



ELMVALE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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November 2020 Newsletter

EDHS School Hours (Grade 7 and 8)

AM Learning Block	8:50-10:50
Lunch	10:50-11:50
PM Learning Block	11:50-3:25
Dismissal	3:25



EDHS School Hours (Secondary)

AM Learning Block	8:50-10:50
Lunch	10:50-11:35
PM Learning Block	11:35-1:35
Study Hall	1:35-3:25
Dismissal	3:25

Important Dates

November - Financial Literacy Month
November - November
Nov. 1-7 - Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Nov. 2-6 - Treaties Recognition Week
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day
Nov. 12 - Elementary Progress Report
Nov. 13 - World Kindness Day
Nov. 15-21 - Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 16 - Secondary Quad 1 Final Report Card
Nov. 20 - Trans Day of Remembrance
Nov. 24 - School Council Virtual Meeting At 6:30

November PA Day

Please note that Friday, Nov. 20 is a PA day for all secondary and elementary SCDSB students, both Learn@Home and in school.

Please refer to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more Information: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar

No Visitor Access

Following the direction from our local health authority, the SMDHU, all SCDSB schools will be closed to parents/guardian and visitors.

Parents/guardians may call the office to receive assistance.



Self Assessment

All students and staff will be expected to self-screen prior to attending school each day, using a self-assessment tool provided by the SMDHU.

Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.



High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will happen virtually this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect.

Different pathways and courses offered will be explained. Visit elm.scdsb.on.ca for more Information

Grade 7 and 8 Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences

Our Grade 7 and 8 teachers look forward to speaking with you about your student's progress. Progress Reports will be sent home with students on November 12 and classroom teachers will follow up with Parent/Guardian/Teacher and Student Conferences. This year conferences will be virtual and will take place from November 16 to November 20th. Last week a newsletter went home with students asking parents/guardians to indicate their preferred mode of communication. These include:

Email

ZOOM

Google Meet

Telephone

If you have not done so already, please make sure to detach and return the bottom portion of the newsletter, or speak directly with your student's classroom teacher to arrange a conference.



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



mPower: supporting your child's math learning

Are you looking for a way to provide extra math practice for your child at home, in a fun and engaging format? [TVO mPower](#) is a free digital tool that includes 65+ online games to support the mastery of tough-to-learn math concepts.

TVO mPower's goals are:

1. To provide Ontario students with opportunities to practice important math skills and to foster positive attitudes towards math by making learning fun and engaging
2. To show students that math is everywhere by connecting math games to the big ideas in science and social studies

To support students to develop 21st century global competencies by integrating skills such as metacognition, problem solving, creativity and citizenship

TVO mPower is:

1. Ontario curriculum-based: Aligns with the Ontario mathematics, science and technology and social studies curricula while also supporting the development of global competencies
2. Learner-centred: Tracks student progress and responds to learners' needs
3. Assessment-driven: Includes teacher dashboard and educator resources
4. Tested and trusted: Developed in partnership with Ontario educators and students
5. Free: Always free for Ontario students and educators - and now for Ontario families
6. Safe and advertising-free

Available for desktop and laptop computers and iPad tablets



Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 2 to 6

Did you know we are ALL treaty people? Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 2 to 6. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships.

Take some time this week to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties.

Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign

The SCDSB has a time-honoured relationship with our local Royal Canadian Legions through the annual poetry and poster competitions and the annual poppy campaign. For the 2020-2021 year, it is our intention to once again support the poppy campaign.

Due to the health and safety protocols in place, we will not be collecting donations from students. Instead, schools are asked to work with their school councils to make a suitable donation through school generated funds. Families interested in making their own donations can do so by visiting the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign at www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy.



A message from the Main Office

Attendance

Please be sure to notify the school if your child will be late or absent. You may leave a voice message at 705-322-2201, option 1, or send a note with your child, or email us at elmattendance@scdsb.on.ca. Students also require your permission to sign out of school before the end of the day.

Do you need to contact us?

If you would like to email your child's teacher directly, there is a full list of teacher email addresses on our website elm.scdsb.on.ca



Main office	705-322-2201, option 0
Attendance	705-322-2201, option 1
Guidance Department	705-322-2201, option 3 or extension 42056
General email	ElmvaleDHS@scdsb.on.ca
Attendance email	elmattendance@scdsb.on.ca
School Council Chair	councilchairelm@scdsb.on.ca

Student Information

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please notify our main office right away. Also, please be sure we have your current email address.

