



# Ernest Cumberland News

<b>Yard Supervision:</b>	9:15AM
<b>Morning Bell:</b>	9:30AM
<b>Period 1:</b>	9:30AM - 10:20AM
<b>Period 2:</b>	10:20AM - 11:10AM
<b>Nutrition Break A:</b>	11:10AM - 11:30AM Main Floor + Portables OUTDOOR Second Floor INDOOR
<b>Nutrition Break B:</b>	11:30AM - 11:50AM Main Floor + Portables INDOOR Second Floor OUTDOOR
<b>Period 3:</b>	11:50AM - 12:40PM
<b>Period 4:</b>	12:40PM - 1:30PM
<b>Nutrition Break C:</b>	1:30PM - 1:50PM Main Floor + Portables OUTDOOR Second Floor INDOOR
<b>Nutrition Break D:</b>	1:50PM - 2:10PM Main Floor + Portables INDOOR Second Floor OUTDOOR
<b>Period 5:</b>	2:10PM - 3:00PM
<b>Period 6:</b>	3:00PM - 3:50PM
<b>Dismissal Bell:</b>	3:50PM

## Land Acknowledgement

Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people.

Le conseil scolaire du district du comté de Simcoe reconnaît que nous sommes situés sur les terres traditionnelles du peuple Anishnaabeg. Les Anishnaabeg comprennent les nations Ojibwées Odawa et Pottawatomi, collectivement connues sous le nom de Confédération des Trois Feux. Nous nous engageons à honorer l’histoire et la culture autochtones et nous nous engageons à aller de l’avant dans un esprit de réconciliation et de respect avec toutes les Premières Nations, les Métis et les Inuits.

## Character Education



Our board values are a key part of our commitment to character education. We refer to our values as character attributes which are addressed, taught, and modelled at school. For more information:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

### Empathy

We strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

### EMPATHIE

Nous efforçons de comprendre et d’apprécier les sentiments et les actions des autres.

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## Parent Council Meetings

You are encouraged to attend our in-person parent council meetings at ECES. The following dates are the scheduled meeting dates:

January 9th 6:00PM - 7:00PM

March 6th 6:00PM - 7:00PM

May 1st 6:00PM - 7:00PM



## Winter Is Coming!

Please bring indoor shoes and dress for the changing weather. If using the Kiss 'N Ride, please do not park and get out of your car to meet your child. If they need assistance at the gate, find a parking spot.

## Safe Arrival

Please report student absences by 9:30AM. If you forget to notify the office and get an automated call, **pressing 1 will not notify the office of your students absence.** You are still asked to call the office to report the absence or you will continue to receive safe arrival calls up to every 15 minutes until you notify us that your child is safe.

Safe Arrival Line: 705-435-0676x1

E-mail: [ernattendance@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:ernattendance@scdsb.on.ca).

## Pick Up

We understand there may be times you need to pick your child up early from school, however, the office will no longer call students down for early dismissal after 3:30. If arriving after 3:30, we ask that you wait until the dismissal bell at 3:50.

## Chicken On The Run: A School Fundraiser



**FUNDRAISER 2023**

Healthy Foods  
Delivered to  
you!

Chicken Fingers and Wings

Soups

6 Varieties of AAA Canadian Steaks

Fresh Hormone/Antibiotic free Chicken

10% OF ALL SALES GO DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR SCHOOL

**HOW DO I ORDER?**

- GO ONLINE to [www.chickenontherun.ca](http://www.chickenontherun.ca) and place your order!
- AT CHECKOUT:  
ENTER THE COUPON CODE **EAGLES2023**
- PROCEED TO PAYMENT USING

YOUR ORDER WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME WITHIN 2-3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER ORDERING. A MEMBER OF THE CHICKEN ON THE RUN FAMILY WILL CONTACT YOU TO LET YOU KNOW WHEN DELIVERY WILL OCCUR.

is a LOCAL wholesaler of the FRESHEST and highest quality meats AND NOW Prepared Foods that DELIVERS DIRECTLY for FREE to your home

CHOOSE FRESH ☐ CHOOSE LOCAL ☐ SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

*Ernest Cumberland Elementary School is in the SOUTH weather zone.  
Younger students must be met by an adult at the bus stop.  
For more information on busing visit:  
<https://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>*

## Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's (SCSTC) bus information website at [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). 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 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 6AM and make every effort to post announcements before 7AM. 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 for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to and receive bus delay notifications at <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

Just a reminder that on days where buses are cancelled, hot lunches are also cancelled. LunchBox will reimburse your School Cash Online account for meals that you have purchased on bus cancellation days.





