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BARRIE COLTS TICKETS ON SALE

Game Night - Thursday, January 18th @ 7:30 pm

Come out to support our school!

Barrie Colts vs Saginaw Spirit

\$20 per ticket

Go to www.schoolcashionline.com to order. Only until January 14th.



Thank you to all Bengals and their families for their generous donations to the Christmas Cheer Campaign. This was one of our most successful years. We collected around 2,520 items! That is amazing! They almost had to come back for a second load but the leadership elves managed to fit it all in! It fills the heart to know we have helped many families this holiday season!!!



Inclement
Weather



On bus cancellation days we would like to remind our Ardagh families that schools are open for learning. It is a family decision whether or not to drive bus students to school on these days. Please consider safety risks and remember that if you choose to drop your child off at school they will need to be picked up at the end of the day by 3:40. If, as a family, you have decided to send your child to school on inclement weather days we would expect them to remain at the school for the day. Often we have students arrive, then text home and then are picked up shortly after our day begins. It is the expectation that students who walk to school would attend on these days.



French Immersion information night, Registration 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 was 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 Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 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. 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.



Kindergarten registration

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in **2014**? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning **Jan. 22, 2018**, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

Program for children with special needs

Learn and play the great game of soccer.

Please visit www.bradforsoccer.com/allabilities or email gm@bradfordsoccer.com



Information sessions about special education

Jan. 22 - Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessment

Feb. 19 - Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19 - Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16 - Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

Parents and Guardians come and learn more about special education.

6pm - 7pm at the SCDSB Education Centre 1170 Hwy 26, Midhurst



Welcome back after the winter break. We hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with loved ones over the holidays. If you are registering your child for school and think you may need before and after school care please give Sheena a call so we can add your information to the waitlist. Registrations for before and after school care will begin in late spring. If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail Sheena at 705-792-1560 or sbardai@seedchildcare.ca

Bus Cancellation Information in Case of Inclement Weather

Although fall has recently arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **CENTRAL** zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.

You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications, go to <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

Popcorn On sale Tuesday and Thursday first break. \$2.00/bag.



Movie Night Coming February 9th!!

More details to come!!

**Provide input on proposed 2018-19 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. 2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, 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. 31.

School's in for summer at the SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school!

Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

RVH Film Festival welcomes student submissions

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

Kindergarten to Grade 6
Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at: www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.

OHIP+ provides free prescription drug coverage for children

Beginning Jan. 1, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus



January

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Colts Game @ 7:30pm 	19	20
21	22 Kindergarten Registration Begins	23	24	25	26 PD DAY	27
28	29	30	31			