



SPARTANS SPEAK

Dec 1, 2017

Principal's Message

Happy December everyone!

Get set for a festive and fast-paced month as we head towards our Winter Break. There are a lot of great activities taking place this month as you can see from a quick glance at our Coming Events. The Santa Claus Parades are running on December 2nd and SCI elves have been hard at work putting together a school float. Also, circle Wednesday, December 13th on your calendar and make sure to come out to SCI at 7 pm for the Let's Get Merry Arts Night.

Classes are running until Friday, December 22nd and start up will be on Monday, January 8th. Not long after that we begin our Semester 1 Final Evaluations.

Transition planning for our move to a 7-12 Secondary School is underway. Our Transition Committee has met and is meeting again in January. [Minutes from our first meeting](#) can be found on our school website in the [Grade 7-12 School](#) page. On that page you will also find a link to a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. Watch for more information coming to this page.

On behalf of the staff here at Stayner Collegiate Institute, we want to wish everyone in the SCI community a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Mark Keating

Land/territory acknowledgement introduced for SCDSB meetings, events and schools

Over the past few months, the SCDSB has worked with Indigenous partners, local elders and the First Nations Education Advisory Committee to develop a land/territory acknowledgement. A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations' tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory. The statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

For school daily use:

"Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – 'About Us'.

Coming Events

Dec 2	Santa Claus Parade
Dec 5	Co-op Career Fair
Dec 13	Let's Get Merry Arts Night - 7pm
Dec 18-22	Holiday Cheer Week
Dec 23 - Jan 7	Winter Break (School closed)
Jan 8	Class resumes
Jan 16-18	Grad Photos
Jan 17	University Applications Due
TBD	EQAO Gr 9 Math Testing
Jan 18-24	Moratorium
Jan 25-31	Final Evaluations
Jan 29	School Council Meeting (6:30-8:30 in the Library)
Feb 1	College Applications Due
Feb 1-2	Secondary PD Days (no classes)
Feb 5	Semester 2 classes begin
Feb 16	Final Sem 1 Report Cards
Feb 19	Family Day (school closed)
Mar 12-16	March Break (school closed)



The Santa Claus Parade will be running in the opposite direction this year (starting close to the TD Bank/ Gazebo). There will also be a free public skate with Santa 12-1pm at the Arena. They will also be serving refreshments at the Arena.

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Dec. 18

Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

OSAP applications for 2018-19 now available

Going to college or university next year? The 2018-19 Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is now accepting applications for full-time students. Apply early to get an estimate of the amount of grants and loans you could receive. Apply now at: www.ontario.ca/osap.

Update your child's immunization record

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/ immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Register now for Night School (Semester Two) to complete high school, prepare for post-secondary education

Night school at the Barrie Learning Centre offers secondary school credits in a variety of subjects for students completing their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and for students who are preparing for post-secondary education. Subjects include math, english, chemistry, biology, physics, social science and history.

All night school courses are offered in a blended format where students attend in-class sessions once a week and complete the remainder of their assigned weekly work online. Students are welcome to access computer resources and meet with their classroom teacher during the office hours of their online night class. Learn more and register at: www.thelearningcentres.com.

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!](#)

[Is It A Snow Day in West Zone?](#)

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

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

[Student Accident Insurance Available for Extra-Curricular Activities and Trips](#)

[CBC Market Place: Are We Addicted To Our Phones?](#)

[The Art of Mindful Eating](#)

[Are You At Risk For Premature Hibernation?](#)

[How To Give Gifts Of Experience \(Instead Of "Stuff"\)](#)

[Homemade Apple Cider Recipe](#)

[10 Tips For Natural Cold And Flu Prevention](#)

SCI IN THE NEWS

[Here's What These Stayner Students Are Doing For A Family In Need](#)