

## Coming Events

## Principal's Message

Oct 18	Gr 7/8 Meet The Teacher Night at 5:00pm
Oct 20	PA Day - all grades
Oct 24	School Council Meeting 6:30pm - all are welcome
Oct 27	SCI's Halloween Haunt 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Nov 1	Photo Retakes
Nov 2	College Information Fair
Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 6	Gr 7 Vaccine Clinic
Nov 8	Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
Nov 9	Gr 7/8 Report Cards
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 14	Gr 9-12 Term 2 begins
Nov 16	University Info Fair
Nov 16-17	Gr 7/8 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Nov 17	PA Day - all grades
Nov 23	Gr 9-12 Report Cards
Nov 24	Gr 9-12 Snow Ball
Nov 29	Gr 9-12 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Dec 2	Stayner & Creemore Santa Claus Parades
Dec 23 - Jan 7	Winter Break
Mar 9-17	Spring Break

It's amazing how fast time goes by once the school year gets going. Already, we are well into fall and SCI is hoping with great things for all.

Our grade 7 and 8's have been to Fort Willow and are looking forward to a flag football tournament next week.

Our secondary students have been hard at work in the greenhouse, harvesting from the gardens and exploring around the school. Many students have signed up for the new High Skills Major programme – Arts and Culture.

We have boys' volleyball and girls' basketball competing with other schools and our golf team enjoyed the brilliant weather this fall as well.

Many clubs and activities are happening – there is something for everyone to be involved in.

We would like to celebrate the generosity that was shown with our Terry Fox Run – in a very short time, students reached the goal they set and raised over \$1000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

While I have only been here since the start of the school year, it is clear that this is a fantastic place to be. I can't wait to see what the staff and students show me next! Thank you to everyone in the community for the very warm welcome – I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming events.

Anne Tervit, Principal



**The NEW Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major certification program is starting up this year at SCI. Grade 11 & 12 Arts students are invited to participate in this amazing opportunity to receive certifications, workshops and reach ahead opportunities in the Arts and Culture Sector. For more information, please speak with Mrs. Kerr.**

## This month's College and University Visits

Every year Ontario colleges and universities come to meet with grade 12 students and answer any questions they may have about different schools. The following are the visits scheduled for the next month:

Ontario Tech College - Oct 18 at 12:00pm  
Laurentian University - Oct 23 at 12:00pm  
Georgian College - Oct 31 at 12:00pm  
University of Windsor - Nov 8 at 1:00pm



## School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca) or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays. The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at [www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca) and clicking the dropdown for the area

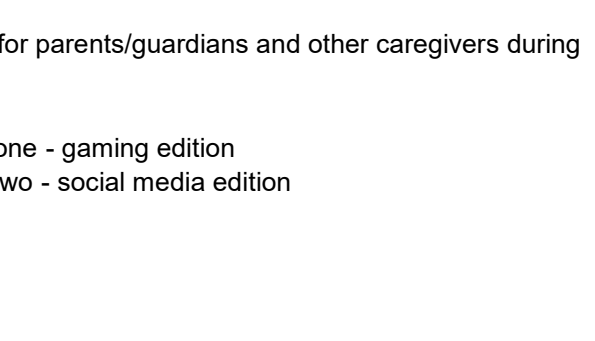


## What's Happening at SCI

## School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at [main.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca) for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 19, 2023 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: [meet.soraapp.com](http://meet.soraapp.com).



## 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 eight webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents/guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

Oct. 26, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part one - gaming edition
Nov. 9, 2023	Understanding and managing screen time, part two - social media edition
Nov. 30, 2023	Helping parents align
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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

## October PA Day

Please note that Friday, Oct. 20 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar).

Below is a summary of the activities planned for the Oct. 20 PA Day:

**Length:** Full day  
**Topic:** Health and Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Mathematics  
**Host:** Simcoe County District School Board  
**Presenter(s)/facilitator(s):** School board staff and school administrators and school leads

Educators will participate in a half-day Health and Safety digital learning session focused on health and safety incident reporting and investigations with a particular emphasis on the essential aspect of workplace violence prevention. The session will equip staff with the knowledge and tools to report incidents effectively and promptly, provide insights into the investigative and risk mitigation process, fostering transparency and accountability, and highlight the critical role staff play in preventing workplace injuries.

Educators will learn about Somali, Latino, South Asian, and African Black Indigenous heritage. They will collaboratively plan within grades and divisions. Through this, they will celebrate identities and create environments that foster well-being and sense of belonging.

Educators will choose learning related to the Knowledgehook digital math tool based on their readiness. Different learning pathways have been planned for new users, those with some experience, and those who are ready to extend their use of the math tool. All participants will learn about how to invite parents/guardians to view their child's progress. Additionally, educators will engage in High Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics learning modules that align with their school's Achievement in Mathematics goal.

## 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.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca). Our school is in the West 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 [Brightspace by D2L]) 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>.

## 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](http://bit.ly/3OC4CJ9)

## Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8 to 14

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. 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](http://fpw.org).

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website

## Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents/guardians understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed via the following link: [Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting](http://Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting).

## 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

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.

The first session, *IEPs and school-based assessments – information for parents/caregivers*, will be held on Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This virtual presentation will include an opportunity for participants to share some of their questions regarding IEPs and special education programming.

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 upcoming sessions and how to register on the SCDSB website: [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education/special\\_education\\_outreach\\_sessions](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions).

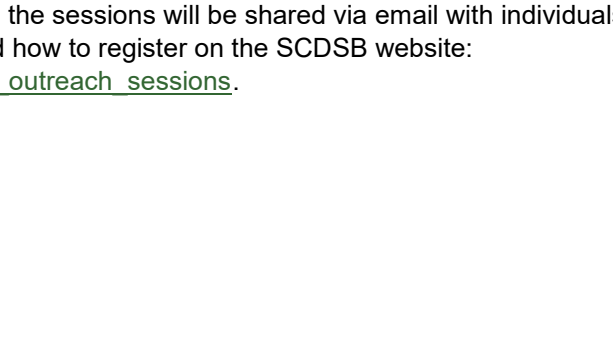
## Supporting your child with math

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at [www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8](http://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8), where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.

TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet, or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

## Revised 2023 Ontario Language Curriculum

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