



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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**April 4, 2024,**

Please see below for some updates and informational items:

## Solar Eclipse:

As you may be aware, a rare total solar eclipse is set to unfold on **Monday, April 8, 2024**, creating temporary darkness over certain parts of Ontario. Within our region, it is our understanding the eclipse will begin at approximately 2:00 pm and conclude about 4:30 pm, roughly lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes.

In celebration of the eclipse, the Science Department has been facilitating fun activities at lunch this week including:

Tuesday, April 2nd	Eclipse Video and “Pin the moon on the Sun” game!
Wednesday, April 3rd	Eclipse Pong!
Thursday, April 4th	Eclipse Corn Hole!
Friday, April 5th	Eclipse Trivia game and Eclipse Cupcakes! Solar Eclipse Glasses distributed to students during period 2 while supplies last.
Monday, April 8th ECLIPSE DAY	Professional Development Day Stay home and watch the eclipse! Wear approved solar eclipse glasses to watch!



### **Professional Development Day:**

On Monday, April 8th, DSBN schools have a professional development day. Teachers will be working remotely (synchronous as a staff) on a number of school initiatives including:

- Positive School Culture & Safe Schools
- Health & Safety DSBN Modules
- Literacy and Numeracy Goals for GSS

### **Midterm Reports:**

- Reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

### **NRPH Newsletter:**

Please see the attached newsletter from Niagara Region Public Health for the month of April.

### **EQAO (Grade 9 Math & Grade 10 Literacy):**

- Lunch Time Literacy support is available Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 141F. Students preparing for the OSSLT are welcome to attend!
- Grade 10 students and previously eligible students will write the OSSLT April 16th & 17th in grade 10 classrooms. Previously eligible students will write in the library.
- EQAO grade 9 math - students will write a “snapshot assessment” on May 1st, and final EQAO assessment dates are scheduled for June 11th & 12th

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### **SHSM Showcase:**

We want to invite **Grade 9 & 10 parents and students** to learn about the Specialist High Skills Major Certification Program available for students to be a part of in grades 11 & 12.

Showcase will be held at Governor Simcoe on **Monday, April 22nd, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

You will learn:

- What SHSM is;
- The benefits and how to enroll for next year; and
- A chance to travel to sector locations within the school to see classes, shops, and equipment, and talk with teacher leaders within each sector.

Refreshments and swag bags will be provided. In addition, all attendees will be entered into a raffle.

Please RSVP to this Event and indicate your email and the number of people in your party attending, by using this [Google Form](#).

### **Grade 12 Grad Hoodies:**

Reminder that Grad Hoodies have come in! For those students that ordered a Hoodie, please pick it up in room 201 A from Mr. Torok.

Sincerely,

T. Thompson  
Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary