



SPARTANS SPEAK

December 1, 2016

Principal's Message

Best wishes from the SCI Family to Yours!

With the arrival of December the staff at Stayner Collegiate Institute extend our warmest greetings and wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all of our SCI families. We know that we are an important part of the lives of our students, inspiring and empowering them to fulfill their dreams. That is the greatest gift we can give to them and it gives us great joy to do so.

It is with bittersweet emotions that I share with you the upcoming retirement of Debbie Prairie, SCI's Vice Principal. She has been with SCI for the past 4 1/2 years and will be moving on to being a full time partner to her husband, Glen, mother and grandmother as of December 31, 2016. Deb has dedicated the past 28 years to the success of students within SCDSB and we cannot thank her enough for her service during that time.

Also, SCI's John Limoges has been promoted to Vice Principal at Bear Creek Secondary School starting there this past Monday. John has been an integral part of SCI for over 14 years and he will be missed.

The semester is now over 2/3 complete with less than 6 weeks of instruction before final evaluations in January. Students should be conferencing regularly with teachers to ensure that they are on track and parents are always welcome in those conversations. Please touch base with all your childrens' teachers if you have any concerns or need additional information about the learning in those subjects. Our Student Success team is working with all students to help them achieve their goals.

And please remember that our doors are always open here at SCI.

Janice Ellerby

Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Coming Events

Dec 3	Santa Claus Parade
Dec 24— Jan 8	Winter Holidays (school closed)
Jan 9	Return to school
Jan 11	University Applications due
Jan 16-19	Grad Photos
Jan 16-27	Grade 9 Math EQAO
Jan 19-25	Moratorium on School Activities
Jan 26— Feb 1	Final Evaluations for Sem 1
Jan 30	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30pm)
Feb 1	College Applications due
Feb 6	Semester 2 classes begin
Feb 17	Semester 1 Report Cards
Feb 20	Family Day (no classes)
TBD	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb 27	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30pm)
Mar 13-17	March Break (no classes)
Mar 30	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Advanced Placement: Students can earn a university credit while still in high school

Grade 11 and 12 students at 11 Simcoe County District School Board high schools have the option to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses are designed to cover the Ontario Curriculum, while providing accelerated and advanced level programming to prepare students to write American College Board examinations. Students can earn a university credit while still in high school, gain admission to university or both, depending on the university. For more information on AP courses available this school year, visit SCDSB's website at www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Pages/Advanced-Placement.aspx or contact your Guidance Department.

Register your child for French Immersion, find out more at information sessions in January

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions will be held 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 under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, 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 in the program. **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.

Provide input on proposed 2017-18 school year calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2017 to June 2018). Input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **The deadline to submit input is Jan. 13, 2017.**

Skinny Eggnog Fudge

Yields 64 (1 inch) squares

This smooth and creamy fudge tastes just like the drink! Store the squares in an airtight container for up to a week. (They'll stay good for longer, although they may stale a tiny bit.)

- 1 cup light eggnog
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tbs. butter
- 3 oz. white chocolate



1. Line an 8" square baking pan with foil and lightly coat with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a large pot, combine all ingredients. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until the butter and chocolate has melted. Bring to a boil and cook for another 10-15 minutes, stirring frequently, until a small amount becomes moldable when dropped in a glass of cold water. (It may take longer, depending on conditions)
3. Remove from the burner and allow the mixture to sit undisturbed for 6 minutes. After 6 minutes, stir vigorously until it becomes thick, creamy and lightens in colour.
4. Spread into the prepared pan and allow to cool to room temperature before slicing into 1 inch squares.

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[Article: "My Lowest Parenting Moment"](#)

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