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Good afternoon! Please see below for some informational updates and reminders:

Semester One Report Cards:

Semester One Final Report Cards were sent home with students today. A hard copy has been placed in student's Ontario School Records (OSRs) and an electronic copy was also sent to student's DSBN emails. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Parking passes - Reminder:

We have implemented parking passes for all staff and student drivers. These passes will allow us to better monitor spaces around our building. If student drivers have not yet requested a pass, they are reminded that they must fill out this google form: [Student Parking Pass 2023-2024](#). Once filled out, students need to come to the main office to confirm their submission of the form details and be assigned a numbered pass. These passes are to be hung on vehicle's mirrors at all times when at the school.

Vaccination Clinic:

This is a reminder that the school vaccination clinic is taking place on **Tuesday, February 20th**. This clinic is for students who have received an immunization notice from Public Health and have not caught up on their missing vaccines yet.

On clinic day, students should eat breakfast before the clinic, wear a loose-fitting jt-shirt and bring their Personal Immunization Record (yellow card) if they have one. The clinic is held in the gymnasium.

Personal Digital/Electronic Devices:

Under the DSBN's Policies "Education Programs and Student Services D-01: Digital Technology Use by Students" states:

a) If the device is to be present in the classroom the purpose is solely educational and with teacher's direction and permission.

- b) The use of this device must not interfere with anyone's learning.*
- c) To protect the privacy and safety of students and staff, personal electronics CANNOT be used to take photographs or videotape, unless under the direct supervision of a teacher for academic purposes.*
- d) Students should not be using their personal phones to call/text without teacher knowledge. Contact with parents must always happen through the office to ensure student safety.*
- e) Devices are never to be used in private areas such as change rooms and washrooms.*
- f) When devices are not in use, they must be turned off and stored in a secure location (i.e., locker, backpack) DSBN schools and staff will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal electronic devices.*

We are finding that personal cell phone use is inhibiting the learning of many of our students, which is an unacceptable barrier to their success and achievement. We will continue to support strategies in the school, classrooms and learning spaces that remove barriers such as inappropriate use of digital/electronic devices.

Please talk to your child about this and let us know if you have any questions.

Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities. Black communities have been a part of the fabric of Canadian heritage since the 1600s when Mathieu Da Costa arrived. Black communities in Canada have a rich history that highlights the resilience, innovation and determination of Black people on these lands.

The [Black History Month Slides](#) on the DSBN website is available for educators and families to access resources and ideas to provide meaningful learning opportunities.

At Governor Simcoe, in collaboration with Curriculum Support Services, we will be implementing learning opportunities in classrooms throughout the month.

Sincerely,

T. Thompson