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OCTOBER 2022 - NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES IN OCTOBER & BEYOND

OCTOBER 2022

- **All School Photo Day**
 - October 13th, 2022
- **Parent/Guardian & Teacher Interviews**
 - October 13th, 2022 (5pm – 7pm)
- **Financial Aid for Post-Secondary Information Session**
 - October 13th, 2022 (5pm - 6pm) in BDHS Cafeteria
- **IEPs Sent Home**
 - October 18th, 2022
- **Newcomer Welcome Night**
 - October 20th, 2022 (5:30pm - 7pm) in BDHS Library
- **PA Day:**
 - October 24th, 2022
- **BDHS School Council Mtg**
 - October 27th, 2022 (6pm – 7pm) in BDHS Library
- **BDHS School Dance**
 - October 28th, 2022 (7pm – 10pm)

NOVEMBER 2022

- **Graduation Photos**
 - November 7th – 10th
- **Photo Retake Day**
 - Nov. 14th, 2022
- **PA Day**
 - November 18th, 2022
- **Semester 1 Mid-Semester Report Cards Distributed**
 - November 24th, 2022

DAILY SCHEDULE

Students are encouraged to be at school by 7:45am

Period 1	8:00am - 9:15am
Transition	9:15am – 9:20am
Period 2	9:20am – 10:35am
Lunch	10:35am – 11:35am
Period 3	11:35am – 12:50pm
Transition	12:50pm – 12:55pm
Period 4	12:55pm – 2:10pm

KEY INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN & TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Just a reminder to all parents & guardians of our semester 1 Parent/Guardian & Teacher interview night on Thursday October 13th, 2022. We are thrilled to announce that we are both returning to in-person meetings here at BDHS and reviving our traditional 'BDHS BBQ for parents' event that same evening. To book a meeting with a teacher:

All parents can go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/8et8v> to book an interview meeting. When a parent logs in, you will be prompted to input an email address, parent name, contact #, and child(s) name, and then select a teacher and time.

BDHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Graduation Requirements for 2022-2023 Graduates

The Ministry of Education has restored the requirement for students to complete 40 hours of community service. The ministry has provided flexible ways for students to obtain community involvement hours including helping an elderly relative with an errand or a sibling with homework. Additionally, students can count a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment with proof of a paystub. Hours should be submitted to Guidance no later than April 28, 2023 to ensure adequate time for processing. Guidance continues to post opportunities for community involvement in the grade specific Google Classrooms and on the bulletin board outside of Guidance.

The Ministry of Education has also restored the literacy requirements for all students. Students need to have either passed the literacy test (OSSLT) or have completed the literacy course (OLC) by the end of their graduating year.

Postsecondary Planning

Below you will find information and links to helpful resources when planning for postsecondary education. Please book a Guidance appointment to see your counsellor if you have specific questions.

Financial Aid and Scholarships Presentation

The Guidance Department in partnership with Georgian College will be hosting a financial aid and scholarships presentation on October 13, 2022 at 5:00pm in the cafeteria. Keynote speaker Kam Hollard will explore scholarships, bursaries, OSAP and more.

Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)

Students will receive individual PIN numbers during the month of November. Deadline to apply for equal consideration for fall 2023 programs is January 12, 2023
<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>

Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS)

The online application for Ontario Colleges is now live. Deadline to apply for equal consideration for fall 2023 programs is February 1, 2023
<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>

Ontario Skilled Trades

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the trades, visit Find Your Trade presented by Ontario Colleges to learn more. <https://trades.ontariocolleges.ca/>

The Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Report provides helpful information as students prepare for postsecondary education. The Scholarship Report posts information on postsecondary events and opportunities, application tips, advice from experts, campus Open House Schedules, career resources, and lists of curated scholarship and bursaries, and other ways to pay for school. Don't miss out on this relevant information!

