



NEW LOWELL CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CHARACTER TRAIT: Honesty – We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6:	1 st School Day for 2020
January 13:	School Council – 6:30 p.m.
January 15:	Character Recognition Assembly-9:45 a.m.
January 24:	PA Day

Families,

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas Cheer food, toy and clothing drive. Many people throughout our community will benefit from your generosity and kindness.

Students are in the office during nutrition breaks and part of our safe schools' protocol means an adult must open the door to let someone into the building. If you need to come to the school during nutrition breaks; we appreciate your patience while the office helpers ask an adult in the building for assistance.

New Lowell is going GREEN; we are working toward a Gold status as an Eco Friendly School. Your on-going support is greatly appreciated. Our Green Team asks that when possible, please provide re-usable containers in lunches, re-usable water bottles as water first for thirst is encouraged and it is the healthiest choice both for our bodies and our planet. We have purchased an outdoor garden made by students at Collingwood Collegiate Institute. This will become a part of our outdoor learning program. We are excited for this opportunity to watch our food grow and then eat it!

I am looking forward to all of the fantastic things that will be happening at New Lowell in 2020. Happy New Year to our amazing New Lowell Community, a year that is filled with kindness, wellness and happiness!

Take care,
Ms. Cook

BUSING ALERT!

Just a reminder that **EVERYONE** entering the parking lot at New Lowell Central Public School:

- Give **RIGHT OF WAY** to school buses in the parking lot
- **Do not** attempt to drive around the school buses
- **Do not** walk your child(ren) around or between the buses
- **Allow** buses to depart from our school parking lot before you attempt to enter to pick-up or leave with your child(ren)
- **There is no parking on the south side of County Road 9!**
- **Our parking lot is one way. Please drive in at the entrance and drive out at the exit!**

These measures will help ensure the safety of our students!

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

PARKING ALERT

Clearview Fire Department has informed us that there is no parking in front and around the Fire Hall at any time. The fire trucks need space to exit and enter the fire hall. This will be a tow away zone or a ticket zone. Please be aware of this parking situation when parking (for drop off) in the morning, afternoon (for pick-up), or for any function happening at the school.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ★ That staff supervision is not available for students until 9:15 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 104.1) or check the Board website (www.scdsb.on.ca) for bus cancellations.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

We always welcome visitors at the school, but **please observe our policy of signing in at the front office and obtaining a visitor's pass.** If a staff member or student is needed, we will call them to come to the office.



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.

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 **WEST** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The SCSTC 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](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>.

For school event cancellations in case of inclement weather, follow our school's Twitter account at [@nlo_scdsb](https://twitter.com/nlo_scdsb) or listen to your local radio station for event cancellation information.

BUS ARRANGEMENTS

We are only permitted to make changes to our bus arrangements for an emergency situations of day care. Please send a note **at the beginning of the school day** with your child(ren) to indicate if there is a change of bus arrangements for that day (**emergency situations for daycare**), if they are to be picked up, etc. so that we may reduce the number of last minute calls to the office throughout the day. Please keep calls to a minimum so that we may keep our phone lines open for emergencies and the day to day operations of the school.

SPEECHES

Junior and Intermediate students are invited to participate in our Speeches competition that will be held in January/February. Classes will be having students who are interested in participating in the competition complete speeches in early January. They will compete in class first and the winners will be coming to the gym in late January early February where they will compete to earn the right to move on to the Legion/Lions competition. Best of luck to all the students who wish to participate.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who is turning four in 2020? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 27, 2020, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. Parents/guardians can begin the Kindergarten registration process on the SCDSB website any time after January 1 - just visit www.scdsb.on.ca and select 'Community Apps'. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: *Stayner Collegiate Institute – January 15, 2020 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.- Nottawasaga Pines S.S. – February 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.* Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at

www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning_for_high_school.

KEEPING SCDSB SCHOOL COMMUNITIES INFORMED ON LABOUR UPDATES

In August 2019, provincial and local contracts for all education workers in the province of Ontario expired. In the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), this means that all our unionized groups are at different stages of contract negotiations at the provincial and local level. The SCDSB will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of negotiations and our schools whenever possible. Labour updates are issued on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca/about/labour_updates), Facebook (www.facebook.com/SCDSB), Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools) and on the labour updates information line at 1-877-728-1187.

DAYS OF AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION TAKING PLACE IN JANUARY

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of January:

Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Jan. 29	Bell Let's Talk Day

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our partner in providing homestay to the SCDSB's international students, Canada Homestay Network (CHN), is recruiting host families to welcome international students into their homes.

Host families help international students realize lifelong dreams, and benefit from a unique experience with another culture. As a host, you also receive an allowance to offset expenses.

[Learn about a current homestay family here](#) or get more details about the program on [the Canada Homestay Network website](#).

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER AT THE SCDSB

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school!

Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at www.learningcentres.com. Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Registration opens at the end of January!

IS HOMEWORK STRESSING YOU OUT?

Throughout the year, your child may have homework or need to spend time studying at home. You can help make homework time less stressful. First, let your child relax with a healthy snack when they get home from school. Ask if they have homework, what kind and how long they think it will take to finish. It's a good idea to set a regular time each day and decide on a specific place to do homework. Your child might need help for a couple minutes to get started.

Looking for more parenting support? Speak with a public health nurse by calling 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH?

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on:

- How your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities
- Health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care
- Community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help

Contact Health Connection at 1-705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

During the winter months, hectic schedules and snowy weather often result in a decrease in the number of blood donations. Canadian Blood Services (and all those in need of donations) want to remind you to be part of Canada's lifeline this holiday season and give the gift of life. You can book online at www.blood.ca. Look for a clinic in your area!

Information provided by Canadian Blood Services

NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to start thinking about setting new goals. Bringing the whole family together for a new year goal-setting session not only provides an opportunity to discuss the importance of exercise and a healthy diet with your children – it also gives you the chance to brainstorm on working towards a shared goal.

Getting kids active should be a priority for all Canadians.

According to [ParticipACTION's 2018 Report Card](#), only 35 per cent of Canadian children and youth aged five to 17 reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

The report also shows that 51 per cent of young Canadians are engaging in significantly more screen time than they should be, sometimes up to four-six hours per day! Here are some small steps to set your family up for success in the new year:

Play together. Spend time outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather. Go skating, skiing, build a snow fort or go tobogganing – fun for the whole family!

Join a family-friendly gym. Find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers childcare and after-school programs.

Pencil it in. Add physical activity or play time to the calendar, with the same commitment as other important meetings.

Schedule an evening family walk or a fitness class – seeing it on the calendar will help motivate your family to stay on track.

Set goals. Pick a charity run or walk that your family will support, like [YMCA Move to Give](#). Sign up, train as a family and participate in it together. It's a great way to exercise together and give back to your community!

Getting healthy has never been easier!

The YMCA offers a variety of family programs – from open gym and swim to children and youth programming, adult fitness classes and childminding. It's a place where families can have fun and get active together. For more information about YMCA programs, please visit

www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

Please check the SCDSB web site at www.scdsb.on.ca for news and events from the Board.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 2 Hot Lunch	7 3 Popcorn	8 4	9 5	10 1 Pizza + Milk
13 2 Hot Lunch School Council Meeting – 6:30	14 3 Popcorn	15 4	16 5	17 1 Pizza + Milk
20 2 Hot Lunch	21 3 Popcorn	22 4	23 5 Dental Screening	24 PA DAY
27 1 Hot Lunch	28 2 Popcorn	29 3	30 4	31 5 Pizza + Milk