

FRIDAY, December 8th, 2023

Important School-Wide Upcoming Dates			
MON	Dec. 11	DAY 1	
TUES	Dec. 12	DAY 2	Mr. Sub Hot Lunch - pre-orders through on LunchBox
WED	Dec. 13	DAY 3	Zucca's Hot lunch - pre-orders through LunchBox
THURS	Dec. 14	DAY 4	Little Caesar's Pizza Hot Lunch - Pre-orders on LunchBox
FRI	Dec. 15	DAY 5	Commander Spirit Day - Hat and Scarf Day- Come wearing your favourite hat or scarf or a fun combination! Kernels Popcorn for Sale during 1st break - \$2 (Pre-orders available on LunchBox also)

Important Future Dates:

Dec. 19th - Character Assemblies

Dec. 22 - Comfy Day - Come dressed in your favourite comfy clothes, sweatshirts, track pants, PJs and cozy wear!

Dec. 23 - January 7th - Winter Break

Jan. 8th - First Day of school for 2024

LIVE! on School Cash Online

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com>

Item	Who does it apply to?	Deadline (11:59pm)
<i>no items to report</i>	<i>no items to report</i>	<i>no items to report</i>

School Website

Please have a look at our school website <https://scdsboncahad.ss14.sharpschool.com/> for more information about our school. Weekly updates are posted there to keep you updated.



Tree of Warmth

We will be collecting new gloves, hats, scarves for our tree of warmth. If you would like to donate any of these items please send them to school with your child and we will hang them on our tree of warmth in the front foyer. All sizes are welcome, for children and adults. We will be donating all items to surrounding shelters and families in need. Thank you in advance for your support and donations.



December 19th will be the cut-off for collecting non-perishable food items for the Helping Hand Food bank. If you are able to donate any Non-Perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Bank, please bring your donations to the office. We will be collecting the items around our Tree of Warmth. Thank you for your continued support! Every little bit helps!

Welcome  to
NINTH
GRADE 

We have many items in our Lost and Found pile. Please have a look at the photos to see if any of the items belong to your family. You are welcome to pick them up at any time. Classes will be checking the tables regularly. . Anything left unclaimed will be donated as of December 15th end of day. Please feel free to stop in and have a look before or after school hours.

Winter Break

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.

The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Friday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. To learn more, visit the SCDSB website: <https://www.scdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=210982&pageId=12587752>.

Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions is seeking compassionate and skilled professionals with specialized experience to apply to become foster care providers

The goal of this program is to meet the needs of youth through a therapeutically supported parenting approach within a structured environment, where they are supported and guided by a multi-disciplinary treatment team. The youth will remain, or become connected to, their family/kin/community whenever possible. Treatment services will be individualized based on the needs of the youth, and the knowledge of those who know the youth best in collaboration with community partners. This will allow youth to reside in a family-based setting and remain in their home community of Simcoe Muskoka, staying connected to important relationships and supports that may already be in place.



The homes approved under this strategy are designed to create clinically informed care plans that will support the youth directly, in addition to the continued support of their care providers. Youth will be supported by a multi-disciplinary team and will be available to implement and design parenting and support to address the needs of the youth. Compensation packages will be offered to experienced foster care providers, as well as clinical support to both care providers and youth. If you or someone you know is looking for more information or would like to apply, contact Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions by email at bruna.figliuzzi@familyconnexions.ca or call 705-716.4664.

Information provided by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions

New Safe Arrival System for SCDSB Schools

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has a new Safe Arrival system at elementary schools. This system will support us in continuing to improve our home-to-school communication process and streamline absence reporting. **To report a student absence, call 1-888-885-8065.** Callers will be prompted to identify the school before leaving a message.



Commander Community Connection

Parents should include the student's name, teachers' name, dates, and reason for the absence. When schools do not hear from a parent/guardian, and a student is absent, the school will call home to find out the reason for the absence. If you have questions about the new system, please contact the school office.

Commander Spirit Wear

We have a new way for our Commander families to purchase school spirit wear. You can order a large variety of clothes, hats, bags and house colour t-shirts with our school logo at <https://chrishadfieldps.entripyshops.com/>. As an added bonus families can receive an exclusive offer! Simply use, **INTRO10** discount code at checkout and you will get 10% off your order. We can't wait to see everyone show their school spirit in their own unique way!

Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families.



These webinars are specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

Jan. 11, 2024	Sleep hygiene
Feb. 8, 2024	Self regulation for kids
Feb. 22, 2024	Self regulation for teens
March 28, 2024	Building parents' resiliency
April 18, 2024	Vaping, weed, and alcohol

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at www.pineriverinstitute.com.