



INNISDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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INNISNEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

I would like to introduce myself as the Principal of Innisdale Secondary School. I look forward to working with the students, staff, parents/guardians as well as the many community members that make Innisdale a great place to learn and work.

The educational opportunities for students in 2017 are very different than what many parents/guardians experienced. As students go through their secondary school years we encourage students and parents to attend many of the events that are offered to support the educational journey for both the student and their families.

Innisdale has a variety of courses, speciality programs, clubs, teams and organizations that are intended to bring out the best in everyone. We continue to strive to find opportunities to engage students and meet changes in society brought on by the global economy, consumer needs, government mandates, and most assuredly, the technological revolution.

Today, more than ever before, there are opportunities for all learners to succeed at ISS. These opportunities are at the fingertips of every student and with the help of caring adults and the ISS staff, students must take the time to investigate and explore so they will be better prepared for their future. Embracing openings for change helps to develop resiliency needed to succeed.

We are striving to keep the best of proven teaching and learning practices and to introduce and master the new technologies and ideas that improve student learning and achievement.

We wish all our students a great start to the new school year and encourage them to become active members in our community.

Brian Maclsaac

Principal

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS -

OCTOBER 11 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All teaching staff will be available as well as our Special Education and Guidance teachers to discuss specific concerns. This year we will be booking appointments with families. Head to the school website and click on the

“**Parent-Teacher Interview Booking**” link to schedule your times. If you are unable to book a time online, please call the office and we will make alternate arrangements for you. The School Council Meeting will follow the Parent/Teacher/Student conference in the library at 7:30 p.m.

INNISDALE'S EAT WELL TO EXCEL BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING PROGRAM



Innisdale's Eat Well to Excel Breakfast for Learning program needs your help! We want all of our students to be ready for learning. Here at Innisdale, our breakfast program is in need of:

- parent volunteers to help bake/prepare food
- donations of food items (bagels, bread, fruits, vegetables, butter, cream cheese, yogurt, eggs, cheese, milk, cereal, breakfast bars, juice, oatmeal, baking supplies for muffins/loaves)
- donations of supplies to serve and prepare food (toaster, serving bowls, bowls, cutlery)
- monetary donations

If you can help, please call Ms. McLean at the school at 705-726-2552, ext. 41617 or email her at hmclean@scdsb.on.ca

TRIP TO BELIZE

Innisdale is organizing an outdoor adventure to **Belize** during **March Break 2018**. Have your child experience the Mayan jungle, civilization, cultural foods and environment by hiking, snorkeling and living in Central America. Students are welcomed from all SCDSB schools –spread the word! Please see Mr. Morin in the Co-op office for more details. Call or email 705-726-2552 x41733 or egmorin@scdsb.on.ca



Thank you so much to all of our students and staff for their tremendous support of the Terry Fox event held at Innisdale on September 28th.

It was a fantastic day that showed both school spirit & support of a great cause...

Our current total is \$2365.00 - wow! We are so proud & impressed with our success. Thank you again!

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY OCTOBER 10TH

SAY CHEESE!



Edge Imaging will be at Innisdale to do picture retakes on **Tuesday, October 10th**. This is a chance to get your picture taken if you were absent on Picture Day last month.

INNISDALE AWARDS ASSEMBLY



The Innisdale Awards Assembly honours students who have achieved excellence in their respective subjects here at Innisdale during the 2016/2017 school year and will be held on **Friday, October 13th** starting at 8:10 a.m. Students who will be awarded have received a letter inviting them to attend this assembly. We welcome all of those parents/guardians of students who will receive awards to attend this event.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Parents and students are reminded that the \$20.00 student activity fee needs to be paid to receive a student card. Students can still pay the activity fee online or in the main office. If there are any problems with paying this fee, please see a school administrator.

EXTENDED FRENCH

The International Languages Department will be hosting an information session on November 2, in the Library, from 7-8:30pm for parents of grade 8 students entering our Extended French Program next year. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and discover all the great things Innisdale has to offer! Light refreshments will be provided.



