



The Eagle Eye

Elmvale District High School

Principal's Message

April 30, 2018

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”
Ferris Bueller | From the film Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)

Life does move pretty fast, especially when your student reaches high school. At this time of year, I would suggest that we simplify as much as possible. Is your student doing well? Great then keep the status quo. Is your student struggling and/or do you think they can do better? If this is the case, contact the school, the teachers, student success, guidance or administration. We are more than happy to work through any issues with you on a case by case basis. That is the advantage of a small school. Personalized attention and individualized plans are why our students are generally so successful. Another reason the students are successful is the support we get from you, the parents. I have been at many schools but the formula for student success remains the same everywhere, the School and the Parents working together. On behalf of the staff at EDHS, thank you for being the supportive parents you are. Please remember that as fast as life moves, you are always welcome to contact us and work with us as partners in your child's education.

7-12 News

The school building is going up faster than expected. A lot of the credit goes to local contractors who are working on the building and doing a fantastic job. We are hoping that construction will be completed by the end of Semester 1 next year. Anyone who has ever had contract work done knows that deadlines are written in chalk, at best. That being said, everything appears to be on schedule at this point. The grade 7 and 8 students will join us in September 2019. We are truly excited about the changes and the exciting opportunities ahead.



Dan Macdonald
Principal

Important Email updates required

We will be moving our newsletter to email format only, for the next school year. Please be sure to share your current email with us by calling 705-322-2201 and we will update our data base on your behalf. Thank you!

Student Council

Student council has been busy the last couple of weeks getting events ready for our student body to enjoy. We celebrated Easter with an easter egg hunt to win prizes, with an added challenge of finding a golden egg for an even better prize! We are currently getting ready to make 1000 pancakes Thursday April 26th for the world record day. We are also starting to plan prom which is June 1st this year for all grade 12 students and their guest. We have sent out a survey for all grade 12's to complete so that we can determine a theme for prom. Students can look forward to more theme days and our traditional end of the school year celebration outside in June.

EDS Screamin' Eagle Athletics

Well it certainly has been an interesting year at EDHS as the construction of our school addition continues. We can at least see the efforts of construction and imagine what action will look like in our new facility when finished. Our indoor sports teams spent the winter months practicing at HCES and playing away games and have been looking forward to the spring weather so they could get outside for the soccer, slo-pitch, golf, mountain biking and track seasons. Having a late April snow storm didn't help matters any but with the warmer weather, seasons can now start to gear up.



Once again, we couldn't offer such a wide range of opportunities without the efforts of our volunteer coaches. Mr. Knox and Mrs. Stott – soccer; Mrs. Burke and Mr. Tipper – slo-pitch, Mr. Anderson – junior boys' golf; Mr. Macdonald - biking and Mr. Allen, Mrs. Glass, Mr. Nigro and Mr. Minty - Track and Field. Check the website for schedules and game times for soccer and slo-pitch – scaasports.ca

Co-operative Education

Spring has sprung, and the EDHS Co-op program continues to run like a well-oiled machine. We have an excellent group of students this semester as proven by good grades and big smiles at mid-semester evaluations.

Currently, we have students working in the following career fields: education, automotive service, office administration, plumbing, baking, produce, butchery, fire services, PSW, electrical, carpentry, pet grooming, veterinary medicine, food service, jewelry repair/sales, equine, dairy/agriculture, small engine service, parks/recreation maintenance, building supplies, and horticulture.

A large number of students have selected co-op as an option for next school year. If your student is interested in acquiring real-life work experience and school credits simultaneously, it's not too late to talk to your co-op teacher about possibilities.

Student Services

Course Selections

Thank you to parents and guardians for their support as we worked through the 2018-2019 course selection process. The initial phase is now complete and online access to change requests for next year has been turned off. We are hoping to distribute next year's timetables in late June. **Parents who wish to see what their child has requested for next year are asked to check the Parent Portal at www.scdsb.on.ca.**

Summer School

Registration is now open for Simcoe County summer school courses. Students may register for on-site credit courses, elearning, and travel opportunities. A summer school flyer can be viewed at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>. We recommend registration through Guidance by contacting Mrs. Georgy-Jenkinson at sgeorgyjenkinson@scdsb.on.ca.

