



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Please see below for some informational items and reminders:

Arts Night:

The Holiday Season is upon us and to help celebrate this festive time, the Arts Department will be having a night of celebrating **Simcoe Arts: The Holiday Special!** The concert this year will be on Thursday, Dec. 7th (7:00 pm start, doors open at 6:40 pm, free admission). We have many students involved this semester.

Performances include:

- Simcoe Dance Team
- Senior & Junior Music Class
- Jazz Combo
- “The Born Special” Rock Band
- Sr. & Jr. Band
- Vocal Choir
- Artwork will be up on display
- Sr. Drama class will be running the evening (tech, crew, lighting, ushers, etc.)

All of the students have been working hard in preparation for this evening, and are looking forward to seeing their friends, families and of course their teachers and mentors support this evening. Please see the attached poster for more details. Please join us for a fun evening of Simcoe Arts!

Course Selection:

Grade 9, 10, and 11 students are selecting their courses for next school year (2024/2025) with the Guidance Department from December 11th to December 20th. Students are using the Xello program, which they access through their DSBN D2L account, to select and submit their courses.

Once your student has selected their courses, please review your student's course selections in Xello and then go to School Cash Online and use the permission form to grant approval of their course choices. The permission form will be available on School Cash Online starting December 11th.

If you would like to make changes to the courses that your student has submitted, please email either Cara Stewart (cara.stewart@dsbn.org) or Tim Tope (tim.tope@dsbn.org) with the specific changes that you would like to make, and they will make the adjustments in Xello for your student. *Please email only Cara or Tim, not

both of them. They will email you once the changes have been made so you can review the adjustments and then use the School Cash Online form to grant approval for your student's updated course selections.

For your reference, the list of course options for next year is available by each grade on the Governor Simcoe Guidance website: www.govsimcoe.dsbno.org>Student Services top tab>Information For Grade (choose which grade your student is currently in). As well, the courses and their descriptions are also available in your student's Xello account.

Any questions, please contact Cara Stewart in the Guidance Office.

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Help support kids in serious need - Get your 50/50 Tickets for the December draw in support of the Education Foundation of Niagara!

Order on-line to have tickets delivered to your school: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/EFN5050DRAW>

Please follow us @InTheRoundNiagara and @EducationFoundationofNiagara

See attached flyer for additional information.

Ski & Snowboard Club:

Simcoe Ski & Snowboard Club is back! The club is set to start on Wednesday, January 10th, and will continue through the winter season every Wednesday evening at Holiday Valley. There are still a few spots open for this opportunity. If you are interested, please see Jamie Brophy, or email jamie.brophy@dsbn.org to save your spot and begin the necessary paperwork. Deposit and permission forms are due before Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH):

Please see the attached NRPH December Newsletter.

Vandalism:

We are still experiencing a high volume of vandalism in the washrooms at the school. This includes clogging toilets and sinks with large amounts of paper towels, taking soap dispensers off of the wall, graffiti, and damage to stalls and doors. We are having to close washrooms down for maintenance regularly which is an inconvenience for all students utilizing the washrooms for their intended purposes. Please discuss these concerns at home, including reviewing appropriate behaviours. Students are encouraged to contact the office if they have any information pertaining to vandalism at school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Teri Thompson