



SPARTANS SPEAK

December 3, 2018

Principal's Message

Happy Winter everyone!

Although winter doesn't officially start until December 21st, which is also our final day of classes before our Christmas Break, we certainly did get a fair amount of the white stuff during this past month. We want to remind all parents to talk with your child around winter safety especially with regard to slips and falls and also a reminder to be cautious on roads, sidewalks, and parking lots as drivers may face challenges with visibility and traction. Bad weather and slippery roads also brings the possibility of bus cancellations. We urge parents and students to listen to our local radio stations for updates on bus cancellations and to use the link on our school website for Bus Information. We are in the West Zone.

As I mentioned earlier, December 21st is our final day of classes prior to our Christmas Break. We have lots of holiday events and activities being planned including our participation in the local parade and spirit activities to take place during our final week before the break. More information will be available through our announcements.

On behalf of the Stayner Collegiate Institute staff, we want to wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday and a safe and enjoyable Christmas Break.

Mark Keating, Principal

A New On-Line Volunteer Portal – Upcoming Deadline

Volunteers who received a letter indicating they were required to submit an updated CBC/VSS for review must complete their registration on the portal by December 31, 2018. Volunteering at the school will not be permitted after this date until all steps in the approval process have been completed.

Volunteers who received a letter with a unique I.D. code for registration on the portal, must complete their registration on the on-line portal using the code by December 31, 2018 at the very latest. The unique I.D. code will expire after this date. Current approved volunteers who did not register on the portal using the unique I.D. code by December 31, 2018 will be required to submit a new CBC/VSS for review and register as a new volunteer. Volunteering at the school will not be permitted until all steps in the approval process have been completed.

Please contact the school if you have questions.

Coming Events

Dec 5	2017-18 Academic Awards Assembly
Dec 11	Coop Career Fair
Dec 17-21	Holiday Cheer Week
Dec 22- Jan 6	Winter Break
Jan 7	Back to class
Jan 15	Grade 8 Grad Photos
Jan 15-17	Grade 12 Grad Photos
Jan 16	University applications due
Jan 16-17	Grade 9 EQAO Math Testing
Jan 17-23	Moratorium on Gr 9-12 activities
Jan 24-30	Gr 9-12 final evaluations
Jan 25	Gr 7-8 PD Day
Jan 28-30	Gr 7/8 School Trip to Muskoka Woods
Jan 28	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30 in our library)
Jan 31- Feb 1	Gr 9-12 PD Days
Feb 1	College applications due
Feb 4	First day of semester 2
Feb 15	Gr 7-12 Report Cards
June 26	Grade 8 Graduation (7:00pm)
June 27	Grade 12 Commencement Ceremonies (7:00pm)

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

Is 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. Topics include accessing community supports, building a plan for the summer, understanding the Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and applied behaviour analysis (ABA).

Sessions will take place at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Participants may also access the sessions online via Google Meet. More information, including dates, times and links to register, can be found at https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education.

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.

Attend a French Immersion information night, application window opens in January

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at [www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/program_options/French as a second language](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/program_options/French_as_a_second_language).

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Elementary, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

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?](#)

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

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

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

[2018-19 Holy Days & Holidays Calendar Now Available](#)

[What's Happening in Clearview Township For The Holidays](#)

[45 Ways To Give Experiences Instead of Stuff this Christmas](#)

[12 Natural Remedies for Sore Throats](#)

[8 Tips To A Stress Free Holiday Season](#)

SCI IN THE NEWS

[Summer Concert Series Supports High School Music Program](#)