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SEPTEMBER 2022 - NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES IN SEPTEMBER & BEYOND

SEPTEMBER 2022

Grade 9 Spirit Day: Sept. 20th, 2022
PA Day: Sept. 26th, 2022
BDHS School Council Mtg. Sept. 29th, 2022

OCTOBER 2022

Thanksgiving Holiday – October 10th, 2022
All School Photo Day – October 13th, 2022
PA Day: October 24th, 2022
BDHS School Council Mtg: Oct. 27th, 2022

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DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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

KEY INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

We are so happy to welcome our students back to school. I hope that you and your family have had a very restful and enjoyable summer break! Education is a shared partnership among staff, families and community and I encourage you to become involved with our school. All parents and guardians are encouraged to take note of the upcoming school council nominations and meeting dates (more information below). We'd love to have you join us! We have an enthusiastic staff who are committed to creating the best possible environment for learning. We provide students with education and support that meets their needs. Your input is valued and your communication with the school is always appreciated. Together, let's make 2022-2023 a wonderful year!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Each year, parents of our school are given the opportunity to nominate themselves to be candidates for our Bradford District High School - School Council. The role of School Council is outlined in the Ontario Education Act - Ontario Regulation 612/00 - School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees and Ontario Regulation 330/10 - School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees. A School Council is a committee made up of elected parents/guardians, community representatives, staff, and sometimes students who help to provide the community voice and parent/guardian perspective on important school topics such as fundraising plans, field trips and community events. School Council is a good way for parents/guardians to get involved in their child/children's education while playing an important role in the partnership between home and school. Council generally meets monthly (Schedule for the 2022/2023 school year can be found on the <http://bdh.scdsb.on.ca/> page under Parents/School Council). These meetings typically average 1-2 hours in length and take place during evening hours.

Attached at the bottom of this newsletter, you will find two documents (Appendix A & Appendix B):

- 1) **School Council Nomination Form** - this is the form that you must complete and submit to the school office, completed with your information details no later than Friday, September 23rd, 2022 at 4 p.m. if you wish to nominate yourself to be a member of council. Depending upon the number of nomination forms, we may be required to have an election (if this is required, more information will be forwarded). * Appendix A
- 2) **Roles and Responsibilities of a School Council Member** - this document briefly outlines the roles and responsibilities that individuals take on when they are elected or acclaimed to a position on council. * Appendix B

Thank you for your time to consider joining our School Council. Currently, our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th, 2022 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in our library/virtually. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at dbrooks@scdsb.on.ca

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 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 is available in the main office. Completing and submitting to the main office an extended absence form allows your student to remain in their class and receive a program of study that they can complete while they are absent. However, if a student does not complete an extended absence form and is absent for greater than 15 consecutive school days, they will be removed from their classes.

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.

GRADE 9 SPIRIT DAY

All grade 9 students are invited to spend a day together on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 (rain date Sept. 22nd) for our Grade 9 Spirit Day. The day will be filled with activities, sports, and of course, fun! We will be traveling by bus from BDHS to Henderson Memorial Park. Students are asked to bring the following:

- Weather appropriate clothing
- Water bottle(s)
- Packed lunch for the day
- Sunscreen, hat, any medical needs (EpiPen, puffer, medications)

Permission forms must be completed before the day of the event and can be accessed through SchoolCash Online. There is no fee for this event. All inquiries can be directed to Ms. Benjafield at cbenjafield@scdsb.on.ca.

SPORTS @ BDHS

Welcome Bucs! If you are anything like me, then you know that the best parts of high school are the things you do to get involved outside of class time.

Athletics and clubs are great ways to meet new people, stay active and pursue passions and goals. This week at BDHS, there are several sports starting up for their fall season. Some sports involve tryouts, but some do not make cuts if you are willing to attend after school practices.

Cross Country Running is a sport that all are invited to attend.

There will be tryouts for Girls Basketball, Girls Flag Football, Jr. Boys Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Sr. Boys and Girls Golf and Sr. Boys and Girls Tennis. For more information on tryout and practice times, please listen carefully to announcements.

Please contact Ms. Carson at ecarson@scdsb.on.ca for more information on coach's names and season information.

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 immediately. 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.

BDHS DANCE TEAM

All students please be aware that Mrs Wroblewski is planning to run a Dance Team this year that will rehearse Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lunch in room 149. There will be an info session on Tuesday, September 13th, in the Dance room, for all those who are interested. All inquiries for Dance Team can be directed to mwroblewski@scdsb.on.ca.

