



SPARTANS SPEAK

November 8, 2018

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already two months into our school year. There have been a lot of exciting events happening here at SCI. We have had an enthusiastic fall sports season with plenty of action both on the field and in the gym. Our annual Clash of Colours was a huge success. Our Grade 12's won bragging honours, but all grades and staff had fun.

November is also an eventful month as you can see in our list of coming events. Report cards come out on November 15th for our 9-12's and on November 16th for our 7's and 8's. This is always a good opportunity to have a discussion with your student around their learning. Before you know it, Christmas Holidays will be here and then we are on to our final exams in January.

Many parents have already completed our parent survey for around our 7-12 transition. If you have not yet done so, there is a link in this newsletter that will take you to it. Thanks so much for providing your feedback. Also, please remember that you don't need to wait for a survey to share your input with us. Just pick up the phone and give me a call.

Thanks,

Mark Keating, Principal



Report Cards

A reminder to parents and guardians that secondary Mid-Term Report Cards will be given out on Thursday, November 15th to our Grade 9-12 students and elementary Progress Reports will be sent home with Grade 7-8 students on Friday November 16th.

A big congratulations goes out to SCI's October Spark Award winners! We are very proud of our students for helping to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for all.

Thank you to the many SCI families that attended the Halloween Haunt on the evening of Friday, October 26th. It was a spooktacular evening for all involved and it was wonderful to see so many families out supporting our school and participating in the fun!



Coming Events

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| Nov 7 | Term 2 begins |
| Nov 11 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov 14 | Take Our Kids To Work Day (Grade 9 students only) |
| Nov 15 | Gr 9-12 Mid-term Report Cards |
| Nov 16 | Gr 7-8 Report Cards |
| Nov 19-22 | Gr 7-8 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Nov 22 | Gr 9-12 Full Disclosure |
| Nov 22 | Harvest Ball Semi-Formal (Ticket & Student Card Req'd) |
| Nov 23 | PD Day - All grades |
| Nov 26 | School Council Meeting in Library (6:30-8:30) |
| Nov 27 | Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic |
| Nov 29 | Grade 8 Open House (6-8pm) |
| Dec 1 | Santa Clause Parade |
| Dec 5 | 2017-18 Academic Awards Assembly |
| Dec 11 | Coop Career Fair |
| Dec 17-21 | Holiday Cheer Week |
| Dec 22-Jan 6 | Winter Break |
| June 26 | Grade 8 Graduation (7:00pm) |
| June 27 | Grade 12 Commencement Ceremonies (7:00pm) |

High school information nights for Grade 8 students coming to a school near you!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? Our Grade Open House is happening on November 29! 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 local high school information night to find out more about your child's transition to grade 9.

Take Our Kids To Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day, taking place on **Wednesday, November 14th, 2018**, is an annual event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in Grade 9 across Ontario spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

This experiential activity is an important opportunity for students at SCI, and we expect all Grade 9 students to be involved. Students received an information booklet and consent form in classes this week, and are asked to return the completed forms to their homeroom teachers by **Thursday, November 1st**.

If you have any questions, visit www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day or contact the Guidance Office.

Dental Screening Program

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on **Wednesday November 28th, 2018** to conduct dental screenings. A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child.

Grade 7/8 Safe Arrival - Inclement Weather Days

The Safe Arrival Program is in place for grades 7 & 8 to ensure that children arrive safely at school each day. Please be advised that on days when buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, calls will **not** be made to families whose children ride school transportation. Families of those children who walk to school are asked to report their child's absence to the school if they will not be in attendance. An effort will be made to call families of walking students who are not present but on some days, given the number of absent students, this may not be possible.

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov 5-9

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it's Nov. 5 to 9. The Simcoe County District School Board is located on territory covered by several pre-confederation treaties - Treaty 5, 16, 18, 19 and 82, as well as the 1923 William's Treaty.

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Subscribe to our SCI website and stay up to date!!](#)

[Report Bullying, Drug Use or Vandalism](#)

[We post our Announcements to Facebook & Twitter every day!](#)

[Homework Help for students in Grades 7 to 10](#)

[SCDSB 2018-19 School Year Calendar](#)

[Subscribe To All SCDSB Media Releases](#)

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

[School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC](#)

[Parents Have Influence On Their Teens! Check out SmartRisk - No Regrets for helpful parent information](#)

[Please complete our Parent Survey on our Transition to a Grade 7-12 School](#)

[Hugs & Kisses: The Health Impact of Affective Touch](#)

[The Effects of Perfectionism on Mental & Physical Health](#)

[12 Natural Remedies for Sore Throats](#)



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Speakers & Resources for Families

Sometimes we just need to hear from a friend who has 'been there.'

We are a family networking and resource group for Wasaga Beach and area. We build on the strengths you have as a family and connect you with others who want to learn from your experiences — we all make our community

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Upcoming Speaker Dates
6-8pm - locations noted below

October 11, 2018 - St. Noel's

All About ABA and IBI

Raquel Goncalves, Family Resource
Consultant - IBI Behavioural Services

November 1, 2018 - St. Mary's School

Occupational Therapy and Your Child

Shirley Sutton, Occupational Therapist

December 13, 2018 - St. Noel's

Sensory Craft Night - Bring your child!

details to be announced

**Monthly drop-in Coffee Chats from 9am to 11am on the third
Thursday of every month at Wasaga Beach Starbucks**

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