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AT INNISDALE

After receiving a gold standing from Ontario Ecoschools in the beginning of 2017, Innisdale is once again motivated to continue moving forward with green initiatives and sustainability. October 16-22 is Simcoe County's Waste Reduction Week. During this time, Innisdale will be promoting waste minimization strategies and completing a waste audit. In addition to the regular recycling program, Innisdale currently offers GOOS paper options (good on one side paper), used pen recycling bins, dead battery collection, and a toner recycling program. Students can contribute to our waste minimization strategy by utilizing these programs as well as considering garbage-less lunches, reusable containers, and trying to ensure that waste produced (including recycling) is put into the proper receptacles.

INNISDALE MULTICULTURAL FAIR

In late November, Innisdale's Equity Team will be hosting a Multicultural Fair where students can share information and traditions from their cultural heritage. Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak to their children about this opportunity. For more information or to get involved, contact Ms. Coleman in Guidance at scoleman@scdsb.on.ca or see Ms. E. Alexander.



COMPUTER OPERATED VOICE MESSAGING SYSTEM

SchoolConnects is a support tool Innisdale uses to communicate daily attendance. You should receive a message home if your son/daughter has an unexplained absence. Currently all calls go to the main home phone line. If you would like that number changed, please come into the school and speak to an administrator.

TRYING TO CONTACT A TEACHER?

When phoning teachers at Innisdale you have the option to go directly to their voicemail by **entering their 5 digit extension number or pressing 2 and spelling the teacher's last name**. For the letters Q and Z use 0(zero) on the telephone keypad. (Call the office for the correct spelling of the teacher's name.) Email is another method of contacting teachers. Most teachers put their email addresses on their first day handouts. The Voice Mail Extension List can be located under the "Contact Us" tab on Innisdale's website www.innisdale.ca.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE - Convenient Safe Secure

Pay for activity fees, field trips, etc. with SchoolCash Online

The SchoolCash Online program is now available at all schools, offering parents the option to pay online for field trips and other items. The program is intended to reduce paper, eliminate the need for students to travel with money, and for money to be counted and stored at schools. Payment by credit card has now also been added. Parents who sign up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase. Items are personalized to each student. Parents will use a secure online account to process payments, and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future.

Register Online:

Step 1: Go to <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the '[click here](#)' option, login and add each of your children to your household account.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

VOLUNTEERS AT INNISDALE

Current volunteers who do not submit an Annual Offence Declaration for Volunteers on or before December 31, 2017, will be deleted from the database on January 1, 2018, and will have to submit a new Criminal Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Screen. If you were a volunteer at your child's elementary school and would like to volunteer at Innisdale please contact our main office to get a transfer form.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT DECEMBER 6TH

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our high school information night Wednesday, December 6th @ 7:00 p.m. (Thursday, December 7th snow date) to find out what's offered. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.



TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK - NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Grade 9 students across the province will be involved in job shadowing on Wednesday, November 1st, 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to see what day-to-day work is like for their parent, and help students begin thinking about how their schooling will lead to employment. Permission forms will be given out in gr. 9 homerooms. Parents are asked to check with their own employer to determine if their child will be able to attend the work site **to observe** for the day. If so, a permission form is completed and returned to the school. If not, parents should check with a relative or friend to see if their child could attend an alternative work site to observe. Similar paperwork is required. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the work place will be safe for their child to attend. Appropriate clothing and behavioural expectations should be reviewed with students. Please note that it is expected that the student will be an observer, not a worker, as the employer does not usually provide health and safety orientation for this observation day. There will be no regular programming for Grade 9 classes at Innisdale on November 1st. Assigned study space will be provided for those students who do not go to work with their parents. All students in Grades 10-12 will be expected to attend classes as usual.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION



Grade 12's will be invited to post-secondary information sessions.

Those interested in heading to university should attend the assembly on October 11th during period 1 and those interested in college destinations should go to the period 2 assembly. In these periods guidance counsellors will review how to research pre-requisites needed for programs, how to apply and where to look for scholarship options.

In addition, there are several opportunities for parents and students to learn more about post-secondary options in October:

- October 24th (5-9pm) and 25th (10am-3pm) in the Ontario College Information Fair at Enercare Centre at Exhibition Place. Admission is free.
- October 27th (9:30-11:30) College Information Program at Georgian College. Possible Innisdale Field Trip
- October 16th (6:30-8:30 pm) University Information Program at St. Pete's Secondary School
- October 17th (6:30-9:00) at Bradford District HS
- October 19th (6:30-9:00) at Orillia Secondary School

ACTIVIST ART CLUB



Activist Art Club members were fortunate enough to attend the “We Day” concert on Sept 28 at the ACC. This was a gathering of Change makers who are celebrating their efforts in making change in the world both

locally and internationally.

