

INNISDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISS IMPORTANT DATES

April 9

Grad Assembly, Period Two

April 26

P.A. Day

May 2

Midterm Reports

May 6

School Council Meeting

May 27

Culminating Task Day, Period One

May 28

Culminating Task Day, Period Two

May 29

Culminating Task Day, Period Three

May 30

Culminating Task Day, Period Four

Innisdale recognizes that our school communities include a rich diversity of faith, tradition, heritage, culture, and beliefs. To view the days recognized in the month of March, visit the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:00 – 9:15am
Period 2	9:20 – 10:40am
Lunch	10:40 – 11:40am
Period 3	11:40am – 12:55pm
Period 4	1:00 – 2:15pm

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SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024

ECLIPSE BEGINS



PARTIAL ECLIPSE MAXIMUM

MOST LOCATIONS ACROSS CANADA WILL SEE A PARTIAL ECLIPSE AT THE MAXIMUM. A SMALL SLIVER OF THE SUN WILL ALWAYS REMAIN.

TOTAL ECLIPSE MAXIMUM

ALONG THE PATH OF TOTALITY, AT THE ECLIPSE MAXIMUM, THE MOON COMPLETELY BLOCKS OUT THE SUN. JUST THE SUN'S CORONA IS VISIBLE.



ECLIPSE ENDS



1 WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This eclipse is a total eclipse. At its maximum, the Moon completely blocks out the Sun. This only happens in the path of the Moon's shadow, called the **path of totality**. Everywhere except this path will see a partial eclipse (like in Simcoe County) in which a sliver of the Sun will remain visible.

2 WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

From beginning to end, the eclipse will be visible for about 2.5 hours. At eclipse maximum, the sky will darken. In Simcoe County, only a sliver of the Sun will remain. This will only last for a few minutes!

TIMEFRAME FOR BARRIE

Partial Eclipse Begins	2:05pm
Maximum Eclipse	3:19pm
Partial Eclipse Ends	4:31pm

3 HOW RARE IS THIS EVENT?

Very! The next total eclipse will occur in 2044 - but you will need to travel to the arctic or western Canada to see it. The next total eclipse traveling through Ontario will be in 2106. That's 72 years from now! How old will your students be when that happens?

4 SAFETY & EYE PROTECTION

Never look at the sun with the unaided eye, including during an eclipse! Light from the Sun will injure your eyes and could damage your eyesight forever. Not even sunglasses are sufficient in protecting your eyes.

5 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Resources to help you educate students can be found on the SCDSB StaffWeb. Go to the Teaching and Learning Page, then select Elementary or Secondary Science under 'Resources'.

April PA Days

Due to the solar eclipse set to occur in our region, the Simcoe County District School Board has made the decision to move the elementary school PA Day originally scheduled for April 26, 2024 to April 8, 2024.

Monday, April 8 is a PA Day for elementary SCDSB students, and Friday April 26 is a PA Day for secondary SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Attention Grade 12 students with special needs headed to university!

Registration is now open for Transition Day hosted by University of Toronto, Accessibility Services. This event is taking place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (EST). This event will take place online over Zoom and in-person at 455 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 1A1.

Transition Day is an opportunity to learn more about the transition to university for students living with disabilities. This free, hybrid event is for prospective students, families and supporters looking to learn more about how accommodations are implemented in post-secondary education. Attendees will also learn more about Accessibility Services and student support services available, including details about assessments and documentation requirements to register for accommodations. Common transition challenges for students and appropriate resources will also be reviewed.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/program/transition-day/>

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Registration now open for summer eLearning!

Create flexibility in your timetable and earn a credit! The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school eLearning courses in July 2024 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in creating flexibility in their schedule, 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.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.thelearningcentres.com/programs/summer_school.

The SCDSB also supports secondary students in participating in a variety of EDUTravel credit programs in July and August. EDUTravel programs are offered in a variety of destinations including Canada, USA, and Europe. For more information including costs, destinations, credits, and dates of commitment, visit: www.edutravelforcredit.com.



