

THE NEWS WAVE

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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
MARCH	#ITSTARTS MONTH! #ITSTARTS
MARCH 8	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
MARCH 9	JOYEUX CARNAVAL (FRENCH WINTER CARNIVAL) @ LAS!
MARCH 10	SPIRIT DAY—STRIPES & PATTERNS DAY!
MARCH 11	INTERNATIONAL COVID-19 DAY OF OBSERVANCE
MARCH 13-17	MARCH BREAK! SCHOOL IS CLOSED
MARCH 17	IRISH HERITAGE DAY—HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
MARCH 21	WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY SPIRIT DAY—Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks! INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
MARCH 23	RAMADAN (Fasting Month)
MARCH 24	EARTH HOUR (IN-SCHOOLS) OFFICIAL DATE IS SAT. MARCH 25TH, 23
MARCH 26	EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY
MARCH 31	TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY <3

- HOME TO THE WAVES -



This Month's Character trait is...

- INTEGRITY -



“We act justly and honourable in all we do.”

More information about Character

Education can be found here:
www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

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Subscribe to our school's website at <http://las.scdsb.on.ca>

(Click Subscribe at the top of home page and provide your email!)

WE LOVE BEING PART OF A SCHOOL BOARD THAT RECOGNIZES A VARIETY OF HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS! FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT WE CELEBRATE, CLICK THE LINK BELOW! :)

[CLICK HERE](#)

NEWS 'SPLASH'

Important Notes from the Office!

ATTENDANCE...

Thank you so much for your diligence in ensuring your child(ren) are called into safe arrival and/or emailed in about using our new attendance email!

We appreciate your understanding in the recent changes to in the inclement weather—snow day attendance. Just a friendly reminder that the ministry dictates that ALL students need to receive a safe arrival call (bussed or not) Please DO NOT CALL the school on inclement weather days unless you receive a safe arrival call and your CHILD(REN) ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE!

STUDENT TRANSFERS (SEPT 2023)

If you know already that you are moving out of the area and therefore won't be attending Lake Simcoe next year—can you kindly email the office at lsawyer@scdsb.on.ca to inform the office of the transfer.

If you know your Grade 8 student is not going to attend Nantyr Shores—but another area Highschool—please let the office know! The sooner a school knows about their enrollment for the following the year—the better!

Thank you!

POPCORN IS POPPIN' !
(AND SOLD OUT... FOR NOW)



Thank you so much for your support! The Grade 7 Popcorn fundraiser has been a huge success! So much so—that we have already **sold out!** BUT—Not for long! We have already secured another order and **will notify you when we have more!** Stay tuned and thanks again for your support!

Just breathe coping strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is deep breathing. Parents/guardians should practice deep breathing with their children to help them develop a deeper mind/body connection, self-regulation, awareness of emotions, and build resiliency. To practice deep breathing at home, have your child get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child place their hands flat on their stomach. Ask your child to breathe in deeply through their nose, filling the belly with breath. Point out how hands move out. Encourage them to hold their breath for a few seconds, then slowly breathe out through the mouth to feel the stomach contract and hands move in. Repeat 5-6 times.

Parents/guardians should practice deep belly breathing at home any time their child seems stressed or upset. Watch a deep breathing video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le2TOMNFxE&t=3s>.

Follow along the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWPB) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

NEW – SHARING CHAIR!

'Big Waves' of thanks go out to our alumni AVERY, COLE & KEEGAN from Nantyr Shores Secondary School for building and donating our wonderful Sharing Chair!

The three former Lake Simcoe students were kind enough to think of their elementary school roots when creating this masterpiece in their high school construction-tech class.

They were even kind enough to take time out of their schedules to visit Lake Simcoe to personally present their hard work to our students in a special assembly!

The 'Sharing Chair' will be used as one of the many ways for students to share their accomplishments in academics, athletics and/or social-emotional learning. Working with their teachers, students are encouraged to set goals in any one of those areas of student life and work to achieve those goals. Once achieved, students are invited down to the office to the 'Sharing Chair', to share their wonderful news. Accomplishments will be captured and shared back to home for further celebration.

Again, a very special thank you to Avery, Cole and Keegan for providing Lake Simcoe with this very important tribute and recognition to student learning and growth.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE!
<http://las.scdsb.on.ca>



**KEEP CONNECTED WITH
OUR SCHOOL AND 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://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.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb). *(also include your school social media account information here if you have active accounts)*



EarlyON Child & Family Centres

Is your child starting JK or SK in September? The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer in person and virtual programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities. We will look at and discuss how does learning happen, self-regulation, social skills, and how to get ready to start school.

If program registration is full, please check back regularly as there may be cancellations. To register for a program in your area visit www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK.

MORE IMPORTANT NOTES...

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. 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. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 is open!

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! **Do you have a child who is turning four in 2023?** If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten. **Junior Kindergarten students will start on Thursday September 7th.**

Once you complete your registration, our Senior Administrative Support, Lindsay Sawyer will reach out to you with an email with instructions of what to do next. Emails are sent out to new registrations at the beginning of each week. Before we can complete the registration process we need to view and confirm proof of birth (Birth Certificate or Passport) and Proof of Residency (i.e. Utility Bill) You can come to the front door of the school to show that during office hours.

Once we verify documentation we can complete the registration and prepare you for your students September start!

Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

MAKING WAVES... OUR SPORT TEAMS!

OUR INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM MAKE REGIONALS!

We are delighted to share the impressive performance of our Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team. Throughout the regular season, the team has consistently shown incredible dedication, skill, and positive attitudes towards each other, which is a testament to their hard work and perseverance.

Under the guidance of coaches Mr. Burgess and Mr. Dituri, the girls played exceptionally well in the recent Zones tournament, securing an outstanding 2nd place finish. This achievement has earned them a well-deserved spot in the upcoming Regional tournament, where we wish them the best of luck as they continue to represent Lake Simcoe P.S. with pride.



NEXT UP IN SPORTS!

- Mrs. Moody & Mrs. Astill are welcoming Grade 2 boys to the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays at second nutrition break to play SOCCER! Now until March Break! :)
- On February 28th and again this coming March 3rd, Mrs. Astill, Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Williams will be hosting tryouts for the Junior Girls Basketball team in the gym.

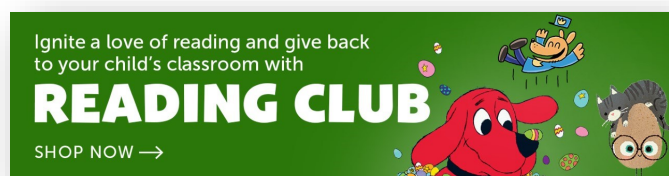
BIG WAVES—A SCHOOL PLAY!

Ms. Thomson and Ms. Williams are hosting Lake Simcoe's first play this year! Grades 6,7 and 8 have been encouraged to try out for the 'The Fairy Tale Network' They have been hosting try-outs over the last two weeks! We are very excited to see the students enthusiasm for this new venture!



RIDING THE WAVE... FROM THE LIBRARY!

Scholastic Book Orders - Families are welcome to visit <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/en/home> to explore the books and learning materials that Scholastic has to offer. Use your educator's Class Code, or our library's code RC206097, so that our classes and school can earn Bonus Bank Rewards that we use to obtain books and learning materials for our school. You can also get free shipping to your home for orders \$40+.



JUST CRUISING...

Friendly Reminders from the Office

- Yard Supervision begins at 9:00am. Please do not drop your children off before this—as there will be no staff to supervise them.
- Ensure you are respecting the safety and time frame of our Kiss & Ride program.
- We ask that parents remain off school property for the safety of all staff and students.
- We ask that dogs not accompany you to school for safety reasons.
- **We continue to offer our Subway Lunch Program on Wednesdays and Pizza Pizza on Thursdays! Be sure to order before 12:00pm NOON on Sunday for your students to enjoy it that week!**
- We ask that your children come with everything they need to be successful for the day. We appreciate your consideration in not creating interruptions to the office for midday drop-offs.



Our Grade 7's are fundraising for their upcoming Toronto field trip! They will be selling FARM TO TABLE Popcorn for the next month or so to help raise money!

It will be sold every Thursday at both morning and afternoon break. Flavours include White Cheddar, Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet & Salty & Chipotle Cheddar. Bags are only \$2.00 each!



FROM THE LIBRARY CONT' D...

Our school has been exploring the Polar region of our world through activities involving the Arctic Circumpolar Map that is visiting our school from February 24th to March 9th.

Classes are able to discuss climate change, Arctic research, animal migration, Northern housing challenges and other science and social studies topics.

Thank you to Canadian Geographic Education for providing us with the map and activity materials.



Joyeux Carnaval! It's Carnaval!

On **Thursday March 9th** we will be having our annual Winter Festival here at Lake Simcoe. Students will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities in organized teams with grade 7 and 8 students as team leaders. Activities will include snowshoeing, curling, pancakes and more!

The Quebec Winter Carnival (Carnaval de Québec), known in both English and French as 'Carnaval', is a pre-Lenten festival held in Quebec City. It has been running intermittently as early as 1894 but became the popular annual Carnaval de Quebec event in 1955. That's also the year the famous Bonhomme de Neige made his first appearance. Known for its day and night parades, masquerade ball, variety of outdoor winter activities, public banquets, snow and ice sculptures—it has become the largest festival in the Western Hemisphere.

Our amazing and dedicated French Teachers Mrs. Stroud and Mrs. Gregory will be hosting Lake Simcoe's very own Carnaval!

Nutrition Breaks and Recesses will be indoors. It will be a physically active day, so students are encouraged to pack healthy lunches containing nutritious foods, drinks, and snacks.

Please ensure that your child is **dressed appropriately for the weather**. Students are encouraged to bring in **extra clothing** items such as socks, snow pants, mittens, and pants in case they get wet.

LET'S HOPE FOR SNOW! WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUN-FILLED DAY!

IT'S A BIG CELEBRATION! C'EST UNE GRANDE CÉLÉBRATION – CARNIVAL!



SCDSB eBook library - SORA

Did you know that the SCDSB has a digital eBook library available for all students from K-12? Students may access books using either the SORA app on a tablet or visiting <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712> on the desktop version. They simply use their school Google login and password to access the library. Picture books, beginner chapter books, graphic novels, magazines, young adult novels, audio books; there is something for every student. Students may use the search function to select a specific book or browse through one of the many curated collections. Happy reading!



LAKE SIMCOE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Lake Simcoe PS is updating our welcome sign for the front vestibule. We will be including the languages spoken and read by the families of our school. If you are interested in helping us, and have access to an SVG file or Cricut format file of how to say "Welcome" in your language, please contact Mrs. Yates via email at hyates@scdsb.on.ca. We will be displaying "Welcome" in multiple languages and identifying the name of the languages. As our community grows, we welcome all new members to our school community.



INFORMATION FROM SIMCOE COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

How is your infant, toddler, or preschool child developing?

Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child’s ability to read, write and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child’s development. Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe. Call (705) 739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to complete a developmental screen. The earlier we work together, the better!



Licensed March Break school age child care programs

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care on PA days and holidays including over the March Break (March 13 to 17). Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare before after.

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. The remaining sessions include:

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| March 2, 2023 | Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults |
| April 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.

Collection and use of personal student information

As students’ progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student’s transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes are authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times.

Please contact Lisa Coffey, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Lake Simcoe Public School.

#ITSTARTS week in the SCDSB

The County of Simcoe has once again proclaimed March as #ITSTARTS month. The Simcoe County District School Board will be championing the #ITSTARTS campaign from March 6 to 10. This campaign promotes inclusion, acceptance, and equity within the vibrant, diverse, and growing communities that make up Simcoe County. For more information, visit: www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/itstarts.



Our current VP, Mr. Cave and our former Principal Mr. Perry representing last #ITSTARTS last year! :)

INFORMATION FROM THE SCDSB CONT' D...



Registration now open for summer eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits, or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school.

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

In 2023, 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 remaining sessions include:

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

Math @Home parent series



Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a path pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11

7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on their registration form.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>