- <https://seekingscholarships.com/the-scholarship-report-2/>
 - Password: scholar1
- Scholarships Canada - Canadian website for scholarships, student awards and bursaries.
<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- Student Awards - Scholarships, bursaries, and student awards, sent directly to your inbox.
<https://studentawards.com/>
- OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) - Provincial and Federal government assistance for post-secondary studies includes scholarship, bursaries, grants, and loans - you must qualify for this assistance.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

- Government of Canada - View eligibility details of merit-based scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral studies. Note please be sure to view scholarships for undergraduate students.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/scholarships.html>
- Paying for College - <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/paying-for-college>
- Paying for University - <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships>
- Disability Awards - This website was created to help post-secondary students search hundreds of scholarships available across Canada specifically for students with disabilities. <http://www.disabilityawards.ca/>

BDHS SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Georgian College's Community Integration Through Co-operative Education

PA representative from Georgian College's Community Integration Through Co-Operative Education (CICE) Program will be in room 109 from 5pm -7pm during parent teacher interview night on October 13th to answer questions and provide information for students who require academic accommodations and modifications.

IEPS

Parents/Guardians of students with IEPs will be receiving an email by October 18th with details on how they can access their child's IEP digitally on the Parent Portal. They are being asked to sign the consultation log and signatures page digitally and to use the IEP consultation page to add any additional information they want their SERTS to be aware of.
Andrew Lloyd

NEWCOMER PARENTS NIGHT:

BDHS' first Newcomer Parents Night is on October 20th between 5:30pm – 7pm. Parents will learn how we support their children, information about community resources available to Newcomers and curriculum support. Translators will be available to support parents with limited English skills.

BDHS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:

Everyone has mental health. Staying connected to supports during the school year is important if you find yourself struggling with your mental health. Many students find talking about their experiences is essential to supporting and enhancing their well-being, coping, sense of belonging and readiness to learn.

If students are interested in counselling, there are several options that can be accessed through BDHS. Larissa Broadbent is a Registered Social Worker that can provide brief counselling that is free and confidential at the school. We also have Beth Mulvale who is an Adolescent Outreach Worker from New Path that can provide more long term counselling at the school (Wednesdays). Referrals to other community programs such as the Mental Health and Addictions Nurse (MHAN), Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), New Path and other community providers are also available.

Please reach out to your Guidance Counselor, SERT, or Admin if you are interested in a referral for mental health support.

OCTOBER PA DAY

Please note that Monday, October 24 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:
www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

BDHS SCHOOL DANCE:

We are thrilled to announce our Fall school dance that is occurring on October 28th 2022 (7pm – 10 pm) at a cost of \$10 per student. Students must have paid their \$20 Student Activity fee on SchoolCash online in order to attend.

BDHS ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

Student Absences

If it is necessary for students to be absent from school because of illness or any other reason, they will be marked as an unknown absence until the absence has been reported to the school. The preferred method of communication for absences is through the attendance line [905-775-2262](tel:905-775-2262) option 1 or email bdhattendance@scdsb.on.ca. Absences reported to teachers via email may not be recorded as an excused absence and will prompt an automated attendance call home at day's end. Absences must be reported by parents/guardians until the student reaches the age of 18. Students who are 18 or older may have the privilege of signing themselves out. If the student signs out of school, they are expected to leave the school premises.

Appointments During the Day

Appointments happen and we are aware of that! However, to avoid unnecessary classroom interruption please provide as much notice as possible to have your student contacted and excused from the class. If office staff are given notice about an appointment, staff can email the teacher to have the student excused, rather than interrupting valuable teaching time with phone calls. Your co-operation with this process is appreciated.

Extended Absences

If you are planning to go on a vacation with your student or planning an extended absence from school (5 days or more), please have your student complete an extended absence form which are available in the main office.

2022-23 BDHS PROM

We are happy to be hosting Prom for our Graduating class this year.

Our Prom will occur on May 26th, 2023 and will be held at The Club at Bond Head.

Graduating students will be required to purchase a student activity card and complete their 40 hours of community service in order to purchase a ticket and attend Prom.

As tickets will go on sale late April/early May, it is advised that graduates have their community service hours completed and submitted to the Guidance Department by April 15, 2023.

Any questions or concerns about Prom should be directed to the staff advisors: Laura Glass (lglass@scdsb.on.ca), Shawna McPherson (smcpherson@scdsb.on.ca), and Tom Basinger (tbasinger@scdsb.on.ca).

BDHS MULTIFAITH PRAYER AND REFLECTION ROOM:

Our BDHS multifaith prayer and reflection room is available to all students, anytime of day. The room is located in the BDHS Learning Commons (Library) - Room 137C.

BDHS CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM

The Cross-Country Running Team started their season at the beginning of September. Coached by Mr. Ivey, Ms Langford and Ms Walsh, the athletes have been training after school three days a week. The runners have completed races at Blueberry Trails in Wasaga Beach and Sunnidale Park in Barrie. Next up for the team is Duntroon on October 20th with the GBSSA Championships the week after. Go Bucs!