Feedback, recovery and improvement days

At the end of each semester, all secondary schools will run feedback, recovery, and improvement days for students.

Culminating assessments such as portfolios, essays, examinations, and interviews will take place during instructional days and will be returned to students with feedback.

The last day of regular instruction for students in Semester Two is Friday, June 21. The period from Monday, June 24 to Wednesday, June 26 is reserved for students to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit, or to improve on an area of missed expectations. 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 these days. Feedback, recovery, and improvement days are an opportunity for students to work closely with their teacher if they require feedback, recovery, or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.



ISS Swim team sent 11 swimmers to OFSAA last month.

Congrats to all swimmers for putting on a swell performance. Shout out goes out to Taira Vroom for a gold and fourth place finish. Shout out also goes out to Elisa Davis for a fourth-place finish. Well done! ISS is looking forward to next year. Anyone who can swim is welcome.

Subscribe to Community Connects

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is excited to launch Community Connects, a new bimonthly newsletter for the SCDSB community. Our shared goal with this new tool is to keep our community partners and stakeholders informed while nurturing relationships that are built on accountability, trust, and transparency.

To learn more and subscribe, visit the Community Connects page on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/community/community_connects.

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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 information series

During the 2023-24 school year, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/guardians in learning more about programs, supports, and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

April 16
6:30-7:30pm

Every day mental health strategies

May 14
6:30-7:30pm

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: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.

How to communicate your appreciation or concern

At the SCDSB, we believe that open communication strengthens important relationships between families, schools, and communities. You may sometimes wish to relay appreciation or positive feedback to school or board officials. As well, areas of concern may arise, and our staff will strive to be helpful and effective in addressing your concerns. Further information on how to communicate your appreciation or concern is available on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/contact_us

Celebrating poetry

April is poetry month, a chance for students to celebrate a love of language through an appreciation of poetry. Students of all ages enjoy the lyrical, rhythmic qualities of poetry making it a wonderful choice for at home reading. Poems provide an excellent opportunity for students to practice reading aloud, developing fluency and expression. For ideas and resources please visit the resources for families page on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/resources_for_families.

Indigenous leadership and career pathways event hosted by the SCDSB

Are you a SCDSB staff member, graduating student, or member of the public who is of Indigenous ancestry? Are you looking to learn more about leadership opportunities and career pathways at the SCDSB? Join us on May 2 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre in Midhurst to:

- ✚ Learn about the various career opportunities within the SCDSB, the required education and skills, and how to apply.
- ✚ Discover the various pathways to leadership within the SCDSB.
- ✚ Network with SCDSB staff from the Indigenous Education department and community partners.

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/InspiringIndigenousLeaders>

The lost and found is growing here at Innisdale. If your child is missing an item, please have them check the lost and found, located across from the office. It will be emptied out and the items donated in June.



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SPIRITWEAR

Last opportunity to order Innisdale clothing this year. Check out our E-store at <https://innisdale-2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/> to order and pay. All orders will be delivered to Innisdale the week of May 6th. Order now because the E-store closes April 14th. If you have any questions, please email Ms. N. Broley at nbroley@scdsb.on.ca

To shop, go to:

<https://innisdale-2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

April cyber awareness topic: Safe gaming and the metaverse

In today's digital landscape, safe gaming practices and understanding the metaverse are crucial for families to navigate the digital world securely. Understanding safe gaming practices protects personal information, while metaverse awareness helps prevent identity risks. Parents/guardians play a vital role in guiding their children's online experiences.

Access the cyber awareness tip sheet for April to stay informed about this month's theme and explore additional resources: https://ecno.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ECNO-CAM-Calendar-23-Aug3023_SafeGamingMetaverse.pdf.

Stay informed to help provide a safer online gaming environment for your children!

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Hold the date!

Innisdale dancers take the stage on Thursday May 9 at 6pm. Come out and support these talented dancers!

