



Eastview Secondary School

December News

Character attribute for the month of December

Empathy - we strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

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 December

December 6 - Chanukah ends, December 8 - Bodhi Day / Awakening Day, December 13 - Birthday of Imam Aga Khan, December 14 - Maun Agiyaras, December 18 - Sanghamitta, December 21 - Yule / Winter Solstice (may be observed Dec. 20-23) December 24 - Christmas Eve, December 25 - Christmas Day, December 26 - Zarathosht-no-diso (FC), December 26 Boxing Day,

High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will happen virtually this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Please visit your school's website for more information.

On Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., parents/guardians and students in Grades 7-12 can learn about preparing for a career in skilled trades at an interactive virtual session presented by the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB).

Participants in *High School Planning for the Skilled Trades – Let's Get Started!* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and have the opportunity to ask questions about how to explore a career in the trades while in high school.

The virtual presentation will include information about the skilled trades as well as a question-and-answer segment.

Participants are invited to submit questions in advance here: <https://bit.ly/32cfnPN>. To virtually attend the presentation, visit the SCDSB Facebook event page for more information: <https://bit.ly/3Fpds8D>.

Daily COVID-19 self-assessment

All students and staff are required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Updates to the School Screening Tool for the 2021-22 school year - International travel

Recently, the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) was updated to reflect the return to school requirements for students who are returning from international travel. Individuals who are unvaccinated and returning from international travel may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. For further clarity, while unvaccinated children and those under the age of 12 are exempt from federal quarantine if they travelled with a fully vaccinated companion, they may not attend school or childcare for 14 days upon their return. Individuals with all other quarantine exemptions (e.g. travelling for cross-border custody arrangements, travelling for medical treatment) may continue to attend school or childcare.

Considerations prior to travelling this winter

Is your family thinking of travelling this winter? Here are some things to consider before you make the arrangements:

1. Learn about travel advisories related to COVID-19 where you are headed, before leaving - <https://bit.ly/3Czlk5l>
2. Be sure you understand how the Quarantine Act applies to travelers arriving back in Canada - <https://bit.ly/3HAIOft>

Students who have travelled outside of Canada must self-isolate for 14 days if they do not qualify for a federal quarantine travel exemption. Your child's ability to return to school after travel outside of Canada will depend on whether or not they are fully vaccinated. If they are fully vaccinated, they may be exempt from federal quarantine. If they are not fully vaccinated, they are not to attend school/childcare for 14 days, even if they traveled with a vaccinated companion.

A reminder that all students must complete the [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#) before going to school each day. This includes questions related to travel and guidance for those who have travelled. More information can be found on the Government of Canada website: <https://bit.ly/3ctaLqa>.

Is it time for your child to have a dental check-up? Let us help!

The Oral Health Team at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is now available to provide a variety of dental health services for children and youth aged 0–17 at our various clinic locations. We can provide dental screenings, answer questions and guide you through the dental options that are available for your child through Healthy Smiles Ontario. If you don't have a dentist, we can provide you with options of dental offices that can help.

This is your personal invitation to contact us to discuss your child's dental needs and to ensure their dental concerns are addressed. For more information, contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520, ext. 5867.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Standards of behaviour and consequences for student action related to racism, bias or hate

At the SCDSB, we are committed to maintaining safe, inviting and supportive school environments, and recognize that all students have the right to be safe, and feel safe, in our schools. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to a positive school climate.

We want you to know that any incident of racism, bias or hate will not be tolerated. Any such incident is treated very seriously with immediate action and consequences in accordance with the requirements of the *Education Act*, and consistent with our values and obligations under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

Students who engage in acts of racism, bias or hate will face severe consequences as a result of their actions. Please take a moment to review the [SCDSB Code of Conduct](#) with your child(ren). The Code of Conduct sets clear standards of behaviour and specifies consequences for student actions that do not comply with these standards.

We are dedicated to educating our students and staff about the injustice and impact of systemic racism. We continue to work with students, staff, parents/guardians and community partners to ensure that our schools are the safe places they are intended to be for all students.

Building intercultural understanding through Grade 11 English courses: *Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices* will be offered in all SCDSB Secondary Schools Starting September 2022

The SCDSB is committed to supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action, and the building of intercultural understanding within our schools. The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies curriculum offers a variety of courses that can provide all students in Ontario schools with a broad range of knowledge and skills needed for work in fields such as law, environmental and other sciences, health, economics, politics, social services, and education. With the skills and knowledge they acquire in the program, students will have much to offer in work, continuing study, and community service settings after graduation. We know that it is important that students be connected to the curriculum; that they see themselves in what is taught, how it is taught, and how it applies to the world at large. This curriculum recognizes that the needs of learners are diverse, and helps all learners develop the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to be informed, productive, caring, responsible, healthy, and active citizens in their own communities and in the world.

The Simcoe County District School Board is proud to announce that by September 2022, all secondary schools will offer the following as the compulsory English Credit:

(NBE3U) English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices English

(NBE3C) English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices English

(NBE3E) English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices English

These courses offer the same expectations, preparation and strands as previous Grade 11 English courses, but have an additional Strand A: First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Perspectives and Text Forms in Canada. This additional strand builds upon the learning for all other strands within the course. The full curriculum document and expectations are linked here:

[First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies \(Revised 2019\)](#).

Please feel free to contact the school at (705-728-1321), if you have any questions.

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>.

Math @Home parent series

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. The winners of the prizes will be notified in January. The SCDSB math department is offering three evening virtual sessions for caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. Participants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home, and must pre-register for each of the sessions by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/SCDSBMathAtHomeRegistration>.

Having fun with math facts @Home

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2022

7 to 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 in becoming fluent with their math facts.

Making math connections @Home

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7 to 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

Wednesday, April 26, 2022

7 to 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.

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