



Governor Simcoe Secondary School





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Highlights and Updates of our Redcoats' Sports, Clubs and Teams:

Boys Basketball	Governor Simcoe's Junior AND Senior Boys Basketball teams have ended their season as Zone 4 Champions! Both teams are heading to SOSSA next week!
Swimming	Simcoe's Swim Team will be competing at OFSAA after an outstanding showing at SOSSA (6 gold medals). OFSAA swimming is March 4 and 5th at the Pan Am Pool in Toronto, and we have 8 swimmers representing Simcoe!
Rowing	In rowing news, Mason Dearborn and Avery Haddon finished first and second at the West Niagara Indoor Erg Competition last weekend!
Curling	Governor Simcoe's curling team made it to the zone finals and finished 2 nd ! (Henry Petrychanko, Gavin Tapply, Sichen Lu, Ryan Michel, Leo Wynnycky). Governor Simcoe has not had a curling team in years, so the team has started off on the right foot!!
Ski Club	This year the ski and snowboard club has had a fantastic time on the slopes at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville NY. Conditions were amazing and the last full-day ski trip is taking place in just over a week. Don't miss out next year in joining this club!
Wrestling	During the SOSSA wrestling tournament today, Kaeden Phan won SOSSA Gold in his weight class!! Congratulations!
Soccer	For any students interested in playing boys soccer, we will be having training sessions after school in the gym starting next week! These sessions are open to any students from grades 9-12 who want to practice and improve their skills before tryouts begin after March Break. No commitment, just a great opportunity with this year's coaches (Miss Spink and Coach Steve) to train, have fun, and get ready for the season ahead! See you there!

<p>Robotics</p> 	<p>The robotics team is volunteering at the FTC Robotics Provincial Championships at Brock this weekend. Most students will be volunteering about 14 hours, some are going to be closer to 22+!</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Niagara College District Event (Welland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday, March 8, 2025 to Sunday, March 9th, 2025 ● McMaster District Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday, March 29, 2025 to Sunday, March 30th, 2025 ● Provincial Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, April 4, 2025 to Saturday, April 5th, 2025 ● World Championship - Houston, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, April 14th, 2025 to Monday, April 21st, 2025
<p>Simcoe Outreach Society</p>	<p>S.O.S is asking for peanut-free snack donations to be dropped off in the main foyer from Feb 24-28, 2025 to support Community Crew: an organization that provides lunches to children who need them in the Niagara Region, serving several DSN elementary schools. 1500 children served, 4500 lunches delivered per week in 33 elementary schools across Niagara.</p> <p>Some S.O.S students will be packing lunches on Tuesday Feb 25th.</p>
<p>Student Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are looking forward to the semi formal event next week on Wednesday, February 26th at Club Roma. ● Our Link Crew leaders will be working with the grade 9 students on Friday, February 21st for a check-in activity for semester two!
<p>Arts Department Fundraiser</p>	<p>Coming soon: Krispy Kreme fundraiser to support Redcoat Arts! More information to come soon!</p> 
<p>Mock Trial Club</p>	<p>Simcoe's first Mock Trial Club is in the process of selecting members to form a team and compete in the Niagara Mock Trial Tournament in May. We are working with a criminal defence lawyer from Toronto as a coach. Stay tuned for more information!</p>
<p>Science</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="516 1665 673 1927">  </div> <div data-bbox="695 1682 1219 1877"> <p>Science can sometimes be hair-raising!!!</p> <p>Science students learning about electricity with the Vandergraff Generator.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1260 1675 1459 1906">  </div> </div>

Lunchtime Literacy

- Semester Two Lunchtime Literacy sessions are up and running--Tuesdays and Thursdays in Rooms 141E and 141F.
- Anyone writing the Literacy Test in April is strongly encouraged to attend.
- Ask Mr. Block, Mr. Pierce, or Mr. Hartley about FREE PIZZA FRIDAYS!!

Vaccination Clinic:

Reminder – The school vaccination clinic is happening tomorrow in the gym for students who have received an immunization notice from Public Health and have not caught up on their missing vaccines yet. For those attending:

📄 Bring your immunization record (yellow card) if you have one

👕 Wear a loose-fitting t-shirt

🍏 Eat breakfast or a snack before the clinic

In the event of inclement weather

When buses are cancelled or schools are closed, school vaccination clinics will also be cancelled. Parents/ legal guardians will be notified by their child's school if their school clinic is being rescheduled.

Congregating Concern:

We are seeing an increasing number of students congregating in washrooms for long periods of time during class time. We are also finding that students are gathering in stalls in multiples (2-4 students in one stall). Washrooms are single-use only. Students not following procedures will be addressed accordingly. This is a safety issue, and also causes unnecessary stress for students wanting to use the restroom for its intended purpose.

Cafeteria:

We are trying to problem solve ways in which to increase efficiency in the cafeteria food services area. We are asking that only students who are purchasing food/drink wait in the line. Students waiting for their friend(s) are asked to remain outside of the food-serving area. We are also limiting the number of students allowed in the line at one time to avoid unnecessary congregation. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
T. Thompson