BDHS STUDENT CARD

Student Cards can be purchased now on SchoolCash Online for \$20. This fee will allow students access to all school activities including dances, sports games, prom, clubs and much more. This \$20 fee will be paid concurrently with signing all necessary forms to participate in school life. While physical student cards will not be available until the end of October, proof of purchase will allow students to participate in all school activities. If students require financial support in their purchase of this student card they can connect with their vice principal as this should not be a barrier for student engagement.

PAY FOR SCHOOL RELATED SPENDING WITH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school related spending. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"
2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.

PARENT PORTAL GIVES PARENTS REAL-TIME ACCESS TO ATTENDANCE, GRADE INFORMATION

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. Please call the school office to obtain your Access ID.

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 [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](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/Login.aspx>.

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.simcoecountyschoolbus.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.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

THE SCDSB HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY OFFICE

The SCDSB Human Rights and Equity Office (HREO) is a safe and confidential space to identify matters related to discrimination, harassment, and human rights violations. The HREO's goal is to create and maintain a safe, caring and inclusive learning and working environment by promoting and protecting the human rights of SCDSB students and staff. At the SCDSB Board Meeting on Aug. 31, 2022 the SCDSB Human Rights and Equity Policy (<https://bit.ly/3dkjW0t>) was approved by the Board of Trustees. Visit the SCDSB website to learn more: https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/human_rights_and_equity_office.

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD EMERGENCY PROCEDURES INFORMATION

Procedures help keep our school safe

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below;
- reminding them that emergencies are rare; and,
- 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:** a procedure used during hazardous environmental or weather-related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them from an external situation at or near the school. Examples may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions, or extreme weather conditions.
- **Hold and secure:** a response to a threat in the general vicinity of a school, but not related to the school. This could be a police pursuit, a crime in progress or an active search by local police for a suspect. All building entrances should be locked to restrict access of unwanted individuals. Generally, school activities may continue as usual inside the building; however, a decision about this will be made by the principal in consultation with the local police services.
- **Lockdown:** a procedure used in response to a major incident or threat of violence inside the school, or in relation to the school. In this case staff and students are directed to lock themselves in designated safe areas. A lockdown is an emergency response to an imminent threat. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. Schools 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), the board website (www.scdsb.on.ca), and 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. Each school has an evacuation site; our site is the Bradford Leisure Centre. 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 pickup 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 child(ren) 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 that we will always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our students and school safe.

HAVE YOU MET SORA?

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.

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:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://bdh.scdsb.on.ca/> You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It is 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).
- Follow BDHS on Twitter @BradfordDistri1

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.

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:

- 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.

How to access the Volunteer Portal

Click this [SCDSB Community Apps link](#) or find the link on the volunteer page of your schools website, under the Parents menu.

If you have previously registered a Community Account, click the **Login To Community Apps** button, and login with your username and password.

If you do **not** have an account, click the **New? Register for new Community Account** link at the bottom of the page.



REMINDER: Each volunteer will have to have their own community apps account. Each community apps account is created with a separate email address.

- Complete an annual offence declaration through the SCDSB Community Apps – Volunteers page for up to four years to continue volunteering.
- Submit a new VSC at the beginning of the fifth year.
- Be responsible for the cost of the VSC.
- Be responsible to the principal and work under the supervision of teaching staff.
- Work co-operatively as part of a team to support and supplement school programs.
- Respect the confidentiality of the relationship to the school, ensuring that staff issues and student work and behaviour issues are held in confidence.
- Adhere to established SCDSB and school procedures.
- Communicate regularly with staff.

- Complete the COVID-19 screening tool prior to each school visit.
 - Be prompt, dependable and regular in attendance, and give advance notice to teachers when unable to attend.

School Year Calendar

https://cdn5-ss14.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_210898/File/Elementary/Planning%20for%20School/School%20Year%20Calendar/2022-23-School-Year-Calendar.pdf

Holy Days and Holidays Calendar 2022-2023

https://cdn5-ss14.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_210898/File/About/Equity%20and%20Inclusion/Holy%20Days%20Calendar/Sept22-Aug23-HolyDaysandHolidays-Calendar.pdf

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/3iGaC74>.

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.