



Lake Simcoe Public School

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A Message from your Principal, Mrs. Henderson

Wishing everyone a happy holiday. The school has been a busy hub of activity from the Holiday Gift Shop, Toy and Food Drive, Jingle Grams, Dances, connections with Nantyr SS, character assemblies and various school projects and hands on learning. Coding has been a new favorite with the intermediates and the primary grades. New books are coming to the shelves of the library with special thanks to Indigo Book Store. Tim Horton's up by the 400 Hwy and IBR donated over \$2600 and a bike to our school. Huge thanks to everyone who makes this a great place to come and learn.

Reminder– The Kiss & Ride is open at 9 am. Please do not bring your child through this area until the designated times as there are no staff until this time. Please park if you plan on getting out with your child. There should be a continual flow of traffic. Snow accumulation within the boundaries of the parking lot are off limits; please do not allow your child to climb on these hills– NOT safe.

Buses– Please note that buses may run a bit late due to traffic, weather etc. If the bus is going to be over 15mins late, THEN the bus company will post onto their website. If you have a child who is a 'buser'.... Have the website handy www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

Additional Clothing/Mits/Socks: With this weather, it is a good idea to have your child leave items in their bag for emergencies (wet socks etc).

Kindergarten registration opens this month (January)

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who is turning four in 2020? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning **Jan. 27, 2020**, Simcoe County's public schools will **register children for Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year**. Parents/guardians can begin the Kindergarten registration process on the SCDSB website any time after January 1 - just visit www.scdsb.on.ca and select 'Community Apps'. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- School Resumes Jan 6
- Round #2 Hot Lunch Ordering Ends Jan 13th
- Grade 9 Information Night Jan 15th
- Round #1 Hot Lunch Ends Jan 17th
- Round #2 Hot Lunch Starts Jan 20th
- Kindergarten Registration Begins Jan 27th
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day Jan 27th
- Bell Let's Talk Day Jan 29th
- Character Ed. Assembly Jan 31st



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.**

Kiss 'n Ride

This is a reminder to **NOT** park in the Kiss & Ride area; this area is for a continual flow of traffic. If you need to stop and park to let little ones out, please park in the actual designated parking lot spots. If that lot is full, there is parking on the road **BUT** please be careful crossing this area as it is not supervised.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Dropping Items @ School: Please pack all necessary items with your child in their back pack. Inevitably, items will be forgotten from home and if you need to drop something off at school, the following process is to be followed. Please understand that the office is a busy place and we will make every effort to ensure it gets to the right spot but it is good to communicate with your child that an item is coming and have them come and get it at the break.

- Table outside of the office is where items are placed
- White sticker to be filled out with your child's name and teacher affixed to the item
- Office Helpers will attend to the items at **designated break times**

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](https://twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)) and on the labour updates information line at 1-877-728-1187.

High school information nights for Grade 8 students coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: **January 15th, 2020 at Nantyr Shores Secondary School Cafeteria from 7:00 - 8:30 pm .**

Cell Phones:

Starting in November, the Ontario Government is making changes to cell phone policies in classrooms to improve student learning. Attached is the link to the parents' guide to the Ontario Code of Conduct. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/code.html>

Standards of Behaviour: Respect, civility and responsible citizenship All school members must:

- respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that cellphones and other personal mobile devices are only used during instructional time for educational purposes (as directed by an educator), for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs

Instructional practice is determined by each individual teacher and as a result every class will be different. In order to support student learning, teachers will decide if technology free instructional time is needed for the lesson they are teaching. If parents need to contact their child for an emergency, as always directed, they may call the office and we will contact the teacher.

[Host families needed for international students](#)

Our partner in providing homestay to the SCDSB's international students, Canada Homestay Network (CHN), is recruiting host families to welcome international students into their homes.

Host families help international students realize lifelong dreams, and benefit from a unique experience with another culture. As a host, you also receive an allowance to offset expenses.

[Learn about a current homestay family here](#) or get more details about the program on [the Canada Homestay Network website](#).

New year, new goals for the entire family!

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to start thinking about setting new goals. Bringing the whole family together for a new year goal-setting session not only provides an opportunity to discuss the importance of exercise and a healthy diet with your children – it also gives you the chance to brainstorm on working towards a shared goal.

Getting kids active should be a priority for all Canadians. According to [ParticipACTION's 2018 Report Card](#), only 35 per cent of Canadian children and youth aged five to 17 reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. The report also shows that 51 per cent of young Canadians are engaging in significantly more screen time than they should be, sometimes up to four-six hours per day! Here are some small steps to set your family up for success in the new year:

Play together. Spend time outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather. Go skating, skiing, build a snow fort or go tobogganing – fun for the whole family!

Join a family-friendly gym. Find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers childcare and after-school programs.

Pencil it in. Add physical activity or play time to the calendar, with the same commitment as other important meetings. Schedule an evening family walk or a fitness class – seeing it on the calendar will help motivate your family to stay on track.

Set goals. Pick a charity run or walk that your family will support, like [YMCA Move to Give](#). Sign up, train as a family and participate in it together. It's a great way to exercise together and give back to your community!

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

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!

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 www.learningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Registration opens at the end of January!

Is homework stressing you out?

Throughout the year, your child may have homework or need to spend time studying at home. You can help make homework time less stressful. First, let your child relax with a healthy snack when they get home from school. Ask if they have homework, what kind and how long they think it will take to finish. It's a good idea to set a regular time each day and decide on a specific place to do homework. Your child might need help for a couple minutes to get started.

Looking for more parenting support? Speak with a public health nurse by calling 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Questions about your child's health?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- How your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- Health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- Community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Canadian Blood Services needs your help!

During the winter months, hectic schedules and snowy weather often result in a decrease in the number of blood donations. Canadian Blood Services (and all those in need of donations) want to remind you to be part of Canada's lifeline this holiday season and give the gift of life. You can book online at www.blood.ca. Look for a clinic in your area!

Information provided by Canadian Blood Services

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Holidays</i> <i>No School</i>	2 <i>Holidays</i> <i>No School</i>	3 <i>Holidays</i> <i>No School</i>	4
5	6 <i>Subs</i> <i>School Resumes</i>	7 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	8 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	9 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	10 <i>Pasta</i>	11
12	13 <i>Subs</i> <i>Round #2 Hot Lunch Ordering Ends (make sure you order for Round #2)</i>	14 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	15 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	16 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	17 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Round #1 Hot Lunch Ends</i>	18
19	20 <i>Subs</i> <i>Round #2 Hot Lunch Starts Until Mar 27</i>	21 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	22 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i>	23 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	24 <i>No School</i>	25
26	27 <i>Subs</i> <i>Family Literacy Day</i> <i>International Holocaust Remembrance Day</i> <i>Kindergarten Registration Begins</i>	28 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	29 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Wear Pink!</i> <i>Bell Let's Talk Day!</i>	30 <i>Lunch Lady</i>	31 <i>Pasta</i> <i>Character Ed. Assembly @ 9:30am</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.