



# SPARTANS SPEAK

May 1, 2017

## Principal's Message

Welcome to Celebration time at SCI! We have so much to celebrate and May is full of opportunities for parents/guardians to share in the excitement. This month starts off with Education Week in Ontario and the annual **Excellence in Education** awards at SCDSB on May 2. Congratulations to Jacob Underhill, Nicholas Gulley and Ally McLeod, this year's SCI Excellence in Education recipients who take their Spartan pride to the ceremony.

This Thursday, May 4, the Grade 11 PE class has organized a special event to bring teen mental health issues and resources to support students struggling with mental health to our students with a special assembly and workshops for all to participate in. Thank you to Mrs. Baldry's class for this fantastic initiative during **Mental Health Week**.

Next week, on May 10, SCI is hosting a regional **Immunization Clinic** in partnership with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. This clinic is for students born in 1999 and 2000 who are overdue for important immunizations. If you have received a questionnaire from SMDHU and still require immunization, please book this date on your calendar. Any questions, contact the Health Unit.

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.

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

Janice Ellerby

## Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery Fundraising Program

Stayner Collegiate will once again be participating in the Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery Fundraising Program! Any time you shop at Bradford Greenhouses from April to October, be sure to tell the cashier *before* they start ringing up your purchase that you support Stayner Collegiate Institute. Five percent of the value of all sales will come back to us as a gift card which we use to help fill our greenhouse with beautiful plants. Thank you for your support.



## Coming Events

May 1-5	Education Week & Mental Health Awareness Week
May 2	South Georgian Bay Career Expo for all Grade 11's
May 5	Semi-Formal Dance
May 5	Full Disclosure
May 18	Canada 150 Celebration
May 22	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 24	Grad Breakfast (7:45-8:15am)
May 29	School Council meeting (6:30-8:30pm)
TBD	School Council Elections
TBD	EQAO Grade 9 Math Testing
June 15-21	Moratorium on all School Activities
June 29	Commencement (7:00pm)
June 29-30	PD Days (no classes)
July 3	School Closed for Canada Day Holiday
July 5	Report Cards to be mailed home ( <i>please make sure that we have your correct mailing address</i> )
July 8 - Aug 27	School Closed for Summer Holidays
Sep 5	First Day of Classes for 2017-18 school year

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## Register now for summer school

A new selection of summer school credit courses is available this July through in-person classes and eLearning. New this year are full credit grade 9 and 10 courses at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie. The in-person courses at Bear Creek will run July 4 to 28 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Limited school bus transportation is provided from all areas of Simcoe County. Details can be found on the Learning Centres website:

[www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available through the student portal. eLearning registration is supported through high school Guidance Offices. Non-SCDSB students can register using the forms on the website.

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## Are you looking for work?

The Simcoe County District School Board's Career Centre is ready to help at no cost to you. The Career Centre has experienced, professional employment consultants available to help job searchers prepare for and find work. Visit the Career Centre for resources, including the use of computers, internet, printer, fax, information sessions, job board and online postings. No appointment necessary and the Centre is open Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the services available, visit [barriecareercentre.com](http://barriecareercentre.com) or call 705-725-8990. This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

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## Shine green for Mental Health Week, May 1 to 7

The Canadian Mental Health Association invites us to wear green during Mental Health Week. Be sure to share online with the hashtag #GETLOUD. Going green for mental health is a simple way for all of us to recognize that we must make mental health a priority. Visit [www.greenformentalhealth.ca](http://www.greenformentalhealth.ca) for more information.

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## Credit Recovery at SCI July 4 – 7

This year, SCI is offering a special four day, intensive Credit Recovery program for students who were not successful in earning Grade 9 or 10 credits in English, math, geography, science, history and civics/careers. Students who qualify for Credit Recovery will be invited to attend this program from 9 am – 12 noon daily for four days to complete their credits while subjects are fresh in their minds. Our Student Success team will be contacting students in the last few weeks of June to invite them to this special program. Student transportation is not provided, but this is an important program to attend so our students can move on to the next stage of their learning.

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## Immunization reminder

Stayner Collegiate is hosting an immunization catch up clinic on May 10 for students born in 1999 - 2000 who require an update. If you received a notice and need these immunizations, please ensure your student comes to this clinic.

By law, all students need to have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. A reminder – you must send your child's updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

Two-doses of a Chickenpox (Varicella) containing vaccine

If your child will not be getting these vaccines, you will need to give the health unit a valid exemption (medical or affidavit). If the health unit does not have an updated record, students could be temporarily suspended from school. Follow these steps to help us:

1. Check your child's yellow immunization card
  2. Contact your health care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations
- Share the complete record with us at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

Questions? Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.  
*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## 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](#)

[Parenting Teens: Off The Couch and Outdoors](#)

[How The Right Diet Can Improve Your Work Productivity](#)

[What Your Sense of Humour Says About Your Emotional Health](#)

[YMCA Summer Camp for Kids!](#)

[How Stress Affects Your Brain](#)

[Science Says Happier Are Raised By Parents Who Do This One Thing](#)

## SCI IN THE NEWS

[Simcoe County High Schools Head to Skills Competition](#)