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School Schedule for 2022-2023

Soft Entry - 8:55am - 9:10am

Instructional Time: 9:10am - 10:50am

1st Break- 10:50am - 11:30am

Instructional Time: 11:30am - 1:10pm

2nd Break - 1:10pm - 1:50pm

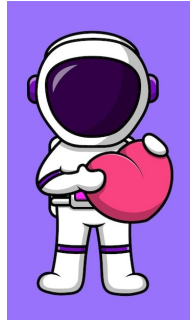
Instructional time - 1:50pm - 3:30pm

Note: FDK classes begin end of day dismissal at 3:15pm

****Please ensure your children are aware of the time that school begins so that they will be on time. There will be no pick up of students after 3:15pm as staff are busy getting students ready for dismissal. If your child will be leaving school early, please send an email to the school or send a hand written note to your child's teacher informing us of the scheduled pick up time.**

Thank you in advance!

The Office of Chris Hadfield PS



Happy February Commander Families!

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. Throughout our history, Black Canadians have played a key role in building and shaping the diverse, compassionate and prosperous country that we are proud to call home. For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>. Our students and staff will be engaging in meaningful conversations and learning opportunities. Our intermediates are looking forward to a leadership presentation by one of our community members who demonstrates Black Excellence, Cheraldean Duhaney. Some of the other activities within our school include: Anti-Racism Alliance group, the creation of a Black History Periodic Table which includes Canadian Black Historical Figures, Black Women in Math and more!

Our Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser is well underway! Please have a look at the flyer that was sent home. You can order online and the pizza kits are a fun activity for the family to do together! This fundraiser is helping to support field trips and our Grade 8 graduation.

Report card time is fast approaching. Teachers have been working hard to complete reports and preparing for them to be sent home on February 17th. As parents, you should have a sense of your child's progress. Remember that if you have any concerns at any time throughout the school year, do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

Our intermediate boys basketball team is up and running and have already had great success on the court, winning their first tournament in Barrie. The intermediate girls are gearing up for a great season of volleyball and our junior basketball teams will be up and running in March!

This month we are looking forward to National Random Acts of Kindness Day on Feb. 17th and on Feb. 22nd we will be acknowledging Pink Shirt Day.

Stay warm, Spring is just around the corner!





Signing IN/OUT -

End of Day Process

Any students arriving after 9:10am **MUST** sign in at the office. If you are picking up your child(ren) early please send a note to your child's teacher in advance.

There will be no early pick-ups after 3:15 - 3:30pm as our staff are busy preparing the students for end of day dismissal. We understand that there may be times when an early dismissal is needed, please send in a note to your child's teacher or send an email before the school day begins informing us of the end of day changes. All students signing out early must be signed OUT at the office and then meet their parent/guardian or approved pick up person outside the front doors. We are attempting to limit the interruptions during classroom instruction time. We cannot ensure that calls made at the last minute to the office at the end of the day will result in the proper directions reaching the student and the student accurately following these changes. If you need to change any emergency contact information and/or those that are authorized to pick up your children, you must submit this in writing.



Keep Connected with our School and with the SCDSB

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://had.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.

Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.

Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).

*Our social media platforms are:
CHPS website: had.scdsb.on.ca*

PARKING LOT



Thank you to all parents who have been parking on the street and walking to pick up their students at the end of the day. We understand this is not the most convenient situation for you, but it is the safest option for our students and community members who are pedestrians and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

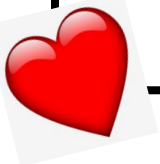
Please make sure you are abiding by the traffic rules and only parking in designated areas as the Bylaw enforcement officers are present and will be enforcing parking expectations. This includes parking within the posted signs and not in front of the school driveways or our neighbours' driveways. **Our parking lot will continue to be closed between 3:15 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. Please do not enter the parking lot from either entrance after 3:15 p.m.** During this 25 minute time period, cars will be unable to enter or leave the parking lot. This is to reduce traffic and to help ensure the safety of all our students being dismissed at the end of the school day. **Please do not pull into or park in the lot if you need to leave before 3:40 pm.** If you are parking in our lot at the end of the day, feel free to use any open parking spaces and please make sure your engines are turned off and not idling. This is important for the health and well-being of the families who are waiting for our students.

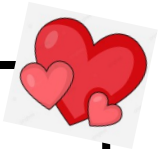
If the lot is closed, please find a spot on the street, rather than moving or driving over the pylons. There may be times or reasons when the parking lot is closed early. We appreciate your understanding during these times. During morning drop off, **8:55 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.**, we are still seeing a number of vehicles stopping, parking and unloading children in the driving lane. **This is not safe!** If you need to get out of your car and watch your child walk into the building, please park in a parking spot and walk your children to the gate, rather than stopping the flow of the kiss and ride. If drivers **wait patiently** and unload along the curb, students will be more safe and the flow of the kiss and ride will move along as it should. Please do not park along the drop off zone. When possible, move as far up along the sidewalk as space allows. Have your students exit the vehicle from the **LEFT** hand side, closest to the gate entrance. These routines will become more important as the weather changes and there are snow piles causing visibility challenges.

Student safety is our number one priority at Chris Hadfield Public School and we appreciate your assistance as we work through these new routines. We need to work together to ensure the safety of all our children.

Notice to Students and Parents/Guardians of Students Regarding Out-of-Area-Requests

Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000 – School Attendance Areas), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student's behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.





SCDSB Character Education Program

Our SCDSB Character Education program was developed over 20 years ago. As a school board, we are moving forward to update the SCDSB Character Education program, along with the attributes. The intended implementation date for our new Character Education program will be September 2023. To make this successful, it is imperative that everyone has an opportunity to have a voice. Currently, we are eliciting student voice from our elementary and secondary students and understanding the important partnership with parents/guardians; we are asking if you could take a moment to fill out the below survey.

The survey opens on Feb. 6 and will remain open until Feb. 10: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2BF38X>.



Math Games at Home

Playing math games at home is a great way to reinforce math concepts that students learn at school. The YouTube channel MMathMania has a large number of videos of math games that can be played using paper, dice, and/or playing cards.



Healthy Schools Certification

Our school is working towards another Healthy Schools Certification for the 2022/2023 school year. As a school, we are doing activities and initiatives to learn more about Mental Health, Physical Activity and Healthy Eating. We have formed a team of staff and students who are working on activities to support each of these priorities. Here are a few initiatives at our school as part of the Health Schools Certification.

- The Healthy PALS program has started: student leaders from Grades 6, 7 and 8 plan optional games and activities to do outside during some recesses for Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, and 3 students. The goal of PALS is to include everyone in a safe and fun physical activity at recess.
- January Jiggle - on our announcements each morning for 13 days in January, classes were given a quick physical activity to do together - ex. Do 25 jumping jacks. Students and staff had fun and increased their heart rate each morning.

Coming up:

- Mindful Mondays - every Monday starting in February, we will listen to a guided meditation as a school, to learn some strategies to improve our mental health.

Home/school connections:

- Interested in trying guided meditation as a family? You can try this one: [Be the pond - Cosmic Kids](#)

Looking for some new ideas for school lunches? Or some new recipes to make at home? This site has some allergy friendly school lunch ideas: [Food Allergy Canada](#) and [Cookspiration](#) has a variety of recipes from the Dietitians of Canada.



Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration for September 2023 is Open!

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning, and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2023? If so, we invite you to register your child for Kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit: www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Black History Month



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of staff, students, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month.



Early Learning and Child Development

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer programs that help prepare children and parents for Kindergarten. Programming will be offered in the spring of 2023. For more information and to find your local EarlyON provider, visit: <https://linktr.ee/earlyonsimcoe>.



Join us! A Series for Parents/Guardians with Pine River Institute



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, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians and other caregivers during this school year. The remaining sessions include:

Feb. 9, 2023
March 2, 2023
April 27, 2023

Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
The Biology of Stress

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





Interested in Learning More About the Ways That the SCDSB Supports Students with Special Education Needs and Their Families?

Join Us For a Virtual Special Education Outreach Series

In 2023, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

Supporting students with autism spectrum disorder

Feb. 14 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation

April 20 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma

May 9 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions.



Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellation Information Reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **SOUTH ZONE**. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather, to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub) and continue with academic programming. *It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.*

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. 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 follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.*



SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and Resources for Parents/Guardians

In 2021-22, the Ministry of Education directed Ontario school boards to develop an anti-sex trafficking protocol that was tailored to the needs of their community. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a protocol and relevant training and resources for staff, students and parents/guardians. The focus of the SCDSB's protocol and resources is to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation.

More information, including a link to the SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and associated resources, is available on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools/anti-sex_trafficking_protocol.



The Ministry of Education has directed all Ontario school boards to begin implementing the recommendations outlined in the Right to Read Inquiry. As a result, primary educators are shifting from using leveled texts for reading instruction as they encourage reliance on guessing strategies to solve unknown words. Instead, educators are beginning to use a scope and sequence to systematically teach phonemic awareness (awareness of the sounds in words) and phonics (understanding of the letters that represent sounds). Students may apply the phonics

skills they have learned by reading 'decodable' or 'phonetically controlled' texts.

As a result, educators are moving away from using PM Benchmarks and moving towards assessments that measure foundational reading skills. For example, in Grade 1, educators will be observing a child's ability to identify the sounds they hear in a word, identify the letter(s) that represent the sound, and their ability to blend the sounds together to decode (read) the word and encode (write) the word. In later primary, educators will be observing a child's understanding of more complex letter/sound relationships such as prefixes and suffixes.

Educators will also consider a child's achievement in reading fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension when assigning a report card grade for reading.

To support your child at home, the following documents provide activities that may help foster these foundational skills:

Phonological Awareness Activities for Families

<https://bit.ly/3WVsexb>

Supporting Reading Development at Home <https://bit.ly/3X3wB9w>



Exercising Together Can Make Your Family Stronger and Healthier

Families that exercise together get stronger in more ways than one. Getting your daily dose of exercise not only helps to prevent health risks, it builds strong muscles and bones, develops positive body image, supports mental health, and strengthens the family bond. With so many great reasons to get moving, why aren't Canadians doing it more often? One of the most common barriers reported is time. This is also one of the biggest roadblocks to spending quality time together as a family. With Family Day just around the corner, why not plan a weekend of activities that gets the whole family out and moving! Here are some tips to help make family fitness fun for everyone.

Put family first

Make the focus of family fitness about family time. Use this time to connect with one another, share stories, discuss interests, check in on the day, or just make each other laugh. Quality family time is important, no matter your age!

Take classes together

Ask your local health and fitness centre about classes offered to parents and kids, or family-oriented drop in programs. Centres like the YMCA often have open family swim times for family members of all ages to enjoy. If your little one is too young to swim in the pool, look for child-minding or parent and tot programs.

Plan outdoor activities

Set aside one day every weekend to do something active as a family such as sledding, skating, or hiking. Making physical activity part of your routine will set your family up for healthy habits now and in the future. Don't forget to splurge on some healthy snacks after a good workout!

Surround your family with active people

Healthy habits can be contagious! Surround your family with active people who enjoy healthy lifestyles and you'll be more likely to make those same choices. Group classes or drop-in programs are a great way to meet new people that share your passion for fitness.

Spend quality time together this Family Day weekend


The YMCA is a great place to have fun with the whole family while building healthy habits of physical fitness and well-being. With activities like open family gym and open family swim, family members of all ages can be healthy and active together. To find your local YMCA and view Family Day weekend activities, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/schedules.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka





Chris Hadfield PS - February 2023

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6. Mindful Monday	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
12.	13. *Mindful Monday *Purple Day *School Council Meeting 6pm	14. Valentine's Day 	15.	16.	17. Report Cards go home	18.
19.	20. Family Day - No School	21.	22. *Pink Shirt Day *Honesty & Inclusiveness Assemblies	23. *Character Assemblies *Grade 3 VanGo Workshops	24.	25.
26.	27. Mindful Monday	28. Chess Tournament at Fieldcrest				

Character Trait for February is:

Inclusiveness - We include everyone in what we do and value their contributions .

More information about character education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education

****Please note that Monday, February 20 is Family Day, there is no school for all staff and students.**

Please refer to the 2022-23 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar

How many hearts did you find in our newsletter?