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES AND/OR ART then **THE ACTIVIST ART CLUB** (formerly known as the Social Justice club) is the right fit for them!

Meetings are after school on Tuesdays in Rm 248.

Encourage your child to get involved in using their voice and efforts for good! Post-secondary institutions and employers love to see this kind of experience! Upcoming events: We Scare Hunger- local food drive on Oct 31, Button Sales Fall, Social Justice Coffee House Nov 16 and much more!

See Club Advisor Ms Tracey Aylesworth for details.

taylesworth@scdsb.on.ca 705 726 2552 x 56721

INVADER CLOTHING

The Innisdale Athletic Society clothing will be on sale soon!

Please visit Innisdale's homepage to view clothing items and payment can be made through cash online. Orders will be filled and delivered before winter break.

INNISDALE MUSIC NEWS

The Innisdale Music Department has another great year ahead jam-packed with trips and performances. From October 23-24, we will be going on a team-building retreat to Geneva Park to get to know each other and play music together. Also of note, Innisdale Music students will be performing in the community at the Seniors' Serenade on December 13th. Our annual Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, December 7th at the Georgian Theatre. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the school board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage. The SCDSB has selected *Insure My Kids* as an option for parents to consider. The coverage is for 24 hours a day and offers a variety of plans at reasonable prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK and SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

School Bus Safety Week takes place **Oct. 16 to 20**. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this School Bus Safety Week takes place **Oct. 16 to 20**. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wed., Oct. 18 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at

main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/



NEW PATH OFFERING CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WALK IN CLINICS

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

MISSING BOOKS! We have over **\$8,100.00** in outstanding textbooks and library books. If you have any books at home, please return them to Innisdale.
Thank you.

HAS YOUR TEEN STARTED DRIVING?

Getting a driver's license and riding as a passenger with friends is an exciting milestone for many teens, but it can also a stressful and challenging stage for parents. It can be hard to balance giving them their independence with trying to keep them safe. Be patient and look for opportunities to help your teen learn driving laws, and how to be safe behind the wheel or as a passenger with friends.

For more information, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call *Health Connection* at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520. Another great resource is the Parachute Canada website:

<http://www.parachutecanada.org/programs/topic/C430>.
Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 8 TO 14: EVERY SECOND COUNTS: PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!



Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to 14. This year's theme is

"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. All households should have working smoke alarms and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the family BEFORE there's a fire. Find out more at: www.nfpa.org/fpw.

LGBTQI2S JUNIOR YOUTH CONNECTION FOR KIDS AGED 12 TO 15

The Gilbert Centre is offering a new drop-in and social program for LGBTQI2S identified youth to connect, explore and learn. Meetings take place on the first and third Friday of every month from 5-7 p.m. at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie. For more information, please call Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker at 705-722-6778 x109, visit lgbtyouth.ca or email vet@gilbertcentre.ca

TRANSLATING LEGAL ISSUES FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TRANS COMMUNITY

The Gilbert Centre, in partnership with The Community Legal Clinic, The Law Foundation of Ontario, and The Mediation Centre, is offering training on navigating human rights and the law for transgender people in Simcoe County. Topics will include trans inclusivity training, human rights, housing, employment, income support and family law. Register at www.gilbertcentre.ca/translating-legal-issues/. The training is offered in Collingwood Oct. 12 to 13.

LGBTQ YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE GILBERT CENTRE

The Gilbert Centre in Barrie is offering a program for LGBTQI2S identified youth ages 16 to 29 who are seeking support with employment. The program, supported by the United Way, will develop life and employment skills, increase participants' chances of finding employment and connect participants with community resources. Interested youth can contact Ve Tao, Youth Support Worker, at vet@gilbertcentre.ca or at 705-722-6778 x109.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE

Please be aware that the front driveway at Innisdale is for buses only. Please drop off and pick up students in front of the flagpole and refrain from using the front driveway. There is no turn around and it becomes congested and potentially dangerous for students.