## Pine River Institute: A Parent Learning Series

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 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:

December 8, 2022: **How to Manage Another's Anxiety**

February 9, 2023: **Guide to Attuned Limit Setting**

March 2, 2023: **Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults**

April 27, 2023: **The Biology of Stress**

[Register Here](#)

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: [www.pineriverinstitute.com](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

### Keeping Connected

It is important to stay informed with what's going on at school and the Simcoe County District School Board. Here are some ways to do that:

(1) Subscribe to our school's website <http://ern.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about updates during emergency situations. Visit our website and click the Subscribe link at the 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 you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of emails.

(2) Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking Subscribe at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)

(3) Follow the SCDSB:

- ◇ Twitter @SCDSB\_Schools
- ◇ Facebook/SCDSB
- ◇ [Instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)

(4) Follow Ernest Cumberland on Twitter @ECSeagles



### ECES New Toy Drive

Ernest Cumberland, in partnership with the Lions Club, is hosting a toy drive. Please consider donating new, unopened toys which will go directly to children in our community.



### Math at Home

Looking for ways to support your child in their math learning at home? The Ministry of Education has a page with ideas on how to support your child and make math part of your day-to-day routine. There are general routines and grade-level ideas to explore. [Click Here For Information](#)

### Lion's Club Hamper

Ernest Cumberland is happy to support the Lions Club 2022 Holiday Hamper Campaign, supporting over 150 families including 225 children. This year the need is especially high. Each class will be collecting a specific assigned item from November 28 - December 9. Please note we are not collecting commonly collected Food Bank items. This campaign is collecting specific items to create a package going to families, therefore we ask that donations focus on the needs that the Lions Club has requested. These hampers are appreciated by the recipients and Ernest Cumberland is an important contributor. Our staff would like to thank you in advance for being so generous and supportive. The due date to bring items in is Fri., Dec. 9th.

## School Playground Structures: Closed For Winter

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community, despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed.

The Canadian Standards Association regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (e.g., sand, pea gravel or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes.

Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground.

We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.



## Early Learning and Child Development

How is your infant, toddler, or preschool child developing? Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child's ability to read, write, and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child's development. Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe.

Call 705-739-5696 or 1-800-675-19979 to complete a development screen.

The earlier we work together, the better!

## Planning for High School



Banting Memorial  
High School

Starting high school is an exciting time - there will be many new opportunities and new challenges. Students enter high school with different strengths, interests, and goals. Secondary school students select course that suit their interests and that take them towards goals through an increasingly specialized four-year program.

## High School Information Nights

High schools in the SCDSB are hosting information sessions this fall and winter for Grade 8 students and their parents. These events support the transition to high school, providing information on course, extracurricular activities, sports and more! To find out more, and how to register / access the information session, contact the school directly.

**Banting Memorial High School**  
705-435-6288

Jan. 19  
6-7:30 p.m.

# Right to Read: An Inquiry Report

Beginning in 2019, the Ontario Human Rights Commission conducted a public inquiry into human rights issues that affect students with reading disabilities in Ontario's public education system. The report, [www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report](http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report), released this past spring, issued 157 recommendations. Among these recommendations is the need for an updated language curriculum that includes explicit, systematic and direct instruction in foundational reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics and decoding, and word reading proficiency. The Simcoe County District School Board is committed to shifting our instructional practices to align with these recommendations.

What does this mean for my child? Primary educators are shifting from using leveled texts as they encourage reliance on guessing strategies to solve unknown words. Instead, educators are beginning to use a scope and sequence to systematically teach phonemic awareness and phonics. Students may apply the phonics skills they have learned by reading 'decodable' or 'phonetically controlled' texts. As a result, educators are moving away from using PM Benchmarks and moving towards assessments that measure foundational reading skills. To support your child at home, the following documents provide activities that may help foster these foundational skills:

Phonological Awareness Activities: [Click Here](#)

Supporting Reading Development: [Click Here](#)



## The Season of Giving

December is the season of giving. It is a great time to teach your little ones about the benefits of giving back to their community and others. Many people think the only way to help their community or support their favourite charitable cause is with financial donation - think again! While financial donations are integral to non-profits, there are many other ways that you and your family can give back, make a difference in your community, and have fun - all at the same time! Here are 3 ways you can make a difference this giving season:

- (1) **Family Volunteering:** Volunteering is a great way to teach kids about empathy and compassion. It shows them that a simple act can make a big difference, and helps them practice valuable life skills. Start small, like spending an hour helping a neighbour, and work your way up to a bigger commitments, like going to a shelter or animal rescue once a week. Some families pick a favourite project and make it a yearly tradition, like filling gift baskets for seniors around the holidays. You're never too young to help others!
- (2) **Get Crafty:** A fun way to get the whole family involved is to make arts and crafts to share with others. Many retirement homes and long-term care homes collect handmade cards, drawings, and crafts from the community to share with seniors during the holidays. This is a fun activity that lets kids be creative, and brings great joy to those receiving the handmade items.

- (3) **Donate Used Toys & Clothes:** Have your kids outgrown any of the items they used to love? Consider giving gently worn clothing or used toys a second life by donating them to a local nonprofit. Many shelters that support struggling families, refugees, or immigrants rely on clothing and toy donations. Have your family collect any items they want to donate and explain to your little ones that their once loved items will be going to a new home to bring joy to other children that need it. Basic items that many of us take for granted can make a huge difference in a person's life.

Local charities like the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka run on generous support of individuals and families like yours. If you'd like to learn more about the ways you can give back to the YMCA, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca). No matter how you decide to give back to your community, you and your family can feel good knowing you are making a positive difference in the lives of others. Your giving changes lives!



## SCDSB Projects

The Simcoe County District School Board has a variety of projects on the go, whether it's building new schools, renovating older schools, or completing additions on existing buildings.

For more information about how new schools are planned and funded, visit the [Capital Planning Page](#) on the Boards website.

If you are interested in information about recently completed projects, projects under construction and new projects, please visit the [New School Page](#) on the Boards Website or our [Capital Priorities Overview](#).

## Grade 1 French Immersion

The SCDSB offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency and function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 9:00AM and closes at 4:00PM on Friday, December 16th, 2022.

Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system.



## Ontario Ministry of Education: Tutoring Services

The Ontario Ministry of Education is supporting tutoring services in schools and in the community until the end of March 2023. **Schools offering after school tutoring services will advertise this service directly to parents/guardians.**

Community tutoring agencies provide free of charge tutoring to Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students after hours in the community and online. Contact information for community tutoring agencies can be found [here](#).

Tutoring is available to all SCDSB students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.



The SCDSB is also seeking members of the community to act as tutors in our schools during the school day. All candidates must apply through Apply to Education Posting #3361243. Candidates are required to be interviewed by SCDSB administration, provide professional references, and complete a Vulnerable Sector Screen through their local police service.

For more information, please e-mail [tutoring@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:tutoring@scdsb.on.ca).

## Skilled Trades: A Virtual Event for Students and Parents

Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is.

On **Thursday, December 1st at 7PM**, participants in *What Our School Families Need To Know About Skilled Trades Careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school.

Parents/guardians and Grade 7-12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of surveying 500 parents/guardians.

The interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegger, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and a question-and-answer segment.

Submit questions in advance [here](#).

To register your virtual attendance or for more information on the event [click here](#).



## Night School Registration

Night school offers credits in a variety of subjects for students completing their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, and for students who are preparing for post-secondary education.

Subjects include math, English, chemistry, biology, physics, and social science. All night school courses this year are offered as teacher-led, synchronous online classes using Brightspace/D2L.

Classes are held two nights per week from 6:00 to 9:00PM on either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule, with online student attendance being mandatory.

Night school classes run given sufficient enrolment.

Learn more [here](#) or [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com).



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*The staff at Ernest Cumberland wish all of the students and families a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. See you in 2023!*

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## Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills?

Join our adult English as a second language (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations.

Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities.

Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history.

Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext 45151, or [ganderson@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:ganderson@scdsb.on.ca).

**\*\*Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply to visitors to Canada and work/study holders\*\***





## Heritage Recognition

December

### National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6)

Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. December 6 also represents an opportunity for Canadians to reflect on violence against women in our society. For more information, visit <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/remembrance-commemoration-en.html>.

## Holy Days



- 3 Maun Agyaras  
Jainism
- 7 Sanghamitta Day  
Buddhism
- 8 Bodhi Day/Awakening Day  
Buddhism
- 13 Birthday of Imam Aga Khan  
Islam
- 18-26 Chanukah  
Judaism
- 21 Yule/Winter Solstice  
(may be observed Dec. 19-23)  
Wicca
- 24 Christmas Eve  
Christianity
- 25 Christmas  
Christianity
- 26 Zarathosht-no-diso (FC)  
Zoroastrianism
- 26 Boxing Day  
Canadian Holiday

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>What's for lunch?</b> Order Pizza Pizza, Subway, Lunches Made Easy, and Champ Burger at <a href="http://www.schoolcashonline.com">www.schoolcashonline.com</a>		<b>Spirit Days</b> Today is a fun day to dress in your spirit wear!	<b>1</b> <b>Champ Burger</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Lunches Made Easy</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Pizza Pizza</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Subway</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Champ Burger</b> Picture Day: Photo Retake and Class Photos	<b>9</b> <b>Lunches Made Easy</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Pizza Pizza</b> Purdy's Chocolate: Pick Up Day	<b>14</b> <b>Subway</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Champ Burger</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Lunches Made Easy</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Hanukkah:</b> <b>Wear Blue and Gold</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Pizza Pizza</b> <b>Plaid Day</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Subway</b> <b>Cozy Sweater Day</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Champ Burger</b> <b>Red and Green Day</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Lunches Made Easy</b> <b>T'was the Night Before Winter Holidays:</b> <b>PJ / Cozy Sweater Day</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>
<b>1</b> <b>Holiday / No School</b>				

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