



Eastview Secondary School April 2022 News

Character attribute for the month of April

Optimism - we maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

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

Significant days, holy days, holidays and heritage recognition occurring in the month of April

2- Vasant Navratri begins Hinduism, Chaitra/Chithirai (New Year) begins Hinduism, 3 Ramadan begins (fasting month) Islam, 8 Farvardegan (FC) Zoroastrianism, 10 Rama Navami Hinduism, 13 Rama Navami Hinduism, 13-14 Aisakhi Sikhism, 14 Sikh New Year Sikhism Mahavir, Jayanti (Birthday) Jainism, 15 Good Friday Christianity, 15-23 Pesach (Passover) Judaism, 16 Theravāda New Year Buddhism, 17 Easter Christianity, 18 Easter Monday Christianity, 20 First Day of Ridvan Bahá'í, 22 Good Friday (J) Christianity, 23 Zarathosht-no-diso (QC) Zoroastrianism, 24 Easter (J) Christianity, 25 Easter Monday (J) Christianity, 27-28 Yom HaShoah Judaism, 28 Ninth Day of Ridvan Baha'i, Nichiren Foundation Day Buddhism, 29 Jumatul Widha Islam, Lailat-ul-Qadr Islam, 30 Chaitra/Chithirai (New Year) ends Hinduism

SCDSB Schools continue to be mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks remain 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.

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 'What's New' section at <http://eas.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](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)).
(<https://twitter.com/WildcatGuidance>)

Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day – June 27, 2022

On June 27, 2022, all secondary schools will run a Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Day for students. Students requiring an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit or to improve on an area of missed expectations can attend and meet with teachers and support staff. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction that day, but it is an opportunity for students to work more closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

School climate survey

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) aims to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. During the month of April, all students in Grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous and confidential online SCDSB School Climate Survey about how they feel about their school. Any participant of a SCDSB School Climate Survey will not be asked to provide their name or other identifying information because all surveys are anonymous.

The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff related to the [SCDSB Strategic Priorities](#) and will help schools to develop and refine their School Action Plans.

Similar to prior SCDSB school climate surveys, the questions cover a range of topics, such as:

- excellence in teaching and learning;
- mental health and well-being;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- community; and,
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

Student Survey

A sample version of the student survey will be available on the [SCDSB website](#). Please call your child(ren)'s school if you have questions about how the student survey will be administered.

Questions?

School staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns a student may have. Questions about the 2021-2022 SCDSB School Climate Survey can also be directed to schoolclimate@scdsb.on.ca.

The information that is collected will be used to help guide our schools in creating and maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your support!

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 2022, 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.

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation – information for parents/caregivers

April 12

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma – information for parents/caregivers

May 10

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 <https://bit.ly/3s8OBm8>.

Students with ASD invited to participate in virtual after-school programs this spring

Social and recreational programs will be offered from April to June for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The programs will be offered virtually, and will focus on using recreation, problem solving, coding and play skills to support social skills development.

Children's Friendship Training

A nine week, evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated children diagnosed with ASD, who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends.

Play Ball Kidz Recreation Program

A nine week, multi-component recreation program designed to improve the gross motor skills and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD.

Escape Room Social Skills Program

A nine week, escape room themed program designed to improve problem solving skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on cooperation and teamwork to support social skills development.

Music Social Skills Program

A nine week, music based program designed to improve emotional regulation and social skills of children diagnosed with ASD by focusing on singing, dancing, and playing instruments in a virtual group setting.

Parents/guardians are an important part of the programs and will receive resources and support to help children develop and practice new skills at home and at school. Limited spaces are available. For more information about the sessions and to complete the initial application form, visit the SCDSB website at scdsb.on.ca/inclusiverecreationprograms by April 8, 2022.