engage in High Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics learning modules that align with their school's Achievement in Mathematics goal.

### School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays.

The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

### School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 19, 2023 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.

### Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit [fpw.org](http://fpw.org).

*Information from the National Fire Protection Association website*

## Supporting your child with math

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at [www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8](http://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8), where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.

TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet, or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.

Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

## Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are eight webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

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| Oct. 26, 2023  | Understanding and managing screen time, part one - gaming edition       |
| Nov. 9, 2023   | Understanding and managing screen time, part two - social media edition |
| Nov. 30, 2023  | Helping parents align   |
| Jan. 11, 2024  | Sleep hygiene   |
| Feb. 8, 2024   | Self regulation for kids  |
| Feb. 22, 2024  | Self regulation for teens   |
| March 28, 2024 | Building parents' resiliency  |
| April 18, 2024 | Vaping, weed, and alcohol   |

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 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).

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| Oct. 1-31         | 2SLGBTQIA+ History Month<br>Autism Awareness Month Canada<br>Dyslexia Awareness Month<br>German Heritage Month<br>Islamic Heritage Month<br>Latin American Heritage Month<br>Women's History Month |
| Oct. 2            | International Day of Non-Violence<br>World Habitat Day   |
| Oct. 4            | International Walk to School Day   |
| Oct. 4-10         | World Space Week   |
| Oct. 6            | World Cerebral Palsy Day   |
| Oct. 7-8          | Simchat Torah (Judaism)  |
| Oct. 8-14         | National Fire Prevention Week  |
| Oct. 9            | Thanksgiving   |
| Oct. 10           | World Mental Health Day  |
| Oct. 11           | International Day of the Girl Child National Coming Out Day  |
| Oct. 15-23        | Sharad Navratri (Hinduism)   |
| Oct. 16           | Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í) World Food Day   |
| Oct. 16-20        | National School Bus Safety Week  |
| Oct. 17           | International Day for the Eradication of Poverty   |
| Oct. 18           | Persons Day  |
| Oct. 19           | International Pronouns Day   |
| Oct. 20           | Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)<br>Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)  |
| Oct. 22           | Durga Ashtami (Hinduism)   |
| Oct. 23-29        | Canadian Down Syndrome Week  |
| Oct. 24           | Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, Dasara or Dashain (Hinduism)  |
| Oct. 26           | Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies   |
| Oct. 28 – Nov. 27 | Kathina (Buddhism)   |
| Oct. 29           | Pavarana (Buddhism)  |
| Oct. 31 – Nov. 1  | Karva Chauth (Hinduism)<br>Samhain (Wicca)   |

### **Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting**

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents/guardians understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

### **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](https://meet.soraapp.com).