



SPARTANS SPEAK

March 31, 2017

Principal's Message

Spring is finally here! And with it comes so much excitement here at Stayner Collegiate. After two years of planning, our SCI travelers embark on the journey of a lifetime on April 5 to be part of Canada's history at Vimy Ridge commemorating our country's coming of age as a nation. Be sure to watch the televised coverage on April 9 to see our Spartans at the ceremonies in France. I will be!

We continue our planning for the **SCI Celebrate Canada** event on **May 18**. Staff and students, grades 7 – 12, from SCI and our family of schools will come to SCI for the day to celebrate all things Canadian from the blooming of our Canada 150 garden (all 2250 red and white tulips!), to Canadian games, activities, and an aerial photo shoot on the SCI field. School Council is organizing a Canadian Bake Sale with proceeds to our Student Subsidy fund supporting student activity in all aspects of school life. Get those family cookbooks out, find your favourite Canadian inspired recipe and bring the baked goods (and the recipe!) that day. We plan to digitize all the recipes in an online SCI cookbook on our school website for all families to access.

Mr. Pearson is offering extra math help to all grades after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the rest of semester. If you would like to register your child for this **After Hours Math Support**, please contact the Office for the registration form. This is not a drop-in clinic, but a regular program to support student success.

April is also **Mid Term Reporting** time. Your child will be bringing home their midterm report cards on Thursday April 27, the day before our spring **PD Day on April 28**. Our teachers will be basing this assessment of your child's progress on tests and assignments completed to date, their observations of work habits and task completion and the all-important conversations with your child about their learning. Students have 13 more weeks to demonstrate the achievement of curriculum expectations and we are here supporting them in the achievement of their goals.

As always, if you have any concerns, please contact myself or Mrs. Hand in the Office at SCI.

Parent workshops to help understand Individual Education Plans

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Special Education Department are offering informational workshops for parents/guardians to enhance collaboration between parents and schools in the development of a student Individual Education Plan (IEP). These workshops are free to attend and open to all interested parents/guardians.

Workshops take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

- April 11: Lions Oval PS - 25 Brant Street West, Orillia
- April 12: Bear Creek SS - 100 Red Oak Drive, Barrie
- April 13: Mundy's Bay PS - 340 Sixth St., Midland
- April 18: Chris Hadfield PS - 211 West Park, Bradford
- April 19: Alliston Union PS - 211 Church St. North, Alliston
- April 20: Admiral Collingwood ES - 15 Dey Drive, Collingwood

Coming Events

Apr 1	Deadline for Grade 12's to submit Community Service Hours
Apr 5-15	Vimy 2017 Trip
Apr 14	Good Friday (school closed)
Apr 17	Easter Monday (school closed)
Apr 18-21	Grad Week
Apr 19	Term 2 Begins
Apr 24	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30pm)
Apr 27	Mid-Term Report Cards
Apr 28	PD Day (no classes)
May 5	Semi-Formal Dance
May 5	Full Disclosure
May 22	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 24	Grad Breakfast (time TBD)
May 29	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30pm)
TBD	School Council Elections
June 22-28	Sem 2 Final Evaluations
June 29	Commencement (7:00pm)

Immunization reminder for high school students—Clinic on May 10

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 high school are required to be vaccinated against:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough) - booster required between 14-16 years old.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella - must have two doses after the first birthday
- Meningococcal Disease - must have one dose after the first birthday & 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 health-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
- Share – Go to www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/HealthUnit/Contact/ChildImmunization.aspx to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962.

NOTE! SCI is hosting an Immunization Clinic on May 10 for students to get caught up on vaccinations. Information for affected students will be sent home soon.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Spark Award Winners For March

Congratulations to the following students who are being recognized this month for their positive contributions to our school community! You guys rock our socks!

Coleson Banks, JD Bell, Maverick Blackmere, Cameron Breen, Joslyn Clement, Clinton Cottle, Bayley Coutts, Ryland Dunstan, Kayla Dutka, Julie Faulkner, Hayley Floyd, Taylor Glenn, Brittany Groombridge, Nathan Gulley, Noah Hanley, Morgan Hawbolt, Kieran Hickey, Brittany Michalchuk, Kennedy Newell, Colton Roberts, Natasha Talbot, Tianna Taylor, Abby Underhill, Tessa Vermilyea, Danny Wilson

Moving to Find Balance: Free Parent Forum on April 25

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an educational forum for parents called *Moving to Find Balance: Resilient Children and Youth Connecting Physical Activity to Mental Health*. This event, free for all parents, will explore how you can incorporate more activity in your own life, how you can encourage children to get moving and how to access family-friendly local resources that are low or no cost. The event takes place on April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). The evening forum is free to attend, but you must register. For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/signature-events/>.

International Day of Pink

Our school will be promoting the International Day of Pink, which is April 12, during the week of April 10 to 14. Students will partner with our community elementary schools to support "Paint The Town Pink" which includes 28 local business this year. Members of our GSA will participate in a rally held at Byng PS at 10:00 am to show that as a community we continue these efforts to stand up to bullying at SCI, and to share a message of inclusion for our future Spartans.

This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action which started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia. Our school will be recognizing Day of Pink by wearing pink that day. We'll also be talking about the effects of bullying and what we can do to prevent it!

Congratulations to SCI's Skills Ontario Team and Mr. Burton!

A hearty congratulations to Mr. Burton and his team of students for their success at the Skills Ontario competition. Our Home & Team Building team will be competing at Regionals in April and our Heating Systems Technician team will be competing at provincials in May. GO SPARTANS!

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Check out our website and subscribe to stay up to date!!](#)

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

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

[SCDSB Media Fest: What Does Being A Great Canadian Look Like?](#)

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

[Summer School Registration Starts April 10](#)

[Mr. Pearson's Math Extravaganza](#)

[Simcoe County Health Unit Has Lots of Healthy Parenting Tips](#)

[Earth Play for Earth Day: Connect To Your Nature](#)

[Looking For A Summer Job?](#)

[School Bus Evacuation Training Takes Place April 3-7. Click here for more details.](#)

SCI IN THE NEWS

[Stayner Collegiate Institute Students Carrying Remembrance Book To Vimy](#)

[Teen Inventors Unveil Wiffle-Ball-Blasting Robot \(includes Clear-view's own Cybergnomes\)](#)