Literacy Test (OSSLT) Reminder

The spring session of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will take place at Innisdale for all students that have not written the test or were unsuccessful on their first attempt in the fall, on April 16th and 17th in the morning. Please watch for emails at the beginning of April with more details about the test and practice sessions for students that will be writing the test this spring. If your student is uncertain whether they are to write the OSSLT this spring, they can come to the main office for clarification. As always, resources to assist in the preparation for the test are available on the EQAO website: <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/> and on the Innisdale Website: https://iss.scdsb.on.ca/departments/library/ossltpr_e_p.

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Innisdale Spirit Week

Our students and staff enjoyed participating in Spirit Week activities the last week of March. The culminating event of the week was the Students vs. Teachers hockey game which resulted in a “W” for the teachers. A big thank you to the Leadership team and Student Council for all of their efforts. Go Invaders!



Mental health promotion strategy of the month - *Just Notice*

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

This month's strategy is *Just Notice*. This strategy helps children and youth develop the skills to ground themselves. Grounding is a way to focus your attention to the sensations you are experiencing in this moment. It is good to practice at any time but especially helpful when emotions or thoughts are stressful.

To practice *Just Notice* at home, together with your child, model this grounding practice by verbally sharing the following:

- Notice five things you can see.
- Notice four things you can hear.
- Notice three things you can feel/touch.
- Notice two things you can smell.
- Notice one thing you can taste.

This exercise can be done inside or outside. Consider pairing *Just Notice* with this forest visualization video to help guide and ignite their five senses: www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0PO2xo719g&t=9s.

See the Student Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) elementary (smho-smso.ca/online-resources/sel-posters/) and secondary (smho-smso.ca/online-resources/sel-posters-for-secondary/) social-emotional learning poster series for *Just Notice* that can be used at home.

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

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Upcoming student events... save the date!

Event	When	Cost	Event Description
Invader Idol	April 5, Period 3	\$3	Our first ever Innisdale Idol! This event is a talent showcase for all singers, musicians and dancers. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online beginning April 1.
Spring Clean	April 19	TBA	A car wash fundraiser for prom
The Spring Fling: Under the Sea	April 25, 7-10pm	\$15	Ticket cost includes refreshments and door-prizes. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online beginning April 1.

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.

There are eight webinars specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year. The final webinar is:

April 18, 2024 - Vaping, weed, and alcohol

We hope you save this date in your calendar and join us for this learning opportunity. 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.

Foster families needed in your community!

Children in our community need you! There is an urgent need for foster homes in Simcoe Muskoka. Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions is looking for diverse foster care providers who understand children's needs. The needs are diverse and range from babies to teens. Open your home to a child/youth and receive training, support, and between \$85 and \$155 per child and per day. Do you know anyone who may be interested? Visit <https://familyconnexions.ca/fosterconnexions/> to inquire, apply, and for more information. You may also call 705-726-6587 ext. 4.

Information provided by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions



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Math@Home parent and caregiver series

It's back! The SCDSB math team is pleased to offer virtual sessions for parents and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions focus on practical and fun ways to support children with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a Math @Home kit of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

Games to support your child's math learning @Home

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7 to 8 p.m.

This session is for parents, caregivers, and their children. Playing games at home is a great way to support child(ren)'s math development. In this session, several games will be explored, and participants will have the opportunity to try the games with their children during the session. The guided portion of the session will be 45 minutes in length followed by 15 additional minutes for further game play or to ask questions of our math facilitators. Bring your child(ren) and your math kit to this session!

Participants must pre-register. Registered participants will receive a kit of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on the registration form. Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/24MathAtHome>. If you couldn't attend the previous sessions, visit the Math at Home page on the SCDSB website to view past sessions: www.scdsb.on.ca/MathAtHome.

Dogs on school property

For the safety of all staff, students, and visitors, dogs (with the exception of service animals) are not permitted on school property.



Your child's immunization records

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up to date immunization records for all students attending school. According to the ISPA (2014), students currently in secondary school are required to be vaccinated against:

1. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis (whooping cough, booster required between 14-16 years old)
2. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (must have two doses after first birthday)
3. Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after first birthday and Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

If your child's immunization record on file with the health unit is not up to date, they may be suspended from school.