Please subscribe to our website and you will be receive all of our exciting news by email elm.scdsb.on.ca

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Clinical Services changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Elementary)

The SMDHU will not be holding immunization clinics at your child's school during the 2020-2021 school year. We are planning to have school-based immunizations offered in the 2021-2022 school year for Grade 7 and 8 students.

For families of current Grade 8 students who have not completed their immunization series of Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra due to COVID-19, we are offering immunization clinics at our health unit offices throughout Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Immunization clinics start Nov. 2, 2020 and are by appointment only. No walk-ins will be immunized.

Please call us at 1-877-721-7520 x8827 to book your child's appointment.

For more information on SMDHU clinical services for children, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, or visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



From Student Services

We are so happy to be working with your students this year and things are well underway.

Timetables: All students can access their timetables through the Student Portal and in-school learners may request changes to their courses. Because each day of a quadmester consists of four hours of classroom instruction, students are encouraged to make changes within the first day or two of quad 2. Changes may not be possible beyond that point.

Reporting: The Student Success Team will be reviewing quadmester 1 final marks and meeting with students who were unsuccessful to explore options, which may include completing recoveries, or etaking courses. Parents should be notified by classroom teachers if their son/daughter will be unsuccessful in a course.

Grade 12's: Graduating students have been invited to join a Google Classroom containing a wealth of information regarding post-secondary options, application processes, timelines, scholarships, community service hours, etc. Parents are strongly encouraged to access the classroom as well. In addition, a Remind group has been created for all graduating students and their parents. To join, text @h8hkg2 to (289)212-0880.

College applications opened in early October. Anyone wishing to attend Georgian College is encouraged to attend their virtual open house on November 14. Students who complete their applications during the open house will have their \$95 application fee covered by Georgian.

University PIN letters have either recently become available or should be available very soon. University-bound students need their PIN access information in order to apply to universities in Ontario.

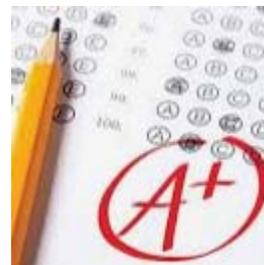
Help is always available during study hall to assist with applications and research. Please make arrangements with Mrs. G-J to access this support.

Community Partners: We are fortunate again to have in-school support from a registered nurse, social worker, and mental health nurse. Referrals can be made through S. Georgy-Jenkinson to the social worker and mental health nurse; students may anonymously request to see the registered nurse. Students are encouraged to seek support as needed and take advantage of the expertise available in our building. Appointments may also be made virtually for at-home learners.

Secondary Exams

The Ministry of Education recognizes the need for flexibility in our teaching and learning practices during a pandemic. As such, it has provided school boards with the option to adjust the evaluation process for the 2020-2021 school year.

In order to adapt to the current circumstances and the variety of learning environments, the Simcoe County District School Board has decided to remove examinations for secondary students as one means of assessment. Educators will continue to assess student achievement and final marks will be based on completion of course content, curriculum and culminating activities.



Keeping kids healthy and active

[National health guidelines](#) recommend that children and youth (aged 5-17) have high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behavior and sufficient sleep each day for a balanced lifestyle.

Here are three easy tips to help your kids stay healthy and active:

Get more sleep – Getting the [recommended hours of sleep](#) each night can go a long way in ensuring everyone in your family has the proper energy to take on the next day. More sleep means better ability to get moving and think more clearly!

Practice relaxation – Mental health is just as important as physical health. Now more than ever, we are realizing the important connection between the mind and body in our overall wellbeing. Providing yourself and your kids with a small amount of relaxation or ‘time out’ every day – even just 15 minutes can improve your health dramatically.

Try doing a [virtual family yoga class](#) to reduce stress and clear the mind!

Get active together – When you’re active with your kids, it sends them an important message about healthy living. Get out for a walk, play outside or do a [family workout](#) from the comfort of your home. It’s always more fun to exercise with a buddy!

Looking for ways to keep your children active and healthy while in a remote learning environment? YGym offers free virtual physical activities from YMCA certified fitness instructors for children of varying ages and abilities. Visit [YMCAHome.ca/YGym](https://ymcahome.ca/YGym) for free virtual physical activities for children and youth, anywhere, anytime!

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka



School Forms

Please note that the acknowledgement and permissions for that would normally be sent home with your child(ren) will only be accessible using School Cash Online. If you have not yet registered for School Cash Online please visit the schools website for instructions . You may also, call or email the mail office. These forms are important as they will allow your student to participate in any planned community walking trips and give permission for photos to be taken.

Please follow go to <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/> to register or complete these forms