Graduating Students

This year's graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 28th. Eligible students will receive an invitation. All diploma requirements must be met in order to be eligible to graduate, including: 30 credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective), successful completion of the Literacy Test or OLC course, and 40 hours of community service. For additional information on any of these requirements please contact Mrs. Georgy-Jenkinson in Guidance.

EDHS scholarships (based on a variety of criteria) and the John Bernard Kennedy Bursary (based on financial need) are available to our graduates. We strongly encourage all graduates to consider applying. Details and application information is available on our website (elm.scdsb.on.ca → Departments → Guidance → Post-Secondary Financing). The due date for in-school scholarships is Friday, May 18th and the deadline for the bursary is Friday, June 8th.

On March 29th we hosted a financial aid presentation for grade 12 students covering a variety of finance-related topics including OSAP. Please check <https://www.osap.gov.on.ca> for information and the application. Questions regarding OSAP need to be directed to the Financial Aid department of the post-secondary institution the student is planning to attend.

Going into grade 12 next year?

Please start thinking ahead and marking your calendars with important dates. The Ontario Universities' Fair, located at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, will take place from September 28nd – 30th, 2018. It is a free event hosted by all Ontario universities. See www.ouf.ca for more details. They will also host an evening locally in the fall – date to be determined.



The Study and Go Abroad Fair will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on October 14, 2018. This free expo will feature universities and colleges from Canada and around the world, as well as student travel organizations for gap year and other experiential travel programs. Free seminars will also take place during the day. Visit www.studyandgoabroad.com for more information.

Going into grade 11 next year?

Consider enrolling in our **Specialist High Skills Major – Environmental** program. A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) provides students with an opportunity to focus their learning and gain valuable experience for both work and post-secondary opportunities. Throughout Grades 11 and 12, students in SHSM are given opportunities to receive certifications and learn through outdoor activities. Upon graduation, students are given a specialized red seal SHSM diploma and transcript which demonstrates they have learned the knowledge and skills of today's sector-specific requirements. The Specialist High Skills Major Program is open to all pathways: workplace, apprenticeship, college and university.

EDHS is proud to deliver this grade 11-12 program to our students. Interested students should consult our Course Calendar for further details, found at elm.scdsb.on.ca>Departments>Guidance>Course Selection>Elmvale Course Calendar 2018-2019, page 9. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Georgy-Jenkinson at sgeorgyjenkinson@scdsb.on.ca.

Student Supports

We are fortunate to have community partnerships with a number of social service agencies. Referrals may be made to a child and youth worker, a mental health nurse and/or a social worker. Students also have access to a registered nurse for primary care and no referral is required. If you feel your child could benefit from any of these services, please contact Mrs. Georgy-Jenkinson at ext. 42056 to discuss your concerns.

Ensure your child's immunization record is up to date

All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child's immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date.

You can update your child's immunization record in one of the following ways:

- Online at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline
- Fax: 705-726-3962
- Call: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807



The health unit hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Use the Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://elm.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with a teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being are always our top priority. For more information, please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Yearbook update

Yearbooks will be arriving mid-June! Make sure you get yours! See Mrs. Coutts to order, or order online at schoolcash.com from our EDHS website. Only \$45.00 for a year's worth of memories in full colour, hard cover!

Maple Syrup Music Concert and Silent Auction

Friday, April 27th from 7-10 pm @
Huronia Centennial Elementary School

Please support our community and student exchange to
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Featuring our EDHS bands and Music Classes and special guests the HCES Band!



FINAL TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

EDHS Day.....	May 9
Victoria Day	May 21
Spring Concert	May 24
Prom Night.....	June 1
EQAO Math Gr.9 Test.....	June 11/13
Co-Op Breakfast	June 13
Athletice Banquet.....	June 13
Grad Breakfast	June 20
Final Exams.....	June 22-27
Commencement.....	June 28
Reports available for pick-up.....	July 4 after 1:00 pm

This weekend is the...

