



Chris Hadfield PS

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Administrative & Office Staff

Principal - Heather Rocca

Vice-Principal - Francesca Telesco

Sr. Admin. Support - Allison Varley

Office Assistant - Janet Trimis



School Times

Morning Arrival - 8:55 - 9:10 AM

Instructional Block - 9:10 - 10:50 AM

Nutrition Break - 10:50 - 11:30 AM

Instructional Block - 11:30 - 1:10 PM

Nutrition Break - 1:10 - 1:50 PM

Instructional Block - 1:50 - 3:30 PM

Dismissal - FDK begins - 3:15pm

Dismissal - Gr. 1-8 - 3:30 PM



In Person Grade 1 French Immersion Information Session:

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 English and French. Information sessions for families who are considering entry into Grade 1 FI for the 2023-24 school year will take place at (school name, date, time, location in building), and online applications will open and be accepted in December 2022.

Entry into the FI program will be determined through a digitally randomized lottery system. [A link to access the Grade 1 FI online application form will be available on the SCDSB website starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16.](#)

For more information regarding French Immersion, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, then select 'elementary', and 'French as a Second Language'.

Upcoming dates in October

October 4 - Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm

October 5, 6 & 7 - Scholastic Book Fair

October 6, 2022 - Picture Day for all students

Commander Connection Night 5-7pm
(Scholastic Book Fair available)

October 7 - Last day for the Scholastic Book Fair
(students may purchase during school hours only)

October 10 - Thanksgiving - No School

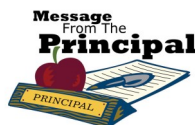
October 9 - 15 - Fire Prevention Week

October 17 - Grade 4 Outdoor experience at CHPS

October 17-21 - School Bus safety week SCTSC

October 24 - PA day - **NO SCHOOL for students**

October 26 - CHPS Character Assembly - Caring & Cooperation



Welcome back to another great year at Chris Hadfield PS! It is an honour to be the new Principal of this amazing school and community. I am so fortunate to work alongside a strong staff and families who are engaged in their children's learning. Our students' safety, mental health and well-being are at the core of every

decision made. Our students are ready to learn and contribute to our school community. They respect the caring adults who are here to help them achieve their goals.

We have many new staff and students joining the Commander family and are looking forward to coming together on **Oct. 6th** to connect and get to know each other at our **Commander Connection Night**. There will be food trucks, a book fair, Big League Gear Apparel and an opportunity to meet the Commander educator team.

Our Terry Fox campaign was a great success! Together we raised over \$2500 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported this important fundraiser.

As a school we communicate with our community via Twitter (please follow us @ChrisHadfieldSc), our school website: <http://had.scdsb.on.ca/>, monthly newsletters, School Messenger emails and sometimes through paper notes. Teachers have their chosen methods of communication such as email, phone calls, agendas, REMIND and SeeSaw applications. Please check in with your child/ren's teacher(s) and let them know the best way to reach you.

It is important for home and school to work together to ensure the success of all of our students. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through email or by calling the school office. We would ask that you first connect with the educator to discuss & resolve class concerns. Please reach out to the educators to introduce yourself and open those lines of communication as soon as possible.

We ask that our school community always remember to demonstrate kindness and caring, and for our students to come to school ready to work hard and continue to do their best. We are all working together to support our students and help them achieve success.

This newsletter is full of important information. Please take the time to read it in its entirety as it has the answers to many frequently asked questions.

Together, we can achieve great success!

Heather Rocca
Principal



Signing IN/OUT -

End of Day Process at the Office

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

We prefer that student's not be picked up between 3:00 and 3:30 as the staff is busy ensuring students are dismissed safely. All student's 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. If you need to change any emergency contact information and/or those that are authorized to pickup your children, you must submit this in writing to the office by emailing the school at chrishadfield@scdsb.on.ca or by writing an agenda letter or written note to the homeroom teacher.

End of day at the school is an extremely busy time. Please try to make changes to end of day plans with your children before they leave home for the school day. 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.

STUDENT
DROP-OFF
AND
PICK-UP

Parking Lot



Our parking lot is very busy especially at arrival and dismissal time. For everyone's safety we encourage parents to walk their children to school and from school on a daily basis as this will relieve traffic congestion.

The parking lot will be closed between 8:30 to 9:25 AM and between 3:10 to 3:45 PM. There is no parking other than in the designated parking areas.

****If the parking spaces are all taken, the lot is closed, Please DO NOT park in front of vehicles already parked or in laneways. ****

**PARKING
LOT**

Only school vehicles (school buses and vans) or emergency vehicles (ambulances/police cars) are allowed in the school bus loading zone that is located directly in front of the school. A friendly reminder, there is No Car Idling in the kiss and ride loop.

