



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Simcoe Arts Showcase

The Simcoe Arts teams presented their talents in a showcase on the evening of December 10th, 2024. The following groups participated in the event;

- The Simcoe Dance Team
- The Grade 10 Band Class
- The Grade 9 Jr Band Class
- The Flute Choir
- The Simcoe Choir
- The Jazz Combo
- The Trombone Choir
- The Concert Band



Thank you to the Music Council Members and staff who helped in planning, organizing and facilitating the evening showcase, along with the set-up and take down of the show. The student participation was wonderful and it was great to have so many community members come out to watch and support these members of “Our House”.

Simcoe Outreach Society

The Simcoe Outreach Society raised awareness for women in need and created 27 gift boxes for the Shoebox Project! Thank you to staff and students for putting together all of the shoeboxes for those in need. Your hard work and dedication will make a difference for so many at Christmas:)



Next Year's Course Selections

- In preparation for course selections for the 2025-2026 school year, the Guidance Department held assemblies last week for Grade 9, 10, and 11 students; at the assemblies, they reviewed OSSD requirements, compulsory and elective course options, and how to research admission requirements for post-secondary programs.
- If students have any follow up questions from last week's assemblies, they are encouraged to make an appointment with Mrs. Stewart or Mr. Tope any time in January.
- Each Grade 9, 10, and 11 student will select their courses for next school year through their Xello account, and the Guidance Department will be meeting with each student through a class-by-class schedule to help students choose their courses for next year. **Course selections for next year will begin on Monday, February 10th and go until the end of February.**
- For your reference, the list of next year's course offerings are on the Governor Simcoe website: Student Services top tab>Information for Grade 9/10/11.

End of Semester 1 Procedures - Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days

The District School Board of Niagara is committed to creating conditions that support all students achieving their potential and celebrating success. Below you will find information about our Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days - these days are designed to allow students the opportunity to consolidate their learning and work toward achievement through final culminating activities which may include a written exam, performance, interviews, etc. All FCAs are designed in a manner to suit the nature of the subject, grade level, and course.

The final **in-class instructional** day for students will be **Tuesday, January 21, 2024**. The next four days are dedicated to Final Culminating Activity Days (FCAs):

- Wednesday, January 22 will run period # 1 FCAs
- Thursday, January 23 will run period # 2 FCAs
- Friday, January 24 will run period # 3 FCAs
- Monday, January 27 will run period # 4 FCAs

Expectations for students will vary by course and grade level. Certain courses will have final evaluation tasks that students must attend. The chart below shows which courses (by grade and pathway) MUST attend on the FCA scheduled day.

Junior Courses - Grade 9 and 10	
9 & 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There are no scheduled <u>exams</u> for any grade 9 or 10 courses with the exception of grade 10, academic math (MPM 2D). Students in this math course are required to write an exam on their scheduled day, according to their individual timetable (as above).● Students will be notified by each of their teachers when FCAs are scheduled and due for

	evaluation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will also let individual students know if they need to attend on additional days to provide further evidence of learning (if the credit is in-risk). 	
Senior Courses - Grade 11 and 12		
Pathway	Open & Workplace	College, University, Mixed
11 & 12	There are no scheduled exams for grade 11 or 12, Open and Workplace pathway courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be notified by each of their teachers when FCAs are scheduled and due for evaluation. 	All grade 11 and 12, College, University, or Mixed pathway courses are required to have an exam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must attend on their scheduled FCA/exam day.

- During these 4 FCA days, there are no instructional classes and students are able to go home after they have completed their FCA.
- Please note, buses continue to run on the normal schedule and there will be quiet, supervised study spaces available in the library and cafeteria.
- Students are encouraged to make alternate arrangements for transportation home, following the end of their FCA/Exam.

We encourage students and parents/guardians to reach out to teachers if you have any questions about the student’s progress or achievement or questions surrounding these FCA days.

Holiday Break

All of us here in “Our House” want to wish students and families a safe and relaxing break! We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
T. Thompson