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WELCOME TO THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

I want to send a big welcome to all of our returning in-person and Learn @ Home students and a special welcome to our newest Tornados! It has been great to see parents and caregivers back in school. We are looking forward to a fantastic year as we see the return of some of our extra-curricular programs and trips. Your child(ren)'s teacher(s) will be in touch with how you can best communicate with them and the school. Please make sure to update your email address with the office, so you don't miss updates from the school. Our School Council elections will be taking place on October 4th at 6pm in the library. Nominations forms have been emailed to parents and are due back to me at the school by September 30th if you want a chance to join this awesome group. Thank you to all parents who have chosen to either walk or access the Kiss and Ride for adhering to our traffic flow rules and use of the sidewalk/crosswalks while on school property. We'll continue to ensure the safety of all students at our school. Thanks again for a great start-up and all the best for a great school year.
Mr. Disu and Mrs. Collingbourne

SCHOOL START AND END TIMES

8:25 AM	Supervision on the yard starts
8:40 AM	School day starts. Students must be in the school at that time.
10:20 AM-11:00 AM	First Nutrition/Recess
12:40 PM-1:20 PM	Second Nutrition/Recess
3:00 PM	End of the day, (Please note we do not provide after school supervision on the school yard. Students need to be picked up, or walk directly home)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

September 19—23	Spirit Week "Halls of Kindness"
September 19	Terry Fox Run 1:30—3:00 PM
September 26	PD Day
September 27	School Turn Around Day
September 30	Orange Shirt Day— Whole School Activities/Walk
September 30	School Council Nominations forms due
October 6	Meet the Staff 4:30—6:00 PM
October 7	Spirit Day—Harvest/Denim
October 7	Grade 7/8 Tree Top Trekking
October 10	Thanksgiving—School Closed
October 11	School Council Elections & Meeting 6-8 PM in the Library



SELF-ASSESSMENT

All students and staff are encouraged to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings and follow the direction of the screening tool. The COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool can be accessed here: [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

COVID-19 self-assessment helps you determine if you need further care



September PA Day

Please note that Monday, Sept. 26 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

SCDSB schools are mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are not required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools will continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks will be available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at [simco-muskokahealth.ca](https://www.simco-muskokahealth.ca)

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Like many schools, we expect to see a fluctuation in population. All class placements are tentative until the third week of September when the school board and Ministry of Education confirm the staffing assignment for the school. Please talk to your child about this. It's important for everyone to be prepared for change, just in case. If we do have to make changes, please know that a great deal of thought and planning goes into the changes, in an effort to minimize disruption to learning. As soon as we know the final class placements we will be sharing the information with you. **We have a variety of new and returning staff this year. In the October newsletter we will share the names and teaching assignments of everyone so you can learn more about our incredible staff.**

Character Attribute for the month of September

Caring ~ we show kindness towards each other.

More information about character education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS

School council is a committee made up of elected parents/guardians, community representatives, staff, and sometimes students that help to provide the community voice and parent/guardian perspective on important school topics. School council is a good way for parents/guardians to get involved in their child/children's education while playing an important role in the partnership between home and school.

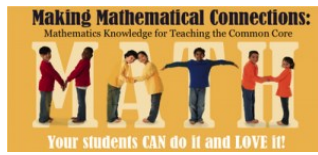
School council nominations take place every fall. If you are interested, please watch your email for upcoming communication and for more information visit www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/school_councils.



Home support for math learners

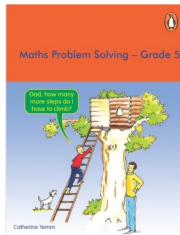
Are you looking for ideas on how to help your child achieve their best in math this year? The virtual workshops for parents/caregivers that were offered earlier this year have been recorded and are now available.

* Making math connections @Home



This session explored where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants learned about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWJ-aMzSlh4 to watch the workshop.