Please turn off your vehicles when waiting for your children. Thank you



Council Corner!

All are welcome to join our Student Council Meeting at CHPS on October 4th at 6:00pm. For all that have handed in School Council Nomination forms, we thank you! Council meeting once a month to discuss various topics that involve our school. Thank you in advance to everyone for your support and dedication. We appreciate you!

♦ October PA Day

Please note that Monday, October 24 is a PA Day for Elementary SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar for more information.



♦ Holy days and Holidays Calendar

View our Holy Days and Holidays Calendar page to view the calendar and descriptions of all the significant dates that the SCDSB recognizes.

For further information, please visit our Holy Days and Holidays Calendar page or contact our Itinerant Resource Teacher - Equity and Inclusion, at 705-734-6363

Heritage Recognition

The Simcoe County District School Board recognizes a variety of heritage days/months. These days/months are either celebrated in the province of Ontario or nationally across Canada.

For more information and to access the School Calendar and Holy Days and Holiday Calendar follow the web address below:
https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar

Student Dress Code

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. The SCDSB dress code is also available in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress_code.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**Fire Prevention Week
is Oct. 9 to 15**

This year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website



COVID-19 SELF- ASSESSMENT

Self-Assessment

All students and staff are encouraged to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings and follow the direction of the screening tool. The COVID-19 self-assessment screening website is listed below. Simply, copy and paste it into your browser.

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at our school and at the SCDSB. Here are some ways to do that: · Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at www.scdsb.on.ca.



- Follow the SCDSB on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) (@SCDSB_Schools), [Facebook](https://facebook.com/SCDSB) (facebook.com/SCDSB), [Instagram](https://instagram.com/scdsb) (instagram.com/scdsb), our CHPS website (had.scdsb.on.ca/) and our [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ChrisHadfieldSc) account (@ChrisHadfieldSc) to keep updated with the most recent events and school information
- **For school bus transportation information:** visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at Main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.
- Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

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, 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.



Oct. 20, 2022 Screen Time 2.0
Dec. 8, 2022 How to Manage Another's Anxiety
Feb. 9, 2023 Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
March 2, 2023 Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
April 27, 2023 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.



Get on the move

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to get on the move and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: bit.ly/3OC4CJ9



Procedures help keep our school safe. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

Safety First!

1. talking to them about the situations below
2. reminding them that emergencies are rare
3. telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents/guardians should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

- **“Shelter in place”** is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off temporarily.
- **“Hold and Secure”** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.
- A **“Lockdown”** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents/guardians do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (www.scdsb.on.ca), through local police and local media.
- All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents/guardians will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.
- When parents/guardians are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire, and/or emergency personnel. Parents/guardians may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent/guardian care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.

Please note the following:

- Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the intercom system and wait for assistance. Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, so please be patient.
- Staff must complete a criminal record check before having contact with students.
- We ask parents/guardians to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our safe arrival program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in first aid and CPR. All SCDSB schools have automated external defibrillators (AEDs).



Welcoming volunteers back to school for 2022-23 Volunteers are an important part of what makes our schools great places to learn and grow. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is pleased to welcome back volunteers in our schools for the 2022-23 school year. Volunteers can fill various roles at our schools including school council members, hot lunch organizers, field trip supervisors, and classroom helpers. The requirements for all volunteers prior to starting/returning to your school of choice in September are as follows:

Volunteers must:

1. Agree to submit a copy of a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) executed within the last six months and register and complete all required steps through the SCDSB Community Apps link (see image below) prior to beginning volunteer duties. Complete an annual offence declaration through the SCDSB Community Apps – Volunteers page for up to four years to continue volunteering.
2. Submit a new VSC at the beginning of the fifth year.
3. Be responsible for the cost of the VSC.
4. Be responsible to the principal and work under the supervision of teaching staff.
5. Work co-operatively as part of a team to support and supplement school programs.
6. Respect the confidentiality of the relationship to the school, ensuring that staff issues and student work and behaviour issues are held in confidence.
7. Adhere to established SCDSB and school procedures. Communicate regularly with staff.
8. Complete the COVID-19 screening tool prior to each school visit.
9. Be prompt, dependable and regular in attendance, and give advance notice to teachers when unable to attend.

A graphic featuring a teal circle with the text "Become A Volunteer" in a white, serif font. The circle is set against a light gray background.

Become A
Volunteer

We thank you in advance for all that you do for our school, our students and our community!

Colouring fun!