What you can do:

- Check your child's yellow immunization card.
- Contact your child's healthcare provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations.
- Visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/Report-an-immunization to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962.

For more information visit the health unit school immunization page:

www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



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SCDSB Equity Advisory Committee seeks parent/guardian members

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is committed to identifying and removing barriers within our system to ensure that all students and staff are offered supportive, inclusive, and respectful learning and working environments. To support this work, the SCDSB has an Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) comprised of parents/guardians, trustees, students, community partner organizations or associations, and board staff.

The SCDSB is seeking new parent/guardian members for the EAC. Applications are open until May 20, 2024.

Applicants must:

- be a parent/guardian of a current SCDSB student
- be from a community that has traditionally experienced barriers to equal access, opportunities, and resources
- reside in Simcoe County
- not be an employee of the SCDSB

The role of the EAC is to work in partnership with the SCDSB on the review, development, implementation, and monitoring of initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The EAC supports members of the SCDSB community and encourages equitable outcomes, sense of belonging, student achievement, and well-being, in alignment with the SCDSB Strategic Priorities.

Apply to be a parent/guardian member of the EAC by visiting the following link:

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion.



Below is a summary of the activities planned for the April 26 PA Day

April 26, 2024

Length: Full day

Topic: Skilled trades and apprenticeships, student mental health and well-being, school action and equity planning

Host: Simcoe County District School Board

Presenters/Facilitators: Combination of administrator-facilitated and self-directed learning modules planned by central staff.

Educators will learn about each of the SCDSB programs offered to students which may lead to a career in the skilled trades, including OYAP, Cooperative Education, SHSM, SWAC, and Dual Credit. Educators will also engage in case studies on the topic of skilled trade pathways and then discuss in whole group sessions. School administrators will facilitate this centrally planned learning experience.

Educators will engage in professional learning with a focus on mental health promotion and literacy planning for students. They will learn about Wayfinder, a sequenced guide that offers a variety of mental health lessons and activities organized by grade. Learning will also focus on the use of supportive transitions and how they can help ready students for learning and build mental health coping skills to use in challenging situations. All educators will also learn about strategies to support students who are dysregulated in the regular classroom.

Educators will work with school and curriculum leaders in their schools to reflect on progress towards their school's School Action and Equity Plan (SAEP) goals and next steps. These goals connect to Safe and Inclusive Learning Spaces, Achievement in Mathematics, and Graduation and Transitions.

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Kindergarten registration for September 2024 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 2024? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Kindergarten orientation

Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held throughout the SCDSB in the spring of 2024. These sessions provide families with the opportunity to engage with their school community as their children prepare to enter school. Learn more about the sessions and find out when your child's school is holding theirs:

www.scdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=210982&pageId=8385299.

Join the SCDSB on Facebook Live to learn about all things Kindergarten!

Do you have a child who is turning four in 2024? Are you interested in learning about Kindergarten in the SCDSB? On Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 7:30 p.m., members of the SCDSB's Early Years team are hosting a virtual information session via Facebook Live.

The session will highlight important information parents/guardians need to know about Kindergarten in the SCDSB, including details on transitions for students with special education needs.

To virtually attend the presentation, visit the SCDSB Facebook page at 7 p.m. on April 16. To get a head start on learning about Kindergarten in the SCDSB, watch last year's information session: <https://fb.watch/qM3niHW7IE/>.

Subscribe to Kindergarten Connections!

Will your child be turning four in 2024? If so, the SCDSB invites you to Kindergarten Connections! This is a monthly newsletter informing families of everything they need to know about preparing their child for school, as well as registering them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB. To learn more and subscribe, visit the Kindergarten page on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

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 for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities.

These programs will look at and discuss: How Does Learning Happen, Self Regulation, Social Skills, and How to Get Ready to Start School. To register for a program in your area visit: www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK.