

Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Please see below for some updates and informational items:

Off The Wall Art Show:







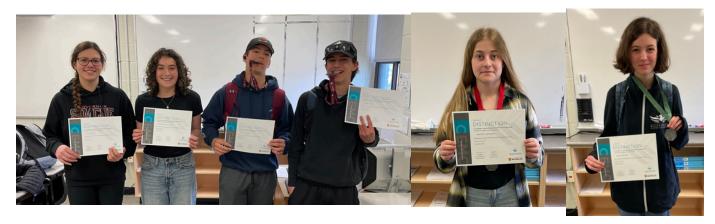
The DSBN's "Off The Wall" Art Show took place on Thursday, April 25, 2024. The art pieces will continue to be displayed at the DSBN Education Centre until May 17th, 2024. A special thank you goes out to Elinore Radimer, Kaila Goode, Talia Cosby and Jada Brown who helped curate the show. Governor Simcoe's art show participants include: Lyonne Brown, Victoria Ives, Melody Pennings, Izzah Asif, Oliva Neely, Chloe Adams, Michaela Adams, Jeong-Won Park, Siyeon Park and Brianna Peters. Congratulations goes to the Simcoe's Art Show Award winners: Victoria Ives (Best Painting); Lyonne Brown (Honorable Mention, Painting); Izzah Asif (Best Mixed-Media Artwork); and Biranna Peters (Best Drawing). Congratulations to our Redcoat Artists!



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.

Waterloo Math Contest:



Congratulations to six of our students who won awards in the Waterloo Math Contest this spring! Certificates were given for achieving in the top 25% of all writers in Ontario, and medals for the top students in each grade. Grade 9 winners: Avery Haddon, Cody Mayer, Lisa Hirsh, Sophia Girotti Switzer. Grade 10 winner: Juno Mitchell. Grade 11 winner: Hannah Johnston. Well done!

Indigenous Film Festival:

Indigenous Student Representative Dale McIntee has organized an Indigenous Film Festival for the Governor Simcoe student community. The objective of the initiative is to further the understanding of Indigenous culture, spread positivity and love through cinema, and showcase and celebrate Indigenous works of art. The film festival will showcase a mix of films, episodes and documentaries including 8th Fire, Rez Dogs, Cree Fashion Show, Mary Two-Axe Earley: I Am Indian Again, and Molly of Denali. **The film festival will run each Tuesday during lunch in the Learning Commons through the month of May beginning May 7th, and culminating on June 4th.** Governor Simcoe students are invited to bring their lunch to the Learning Commons and enjoy the films! A concession stand will also be included with snacks available for students.

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program:

Free Dental Screening at our school!

Has your teen seen a dentist in the last year? Do you have dental insurance? Students 17 years old and under may be eligible to receive free dental services. A registered dental hygienist from Public Health will be visiting our school to offer students 17 and under free dental screening on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 10-11:30 a.m. The registered dental hygienist will take a quick look at your child's teeth using a sterilized dental mirror.

Dental screenings can help identify urgent dental issues and link eligible students to Healthy Smiles Ontario. Please encourage your child to stop by.

If your child is not available on this date, don't worry! For more information, call the Dental Program at 905-688-8248, ext. 7399. Translation services available through phone and live chat.

Sporting Events at Governor Simcoe:

With the nice weather and the large variety of extracurricular activities offered at our school, there will be a number of approved opportunities for students to enjoy and cheer on fellow students. However, please do not "sign out" your child from class to go and watch these events. This creates distractions to the learning environment, difficulties with adequate supervisions, and overall it sends the wrong message about the importance of attendance and engaging in classes. If students are excused by a parent/guardian, the expectation is that students leave the property for their appointment or otherwise necessary event. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

T. Thompson Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary