

Being on time is important
Entry bell is at 8:55.
Outside supervision begins
at 8:40



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Your Top Eight Inclement Weather Questions

Bus cancellations and snow days are inevitable in Simcoe County. Each time buses are (or aren't!) cancelled, the SCDSB and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) receive many questions from students, parents and community members. Check out the [Sharing Simcoe](#) blog for the top eight questions and answers - visit www.sharingsimcoe.com and search for 'snow'.

Inclement Weather Days and Safe Arrival

When a student is not at school on an inclement weather day, and the school has not been notified, you will receive an automated Safe Arrival call. The message will ask you to call the school **only** if your child should be at school.

Please note: its important to listen to the message. If you hang up before the message is complete, it will call back in a few minutes.

Please make sure the office has your most up-to-date phone numbers to make Safe Arrival calls.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>On February 8th we will recognize the hard work of our custodial team. We all appreciate Mr. Sheffer, our chief custodian and his team. You may not see them, but we know they are taking good care of our school, which is clean, safe and well maintained.</p>		<p>1 Day 3 Pizza Day</p>	<p>2 Day 4  Sweater Day</p>	<p>3 Day 5 Sub Day</p>
<p>6 Day 1 Grad Photos</p>	<p>7 Day 2</p>	<p>8 Day 3 Pizza Day Custodial Appreciation Day</p>	<p>9 Day 4</p>	<p>10 Day 5 Sub Day</p>
<p>13 Day 1 School Council 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Day 2 </p>	<p>15 Day 3 Pizza Day</p>	<p>16 Day 4 Parent Survey closes</p>	<p>17 Day 5 Sub Day Report Cards (JK-Gr 8)</p>
<p>20 Family Day No School</p>	<p>21 Day 1</p>	<p>22 Day 2 Pizza Day Pink Shirt Day</p>	<p>23 Day 3</p>	<p>24 Day 4 Sub Day</p>
<p>27 Day 5</p>	<p>28 Day 1 Character Assembly 11:20</p>	<p>Is your child turning four this year? It's time to register for Kindergarten Our school is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.</p>		

Parent Survey:
Using our automated email system, you will receive a survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it. We want to make sure our fundraisers match the wants and needs of our school community. Highlights of the survey will be shared in a future newsletter.

Colts Game:
We are having a second evening at the Barrie Colts on Saturday, February 25th against Erie. Order forms have gone home with the youngest/only student in each family. Mr. Robertson is organizing this event, so please direct any questions to him.

Technology Reminders
Many students bring their own devices to school. Families are reminded that students are only permitted to use them on school property with teacher permission. We expect devices to be "off and away" when students are on the school yard or in the hallways. The office is always prepared to take messages for students/parents.

Unfortunately devices can be damaged, lost or broken at school and the school cannot be responsible for these situations. Parents are asked to seriously consider this before agreeing to let a device come to school.

STUDENT INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

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. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII of the Education Act. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times.

KIDS FIGHTING? HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR A MORE PEACEFUL HOUSEHOLD

It's common for children to disagree or argue at times. They may fight or get aggressive with when things don't go the way they want, or if they feel jealous or competitive, especially with siblings. So what can you do to stop fighting before it starts?

Let your child know what behaviour you expect by explaining rules for playing with others, such as "be gentle" and "keep your hands and feet to yourself."

Praise your child when they are playing well with others.

Help children to solve problems before fights start.

Remember, you and other adults play a big role in setting expectations and teaching children better ways of behaving. For more tips, call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and talk to a public health nurse about the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program or visit www.triplep.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN YOUR KIDS

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. Here are some ways you can teach your children how to develop leadership skills at a young age:

- Encourage team activities: Identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it's participating in afterschool sports or joining the school band, children learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.
- Enrol in camp: Overnight and day camps are filled with opportunities to participate in team-building activities and build self-confidence. Once youth reach a certain age, they can also become counsellors, where they'll be tasked with leading groups of younger children – the ultimate leadership experience!
- Find volunteer and community service opportunities: firsthand experience is one of the best ways to teach leadership skills to children. Look for local opportunities that will welcome youth helpers and volunteers in your community.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers Youth Leadership Development programs for youth in grades 5 to 12. Participants in our leadership programs often adopt healthier lifestyles, become volunteers in their community, make new friends, earn volunteer hours for school, acquire training certifications, travel to other countries and gain an understanding of their potential impact on their community.

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and opportunities, visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-youth-leadership-development/>.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you SO much for supporting our used book sale! Whether you donated books or sent money in for your child to purchase books, it really benefitted our library. We made \$250 to help Mrs. Marling buy new books! Way to go!

The first two weeks of February will be when our annual Valentine's Post Office occurs. All staff, students and parents are invited to use the post office during February 1-15th. Student helpers will sort the mail in the morning and deliver the mail at 10:30am. All letters must be properly addressed with a return address, destination address and stamp (drawn/sticker). Each room in the school has a unique address. If parents would like to participate, please pick up an address page at the office.

Have a great month and read, read, read!!

DONATIONS APPRECIATED AND TIME TO STOCK UP

During the winter season cold become commonplace in school. Teachers always appreciate donations of tissues and paper towels.

As well, it's a good time to review with your child if he/she needs replacement pencils, crayons, markers, calculator, duotangs, rulers, math set or pens. Another good item to check is indoor shoes. Growing students can outgrow a pair of running shoes before the school year ends.