



Lake Simcoe Public School

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A Message from your Principal, Mrs. Henderson & V.P. Mr. Cave

Winter weather is a challenge of all of us. Please continue to help us in the area of the school parking lot and Kiss & Ride. Kiss & Ride is meant to be a continual movement of traffic, moving up to the front of the line and then dropping your children off. If you have to park, the first row is for that purpose. If there are NO spots, you must be patient and move through the lot carefully and NOT park in spaces that are a safety hazard. As well, please do not walk on the medians to cross, this is very dangerous and safety is paramount. The light standard that was brought down last week has been removed but there is a space all will have to avoid driving near, until it is fixed. This is marked off by pylons and large snow mound (at the moment). Ms. Henderson

To Parents, It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I write this letter of introduction as the new Vice Principal of Lake Simcoe Public School. I am truly honoured to accept this new role and look forward to connecting with all of you, in furthering the growth and strength of this already remarkable school community.

It's been said that 'you never get a second chance to make a great first impression', an opportunity not lost on the staff and students of LSPS. From the word go, I was struck by how inviting and polite everyone was. This speaks volumes to me about the dedication of the staff and the values and hard work being done by parents in the community. I have always tried to impress on my own kids and students to be 'kinder than is necessary' to everyone. It is clear to me that this community shares this same value, and makes it a priority. We all know that apart from academics, developing respectful, caring and kind individuals is central to all that we do.

I have been an educator working for the Simcoe County District School Board for the last 16 years. During that time, I have been fortunate enough to work with almost every grade in the elementary panel. I have also been privileged to work centrally in several different roles, all focused on staff development and instructional coaching in mathematics, assessment and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) learning. If the last week is any indication, this new chapter in my career will be the most rewarding as I grow and learn with the LSPS community.

I have been humbled by the legacy left by Mrs. Rocca. I know these are big shoes to fill and she has supported staff, students and families through great moments as well as those challenges that we all face as members of a community. Mrs. Rocca was an invaluable member of this staff and her and I are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition as I become familiar with the incredible work and support she gave to LSPS.

I also want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Henderson for her mentorship and guidance thus far. She is an extraordinary leader who I will learn much from as we build our administrative team. It is on the very strong foundation set by her and her team that I join you all. My goal is to support the further development of everyone in our community with our core values of respect and leadership. This is going to be awesome! So let's keep growing, learning and improving each and everyday. T Cave

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Feb 12 Little Caesar's Pizza Kits Delivered
- Feb 15 National Flag Day of Canada
- Feb 17 Family Day Holiday
- Feb 21 Carnival
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 27 Prologue Tara Luz Performance @LSPS



SAFE ARRIVAL:

PLEASE, PLEASE.... Make sure IF your child is absent that you call our SAFE ARRIVAL LINE!

IF you have or want to OPT out of this program, call the school.

Experienced candidates need not apply: Kindergarten registration is now open!

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2016? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Children turning four in 2020 can start school this September. The registration process can be started on the registration page on the SCDSB website, then completed at the school. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information.

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 or visit our school website and click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through bank transfer or credit card

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>

Keeping SCDSB school communities informed on labour updates

In August 2019, provincial and local contracts for all education workers in the province of Ontario expired. In the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), this means that all our unionized groups are at different stages of contract negotiations at the provincial and local levels. The SCDSB will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of negotiations and our schools whenever possible. Labour updates are issued on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/labour_updates), Facebook (www.facebook.com/SCDSB), Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools) and on the labour updates information line at 1-877-728-1187.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-ATTENDANCE-AREA REQUESTS Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may also be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student's behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Even with this permission; the responsibility for transportation to and from school is borne by the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

Winter Maintenance at SCDSB Schools

During the winter season, which typically runs from November to April, numerous contractors are assigned to maintain the SCDSB's school sites, which include parking lots and school play yards.

We would like to remind our school communities that overnight parking on SCDSB school sites is prohibited, especially during the winter months, as it interferes with attempts to manage snow and ice removal.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, polio and pertussis
- Measles, mumps and rubella
- Meningococcal
- Varicella (chickenpox) (for those born in 2010 or later)

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

**Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

It's time to start planning for summer (school)! Register today!

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school registration is now open!

Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/>. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register.

Is bedtime stressing you out?

Kids need 10-12 hours of sleep every night, but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed; turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn.

For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse, or visit the health unit website at

www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

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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 las.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.

Character Attribute for the month of February

Inclusiveness: We include everyone in what we do and value their contributions.

More information about Character Education can be found here: [https://](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/charactereducation)

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Learning How to Swim Is a Critical Life Skill

Learning how to swim is the first defense against drowning and teaching children how to swim at an early age is essential to their safety. Research shows that children who are not taught when they are young tend to avoid swimming lessons as they age, often due to embarrassment.

According to the [Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada](#), there is an average of 464 preventable, unintentional water-related fatalities occurring in Canada each year. Forty-five per cent of those who drown are weak or non-swimmers. Formal swimming lessons are proven to reduce the risk of drowning by up to 88 per cent. Swimming instruction is a crucial step to protecting children from drowning.

In Simcoe County, we enjoy a wide variety of aquatic activities during the summer months thanks to the many lakes, waterfronts, and recreational facilities surrounding us. Help keep your children safe by enrolling them in swimming lessons. This will teach them important water safety skills and allow them to enjoy and respect the water.

If you think your child is ready for swimming lessons, here are some things to consider:

Class placement – Children should be grouped with others in their age range and skill level, and there should be specific skills to master before advancing into each new level.

Class size – No matter what the class size, the ratio of staff to students should be appropriate so that instructors can give each child individual instruction, in addition to the group activities.

Instructor credentials – Make sure to ask what training the aquatic instructors have received and what certifications they hold before signing your child up for lessons. The [YMCA](#), for instance, requires that instructors have a current Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard certification as well as a [YMCA Swim Instructor certification](#).

The [YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka](#) believes that learning how to swim is a critical life skill, which is why children and adult [lessons](#) are included with every [membership](#). With guidance from their expert instructors, children learn about water safety, build confidence, make new friends and tackle new challenges. For more information about the YMCA swim programs for both children and adults, please visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/swim-lessons.

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SCHOOL BUS WEATHER ZONE: CENTRAL — www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 <i>Subs</i> <i>Director's Cut in school workshop (Novakovich)</i>	4 <i>Lunch Lady</i> <i>Director's Cut in school workshop (Duff)</i>	5 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	6 <i>Lunch Lady</i> <i>Director's Cut in school workshop (Lawson)</i>	7 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Director's Cut in school workshop (Killin)</i>	8
9	10 <i>Subs</i>	11 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	12 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i> <i>Little Caesar's Delivery 4pm-6pm</i>	13 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	14 <i>Pasta</i>	15 <i>National Flag Day of Canada</i>
16	17 <i>Family Day (No School)</i> <i>National Random Acts of Kindness Day</i>	18 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	19 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	20 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	21 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Carnaval (Snow Day March 3)</i>	22
23	24 <i>Subs</i>	25 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	26 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	27 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	28 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Round #3 Hot Lunch Ordering starts</i>	

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Safe Arrival

We appreciate all of our families who call into our Safe Arrival line to report their children's absences daily (705)431-0668 x1.

A reminder that our Safe Arrival Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your child will be late or absent, please let us know before 9:30 am. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.