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## **November Character Attribute Courage**

We do the right thing even when it's difficult. More information about character education can be found here: [www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

## **Important Dates**

**November 4– Elementary Report Cards**

**November 12– PA Day all students**

**November 22– Secondary Report Cards**

## **Daily COVID-19 self-Assessment**

All students and staff will be required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool. Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit:



## **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](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the North Weather 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: <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

## School bus transportation information available from the SCSTC

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.



## Treaties Recognition Week takes place November 1st to November 5th

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. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year– This year it is Nov 1st to 5th. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships. Take sometime Nov 1st to 5th to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about treaties and how we can honour them, please visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties).

## SCDSB Census

In early 2021 the SCDSB held its first student and workforce censuses. We had almost 27,000 students and over 3,700 staff participate! In October 2021 the initial data from the censuses was released, along with some next steps and areas of focus for the SCDSB. To learn more, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/census](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/census).

## High school Information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will take place 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, as well as information about teams and clubs.

Please visit our high school's website for more information.

**FUTURE EAGLE**

## 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](http://meet.soraapp.com).

# Student Voices on Mental Health

Ontario secondary school students, School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action have launched #HearNowON for 2021. Your voice and perspective is important! Share your ideas on mental health awareness, learning and wellness promotion in Ontario schools.

The #HearNowON 2021 online survey is live and closes Nov. 19, 2021. Contribute your perspective here: [https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021\\_ONecoute2021](https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021_ONecoute2021).

Attend a virtual student consultation event and share your perspectives on student mental health with School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action. This opportunity will gain you volunteer hours and allow you to meet students across the province! Sign up for a virtual forum of your interest here: [www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/](http://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/).

## **Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians**

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to announce a new three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series 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 and guardians during this school year.**

Nov. 23, 2021	Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part One
Nov. 30, 2021	Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part Two
Jan. 25, 2022	Understanding and Managing Screen Time
March 29, 2022	Connection and Empathy in Response to Behaviour
May 19, 2022	Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

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 mental health and well-being page on 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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

**DUE TO  
COVID-19**



**NO  
VISITORS**

A friendly reminder that all SCDSB School's have a no visitors in effect at this time.

This is to ensure we provide a safe environment for our students and staff.



EDHS is **not** a PEANUT Free Environment.

Please be mindful when bringing peanut products to school.

## TVO mPOWER for extra practice



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:

- To provide Ontario students with opportunities to practice important math skills and to foster positive attitudes towards math by making learning fun and engaging.
- To show students that math is everywhere by connecting math games to the big ideas in science and social studies.
- To support students in developing 21st century global competencies by integrating skills such as metacognition, problem solving, creativity, and citizenship.

### TVO mPower is:

- Ontario curriculum-based– aligns with the Ontario mathematics, science and technology, and social studies curricula while also supporting the development of global competencies
- Learner– centred tracks student progress and responds to learners' needs
- Assessment– driven– includes teacher dashboard and educator resources
- Tested and trusted– developed in partnership with Ontario educators and students
- Always free for Ontario students and educators, and now for Ontario families
- Safe and advertising free
- Available for desktop and laptop computers and iPad tablets

Visit [www.tvompower.com](http://www.tvompower.com) for more information

**Please remember that punctuality is key to student success. Please see our Daily Schedule below to ensure your child/ren arrive to school on time and prepared to learn.**

EDHS DAILY SCHEDULE			
TIME	CLASS		7/8 TIMES
8:50 - 10:05	Per. 1 - Block A	75 minutes	8:50 - 9:40
10:20 - 11:35	Per. 1 - Block B	75 minutes	9:40 - 10:30 10:30 - 11:20
11:35 - 12:40	Lunch + 5 min travel		Lunch 11:20 - 12:30
12:40 - 1:55	Per. 2 - Block C	75 minutes	12:30 - 1:20
2:10 - 3:25	Per. 2 - Block D	75 minutes	1:20 - 2:10
			Recess 2:10 - 2:35
			2:35 - 3:25



*Eat Well to Excel*

Simcoe County Nutrition Program for School-Age Children

## **November 19th is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County**

Eat Well to Excel is a local non profit that supports our schools student nutrition program. They provide funding so we can purchase healthy food for our students.

The pandemic has caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that **1 in 3 kids in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry.**

Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

### **How to Help?**

You can make a donation on their website at [eatweltoexcel.ca](http://eatweltoexcel.ca) If you wish to direct your donation to our school, include our school name in the comment box.



**Visit [eatweltoexcel.ca](http://eatweltoexcel.ca) to donate**