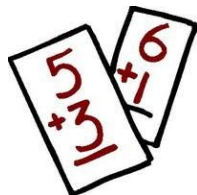
* Problem solving @Home



This session explored how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants learned about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFh-5t40XzM to watch the workshop.

* Practicing math facts @Home

This session explored practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants left with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F316gC1GaE to watch the workshop.



Thanks for being an important part of your child's math education!

Gifted Screening Process



Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program extensions and enrichment.

This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

Parents/guardians of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in this school year, who wish to nominate their child for gifted screening, are asked to contact Mr. Fisher at rfisher@scdsb.on.ca before Wednesday, September 28th.

Students may be nominated by either a teacher or parent/guardian.

School bus 'Bus Tag' program helps students get to and from school safely

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school-identified students. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent/guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded bus tag with the assigned p.m. route number, to be attached to the student's backpack, and a colour-coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the bus tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site childcare centre to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Safety' tab.



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 in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress_code. If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact Mr. Disu, our school principal.



Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB



It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at our school and at the SCDSB. Here are some ways to do that:

- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb) as well as [https://twitter.com/TrilliumWoods E.S.](https://twitter.com/TrilliumWoodsE.S)

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium'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.



DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

To support the health and safety of students, staff, parents and others on school property, animals are not permitted on school property without the prior, written permission of the Principal or designate. This general prohibition includes, but is not limited to, dogs, cats, birds and potentially dangerous exotic animals. Service dogs permitted.



Procedures help keep our school safe

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/guardians 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 temporarily.

- 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/guardians do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (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/guardians will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.

When parents/guardians are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire, and/or emergency personnel. Parents/guardians 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/guardian care.

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

Please note the following:

- Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the **intercom system** and wait for assistance. **Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, so please be patient.**

- Staff must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.

- We ask parents/guardians 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)**.

How are you getting to school?

This year we are part of an initiative to get our students walking and wheeling to school more often. In the past, our student leaders have helped our school to participate in this great program.



We are hoping to encourage everyone to walk or wheel to school on Wednesdays.

Our Walking Wednesdays will begin next week, September 21st. So lace up your shoes, or put on your bike helmet and be part of the **Movement!**

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2022-2023

Student injuries at school during school events, extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs, etc.) and out-of-province/out-of-country trips are not covered by the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen.

A variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices can be found through either:

- Studyinsured at www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com or by calling 1-833-560-0527; or
- Insure my Kids at www.insuremykids.com or by calling 1-800-463-5437.

STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PERMISSION FORM/STUDENT INFORMATION COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE AGREEMENT 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 Standard Acknowledgment and Permission Form and Student Information Computing Technology Appropriate Use Agreement are required forms for all Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students. The forms have been made available electronically through School Cash Online. School Cash Online is our preferred method for forms. If you are unable to submit these forms electronically, please contact the office for paper copies.



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DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

All Grade 7 and 8 students are once again being offered three free vaccines through the health unit's school immunization program. These vaccines are free only through the school immunization program and not at your family doctor.

These vaccines include: hepatitis B (hep B), human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) and meningococcal. The clinics for these three vaccines are being scheduled for Grade 7 and 8 students starting this fall.

While all three vaccines are strongly recommended, Meningococcal vaccine is required by law, under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), for school attendance.

More information will be sent home prior to the school clinic for review by parents and students.

For more information about routine vaccinations, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit [Grade 7 and 8 Immunization Program page](#).

RAINBOWS IS COMING TO TRILLIUM WOODS

In an effort to continue to support the needs of our students at Trillium Woods Elementary School, we are now offering a program called, RAINBOWS for Grieving Children.

