



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Please see below for some updates and informational items:

Midterm Reports:

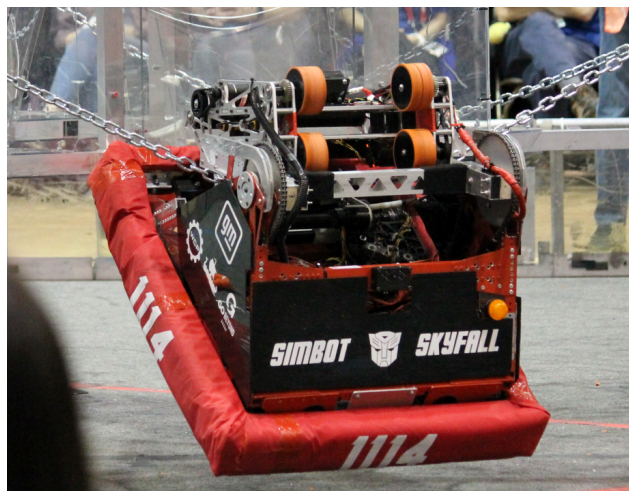
- Midterms reports were distributed to students today, and an electronic copy was emailed to student's DSBN email accounts.
- The In-School Student Success Team (ISSST) is working on plans with teachers to support students that are in-risk of not achieving all of their credits.

Next Year's Course Requests:

Along with their midterm report card, today each student also received a form that lists their course requests for next year. If your student would like to make any changes to their courses for next year, please complete the form and return it to the Student Services Office by next **Friday, May 3rd**. For your reference, courses are listed on the Student Services section of the Governor Simcoe website (govsimcoe.dsb.org>Student Services top tab>Information for Grade 9/10/11).

Robotics:

This past week, team 1114 Simbotics competed in the FIRST robotics championship in Houston, Texas against over 800 teams from around the world. The team arrived on Wednesday, confident and ready to compete. Qualification matches were held on Thursday and Friday, throughout which the team was able to achieve 14th place in their division of approximately 80 teams. Saturday morning, they paired up with teams from Texas and Mexico for the playoffs on Saturday. During the playoffs, the team stayed strong, fighting fiercely through the competition and scoring some of the highest scores of the season. Our alliance ended top 3 in the division. The team also secured the Excellence in Engineering award for their design of this year's robot, "Skyfall." Congratulations to the team for your outstanding effort and for representing Simcoe on the world stage!



NRPH Newsletter:

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

EQAO (Grade 9 Math):

EQAO grade 9 math - students will write a "snapshot assessment" on May 1st, and final EQAO assessment dates are scheduled for June 11th & 12th, 2024. More specific details will be shared with grade 9 math classes as we prepare for these assessments.

School Council and OSAP Presentation:

Reminder of the next School Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 5:30 pm in Governor Simcoe's Library. Following the School Council meeting, there will be an OSAP presentation by guidance for those parents who have students going to post-secondary institutions next year who are interested in financial aid.

SHSM Showcase:

Yesterday evening, Governor Simcoe hosted its first Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Showcase for parents and students interested in entering one of our SHSM programs. It was a great success and we would like to thank the students and staff that worked hard to plan, organize and run the event. If you missed it and are interested in exploring what senior SHSM pathways Governor Simcoe has to offer, please go to the guidance office for more information.

Cafeteria:

We have a number of students that are coming into the cafeteria to order food minutes away from the start of period 3, and in many cases, after period 3 has started. These students are regularly late for period 3, and teachers are reporting that they are bringing in food and eating it well into the lesson.

We will be closing off the cafeteria at 11:30 (5 minutes before the start of period 3) to encourage students to manage their lunch time more efficiently (including purchasing food) and getting to class on time.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

T. Thompson
Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary