



NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CHARACTER TRAIT: **Inclusiveness** – We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 3: Winterama Parade – 10am
- February 6: Character Assembly – 9:30 a.m.
- February 7: Operations Appreciation Day
- February 8: Speeches
- February 14: Dance-a-thon
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 14: Red + Pink Spirit Day
- February 15: Flag Day
- February 16: Reports go home
- February 19: Family Day
- February 20: Art Night
- February 27: Jersey Spirit Day
- February 28: Pink Shirt Day

those children who walk to school are asked to report their child's absence to the school if they will not be in attendance. An effort will be made to call families of walking students who are not present but on some days, given the number of absent students, this may not be possible.

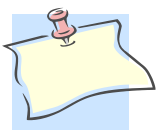


SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Parents are responsible for deciding if it is safe for their children to leave for school during severe weather conditions.

School bus operators determine during pre-dawn hours if it is unsafe for buses to travel during inclement weather. As well, school superintendents and principals together determine whether school closures are necessary, depending on local weather conditions for each area of Simcoe County. ***New Lowell is in the West District.*** (School closure decisions are based on severe weather conditions and NOT on school bus cancellation decisions.) In addition, please note the following procedures relating to severe weather:

- Cancellation of buses and school closures will be announced on local radio stations and the home page of Board web site www.scdsb.on.ca, as well as other media broadcasts. Please be aware of your child's bus number and bus company name.
- During very cold temperatures, please take extra measures to ensure children are dressed appropriately and please do not send children to the bus stop too early (to avoid having them standing in cold weather for lengthy periods).
- Tune in early to radio and other media broadcasts and avoid having to phone the school.



PLEASE NOTE:

- * Staff supervision is not available for students until 8:55 a.m.
- * Ensure that all children are sent with clothing suited for the colder temperatures.
- * Listen to the radio (ROCK 95, PEAK 95.1, CHAY 93.1 or KICX 105.9) or check the Board website (www.scdsb.on.ca) for bus cancellations.



SAFE ARRIVAL

The Safe Arrival Program is in place in elementary schools to ensure that children arrive safely at school each day. Please be advised that on days when buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, calls will **not** be made to families whose children ride school transportation. Families of



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIP FROM THE SIMCOE COUNTY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM (SCSTC)

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website:

<http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

It is very important that all of our students are safe while riding the school bus. It is imperative that bus students follow certain guidelines. The driver is in complete charge of the bus and the students must respect and abide by his/her instructions. Every student is responsible to his/her behavior. Failure to comply with the bus rules may result in suspension of bus riding privileges.

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to www.smdhu.org/immsonline to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-271-7520 *toll free).

GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE AT NOTTAWASAGA PINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

Grade 8 students attending Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School are invited to an Open House on February 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

YEAR BOOKS

Yearbook order forms went home last week. The cost is just \$20.00 for 52 full colour pages. The yearbook will include school photos, grade 8 and Kindergarten graduation, lots of candid, many spirit days, special events, team and club pictures. This yearbook is sure to be filled with many memorable moments. Yearbooks will be delivered September 2018! Order forms are due Tuesday, March 27th. You can pay cash, cheque (written to NLCPs) or online at <http://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com/>. Get your orders in before it's too late! Any questions please contact Mrs. Haufe at thaufe@scdsb.on.ca or 705-424-0991.

OPERATIONS APPRECIATION DAY A CHANCE TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

Feb. 7th is Operations Appreciation Day in the Simcoe County District School Board. We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean. We'd like to say thanks to **Mrs. McQuay and Mr. Milligan.**



Kindergarten Registration: Welcome to a Wonderful Journey of Learning!

**Is your child turning four this year?
It's time to register for Kindergarten.**

Our school is now registering 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.

2ND FAMILY ART NIGHT

Our second family art night is being held Tuesday, February 20th from 6-7:30 p.m. There was so much interest we added a second evening on Tuesday, February 27th from 6-7:30 p.m. Families will be creating a wonderful collaborative heart creation to hang on the wall. You must be registered to attend as we have limited space and materials. If you were not able to make this event, we will be holding one more family art night in May. Information will go home in the April newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Haufe at thaufe@scdsb.on.ca

MAGIC OF CHILDREN IN THE ARTS

Our school will be participating in the magic of Children in the Arts again this year. If your child has a keen interest in visual arts and want to work on greater skill development in the visual arts, then this is the program for them. The workshops will be facilitated by a guest artist affiliated with the Magic of Children in the Arts. Student work will be displayed at the Magic of Children in the Arts show at the Collingwood Public Library in March and April. The workshops are being subsidized by the school. Workshops are 2 sessions, are open for children in Grade 1 – 8 (if your child is in Kindergarten and has a keen interest in art, please contact Mrs. Haufe) and will be held at the school: Tuesday, February 6 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. and Tuesday, February 13th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Your child must be able to attend both sessions. There are limited spaces. Permission forms will be available the week of January 29th. Further information about the "Magic of Children in the Arts Exhibition" can be found at: www.magicofchildren.ca. Any questions please contact Mrs. Haufe at thaufe@scdsb.on.ca

PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

February 26

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers mean less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning. (info provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit)

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