RAINBOWS is a peer support program for children who are coping with the emotional pain of loss through separation, divorce or death. Participation in a support group with others, who are experiencing the same struggles and feelings, can be beneficial to students. RAINBOWS is not a counselling program. It is a program that helps students begin to cope and heal through a peer support format. RAINBOWS incorporates the latest resources available and gives students age appropriate information and support to deal with their loss. All RAINBOWS programs are guided by trained volunteer facilitators and are provided at no cost to families. Please contact Ms. Schaly at kschaly@scdsb.on.ca

Welcoming volunteers back to school for 2022-23

Volunteers are an important part of what makes our schools great places to learn and grow. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is pleased to welcome back volunteers in our schools for the 2022-23 school year. Volunteers can fill various roles at our schools including school council members, hot lunch organizers, field trip supervisors, and classroom helpers. The requirements for all volunteers prior to starting/returning to your school of choice in September are as follows:

Volunteers must:

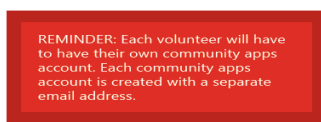
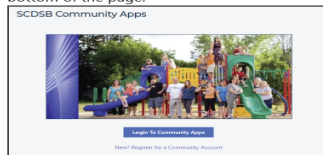
- ◆ Agree to submit a copy of a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) executed within the last six months and register and complete all required steps through the [SCDSB Community Apps](#) link (see image below) prior to beginning volunteer duties.
- ◆ Complete an annual offence declaration through the

How to access the Volunteer Portal

Click this [SCDSB Community Apps](#) link or find the link on the volunteer page of your schools website, under the Parents menu.

If you have previously registered a Community Account, click the **Login To Community Apps** button, and login with your username and password.

If you do **not** have an account, click the **New? Register for new Community Account** link at the bottom of the page.



SCDSB Community Apps – Volunteers page for up to four years to continue volunteering.

- ◆ Submit a new VSC at the beginning of the fifth year.
- ◆ Be responsible for the cost of the VSC.
- ◆ Be responsible to the principal and work under the supervision of teaching staff.
- ◆ Work co-operatively as part of a team to support and supplement school programs.
- ◆ Respect the confidentiality of the relationship to the school, ensuring that staff issues and student work and behaviour issues are held in confidence.
- ◆ Adhere to established SCDSB and school procedures.
- ◆ Communicate regularly with staff.
- ◆ Complete the COVID-19 screening tool prior to each school visit.
- ◆ Be prompt, dependable and regular in attendance, and give advance notice to teachers when unable to attend.

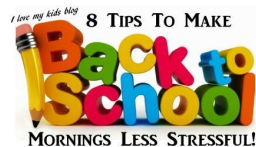
Stressful mornings sound familiar?

Here's how to get organized and out the door on time

Try these tips to help the whole family out the door on time:

- Plan ahead: pack lunches and pick out clothes the night before.
- Go to bed at a reasonable hour so you wake up rested and ready for the day.
- Wake up and get yourself ready, before your child.
- Keep the TV and electronics off. These can be disruptive first thing in the morning.
- Give clear instructions and be realistic about what your child can do for themselves. Praise them when they do something well to help them learn new skills.
- Finally, remember to have patience. Your child learns from watching you! In time your child will learn to plan ahead, be organized, and develop patience too. For more tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or www.triplep-parenting.ca

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



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 five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

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| Oct. 20, 2022 | Screen Time 2.0 |
| Dec. 8, 2022 | How to Manage Another's Anxiety |
| Feb. 9, 2023 | Guide to Attuned Limit Setting |
| Mar. 2, 2023 | Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults |
| Apr. 27, 2023 | The Biology of Stress |

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.

Free access to community-based tutoring for students

For all students to achieve success, schools, families, and community partners must work collaboratively to increase access to resources, supports, and broader learning experiences. The SCDSB offers a wide variety of tutoring programs to support students and their families in accessing needed supports.

From Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, the SCDSB has funds available to cover costs associated with these tutoring services, when provided by a SCDSB-approved organization. SCDSB families accessing these services are not required to pay the service provider directly.

For a list of approved organizations and to learn more about how you can access these services, visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring_programs.