THE LEARNING COMMONS

Ms. Faria and Ms. Sparks, our BDHS Teacher-Librarians, are happy to welcome staff and students to a wonderful year of collaboration and learning. We have a Learning Commons Google Classroom that is a valuable resource for staff and students. Students are encouraged to join using the code located at our front door. Examples of information we offer in our classroom are passwords for school research resources such as EBSCO databases and Britannica, instructions for accessing our school's wifi on personal devices, tips for developing unique research questions to complete stronger assignments and how to use SCDSB's OverDrive collection. Students are encouraged to stop by the Learning Commons and speak with one of our Teacher-

Librarians...we are here to help :) A reminder to returning students to please return any outstanding Learning Commons' materials. If you have any resources from a SCDSB elementary school, have your student bring it in to us...we can get it where it needs to go. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER PA DAY

Please note that Monday, Sept. 26 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

SCDSB SCHOOLS ARE MASK-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are not required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools will continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks will be available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at simcoemuskokahealth.ca.

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 tool can be accessed here: [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PERMISSION FORM/STUDENT INFORMATION COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE AGREEMENT 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 Standard Acknowledgment and Permission Form and Student Information Computing Technology Appropriate Use Agreement are required forms for all Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students. The forms have been made available electronically through SchoolCash Online. School Cash Online is our preferred method for forms. If you are unable to submit these forms electronically, please contact the office for paper copies.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2022-2023

Student injuries at school during school events, extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs, etc.) and out-of-province/out-of-country trips, are not covered by the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen. A variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices can be found through: StudyInsured at www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com 1-833-560-0527 or Insure My Kids at www.insuremykids.com 1-800-463-5437. Participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs, etc.) and/or out-of-province/out-of-country trips require the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage.

PAY FOR SCHOOL RELATED SPENDING WITH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for SchoolCash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school-related spending. SchoolCash 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 or email bdhoffice@scdsb.on.ca to obtain your Access ID.

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.

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:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- 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.

- A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, such as 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:

- Staff must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in **First aid and CPR**. All SCDSB schools have **automated external defibrillators (AEDs)**.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to respect the SCDSB 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 available in the student agenda and online at www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress_code. If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact your school principal.

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.

FREE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED TUTORING FOR STUDENTS

For all students to achieve success, schools, families, and community partners must work collaboratively to increase access to resources, supports, and broader learning experiences. The SCDSB offers a wide variety of tutoring programs to support students and their families in accessing needed supports.

From Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, the SCDSB has funds available to cover costs associated with these tutoring services, when provided by a SCDSB-approved organization. SCDSB families accessing these services are not required to pay the service provider directly.

For a list of approved organizations and to learn more about how you can access these services, visit scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring_programs.

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

Appendix A

Roles and Responsibilities of School Council Members

Council members are to maintain a school-wide focus on all issues. Council meetings are not a forum for discussion about individual parents/guardians, students, staff, trustees or other council members.

1. Responsibilities of the chair/co-chair include:
 - 1.1 communicate with the school principal;
 - 1.2 prepare the agenda for school council meetings in consultation with the school principal;
 - 1.3 chair school council meetings;
 - 1.4 ensure that the minutes of school council meetings and records of all financial transactions are recorded and maintained;
 - 1.5 participate in information and training programs;
 - 1.6 ensure that there is regular communication with the school community;
 - 1.7 consult with senior board staff and trustees, when requested;
 - 1.8 participate in establishing by-laws;
 - 1.9 act in accordance with the school and board Code of Conduct; and,
 - 1.10 shall abide by board policies and procedures.
2. Responsibilities of the council members include:
 - 2.1 participate in council meetings;
 - 2.2 participate in information and training programs;
 - 2.3 act as a link between the school council and the community;
 - 2.4 participate in establishing and following by-laws;
 - 2.5 act in accordance with the school and board Code of Conduct; and,
 - 2.6 shall abide by board policies and procedures.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT/GUARDIAN CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are due to school administration by:

_____ (time) on _____ (date)

School Name

Name

Address

Home Phone

Business Phone

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (name and date of birth) who is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described on the reverse side of this form.

I understand that as a school council member, my contact information including email address will be shared with school council members for the sole purpose of open and transparent communication amongst council members and that it shall not be used for any other purpose.

I understand that employees of the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) cannot run as parent/guardian representatives for school councils if they are employed at the school. If they are employed elsewhere in the board, they can run providing they inform their school community of their employment.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____

Received by _____

Time _____

Date _____

Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for parent/guardian representative on the School Council for

_____ has been received.

School _____

School Official _____

Date _____