

Character Attribute for the month of January

Honesty: We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

More information about character education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education.

January 2021 Newsletter

Dear W.H. Day Families,

We hope that all our families had a restful winter break. It is hard to believe that we will be pivoting back to virtual school, and we greatly appreciate your understanding and patience. Please stay in contact with your child's teacher regarding scheduling, or if you have any concerns with your child's progress. We look forward to seeing you back soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McCann, and Ms. Marjerrison

"A true friend will tell you the truth to your face - not behind your back." ~ Sasha Azevedo



School Access Reminders

Due to COVID 19 protocols from the health unit, access to the school is closed **TO ALL VISITORS** including parents/guardians.

We wanted to remind parent/guardians that **no lunch and forgotten items be dropped off to the school during the school day from 8:35 am–2:55pm**. If your student needs to be signed out for special medical appointments or extenuating circumstances, **a note will be required for the teacher and the office at least 24 hours in advance (please email these to WHDay@scdsb.on.ca)**. We will then arrange for the student to be ready and signed out by the office staff at the precise time. A staff member will then escort the student to the front doors for the parent/guardian. Photo identification, as always, will be required to pick-up a student from W.H. Day. **If a parent/guardian is more than 15 minutes late for a pickup, the student will be returned to the classroom.**

Please ensure your students have plenty of lunch, snacks, water and extra clothing in

Please ensure your child(ren) are aware of the time that school begins so that they will be on time. **There will be no pick up of students after 2:40 pm as teachers are busy getting students ready for dismissal.** *Daily bell schedules can be viewed on Pg. 6*

their backpacks for washroom accidents and mittens/hats in cold weather.

Thank you for your assistance as we strive to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

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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 child care 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 child care.



Daily COVID-19 Self-Screening Tools



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/>.

Interested in learning more about IEPs and school-based assessments? Join us for a virtual special education outreach session

In 2022, 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.

On Jan. 13, join us for the first session, 'IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/guardians.' This virtual presentation will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will include opportunities for participants to share their questions regarding IEPs and school-based assessments.

For more information and to register visit: https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education.

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.



Kindergarten registration for September 2022 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 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten.



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Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to announce a new three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are three upcoming webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

Jan. 25, 2022	Understanding and Managing Screen Time
March 29, 2022	Connection and Empathy in Response to Behaviour
May 19, 2022	Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the mental health and well-being page on 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.



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 South 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 SCSTC 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 SCSTC 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>.

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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

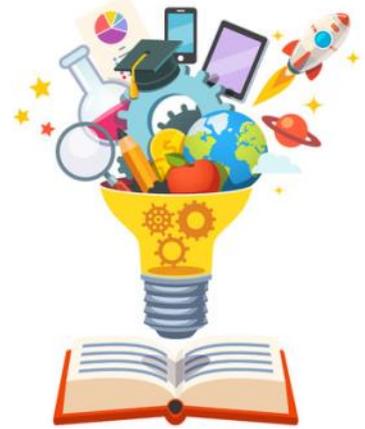
Wednesday, April 26, 2022

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.



NOTICE
PLAYGROUND
CLOSED

School playground structures are closed for the winter

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community, despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (e.g., sand, pea gravel or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.

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Heritage Recognition for the month of January

Tamil Heritage Month

Tamils began migrating to Ontario as early as the 1940s. The province of Ontario recognizes the valuable contributions that Tamil Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14t04>.

January PA Day (elementary only)

Please note that Friday, Jan. 28 is a PA Day for elementary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school. Please refer to the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

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

JANUARY

2022

Holy Days & Holidays

- 1** Temple Day (Solar New Year)
Buddhism
- 1** **New Year's Day**
Christianity
- 1** New Year's Day
Canadian Holiday
- 5** **Birth of Guru Gobind Singh**
Sikhism
- 6** Epiphany
Christianity
- 7** **Christmas (J)**
Christianity
- 10** Linji Memorial
Buddhism
- 13** Lohri
Hinduism
- 13** Maghi
Sikhism
- 14** **New Year's Day (J)**
Christianity
- 14** **Makar Sankranti**
Hinduism
- 18** Magha begins
Buddhism
- 18-20** **Mahāyāna New Year**
Buddhism
- 19** Epiphany (J)
Christianity
- 25** Honen Shonin Memorial
Buddhism

Monthly Calendar

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Bell "Let's Talk" Day	27	28 PD Day No School!	29
30	31					

Yard Supervision 8:20am
 Warning Bell 8:32am
Entry Bell 8:35am
 Instructional Time 8:35-10:15am
 Nutrition Break 10:15-10:55am
 Instructional Time 10:55am-12:35pm
 Nutrition Break 12:35-1:15pm
 Instructional Time 1:15-2:55pm
Final Dismissal 2:55pm



As always, please contact the office should you have any questions.

Thank you for helping us keep our school & community safe

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