



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Please schedule interviews through the online scheduler available through the Governor Simcoe web page and note that the interview scheduler will close on Wednesday, April 2nd at noon in order to compile interview lists for teachers. <https://govsimcoe.schoolappointments.com/>

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

Track & Field	<p>This weekend two Simcoe grade 9 girls competed at the Athletics Canada Indoor National Track & Field Championships in Toronto. Congratulations to Sophia Tzvetkov who earned a silver medal in the U16 Girls Pentathlon. Pentathlon is a discipline where Sophia and her competitors had to square off in 60 m hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump, and 800 m all within a few hours and receive a numerical score based on their performance in each event. Also congratulations to Amalynn Berardi who finished 5th in Canada in the U16 Girls 60 m dash with a personal best time of 8.07 seconds. Looking to carry this momentum into the school season as our school team starts up this week :)</p>
Rowing	<p>Over the March Break, Abbygayle Durliat was invited to a National Team Camp in Victoria, B.C. with Rowing Canada. This camp was designed to bring together athletes who Rowing Canada believes will be able to represent Canada at the 2028 Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.</p>
Robotics	<p>Congratulations to Team 1114, Simbotics, for their success at the inaugural Niagara College District Event held by FIRST Robotics. Our team won the Excellence in Engineering Award and finished in the 5th round of playoffs. Special recognition goes to Ian Tapply for becoming a District Championship Dean's List Finalist. Our next competition takes place March 29th and 30th at the McMaster District Event in Hamilton, Ontario.</p> 

Basketball 	<p>Congratulations to Noah Budgell, Ari Steenhuis, Reid Oates and Coach Feor. The boys and the coach were nominated by an all-star committee to represent Governor Simcoe at the Bob Miller Niagara Region Senior Boys All Star Basketball Game. Reid will play in the top 40 game, Noah and Ari will play in the top 20 game and Coach Feor will coach in the top 20 game. Please come and cheer on the boys on Thursday March 27th at Collegiate. The Top 40 Game will be at 6:00pm, followed by the Top 20 Game at 8:00pm. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.</p>
Freaky Friday	<p>The virtual Box Office for this year's musical production, "Freaky Friday," is now open! "Freaky Friday the Musical" is a high-energy, heartwarming comedy that brings the beloved story of a mother and daughter who magically swap bodies to life on stage! Filled with catchy tunes, hilarious moments, and heartfelt lessons, this modern musical explores the chaos and comedy of trying to walk in someone else's shoes—literally! Join us for a fun-filled adventure that proves just how much we all have to learn from one another. Don't miss this unforgettable, toe-tapping experience!</p> <p>Show dates are April 25th, 26th, May 2nd and 3rd at 7pm and April 27th at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 each and can be bought at: https://governor-simcoe-ss.square.site/</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you in the theatre!</p> 

Simcoe Around the World:

We are going to host a student-run initiative called “Simcoe Around the World” which will feature students showcasing their cultures through food, games, clothing, music and more. We will use the library space at lunch to host ~5 students per lunch on Tuesday, April 1st, Wednesday, April 2nd, and Thursday, April 3rd. Come and learn about your Simcoe community!!

DEL F

Governor Simcoe will be hosting DELF exams (DEL F standing for "Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française" and is an official, internationally recognized diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify French language proficiency for non-native speakers, covering levels A1 to B2) on Monday, April 7th - Wednesday, April 9th during the afternoon periods. Students involved in DELF will be signed out of their afternoon classes.

Literacy

Semester two students completing the literacy test (~50 students) will do so between Tuesday, April 8th and Thursday, April 10th. Students will be informed of where and when they will be writing the OSSLT and communication through our Literacy lead (Mr. Pierce) will be forthcoming to parents/guardians.

Distribution of Graduation Letters to Grade 12 Students

- The Guidance Department will be handing out individual graduation letters to every Grade 12 student on Thursday, March 27th at the end of Period 2.
- These letters contain a variety of information, including details about upcoming OSAP presentations, online graduation form, etc.
- Along with the graduation letter, students will also receive their current Graduation Summary that details their progress towards their OSSD.
- The Guidance Department will follow up with any Grade 12 students who do not pick up their graduation letter.

Speaker Opportunity - Angeline Boulley (Author):

- We want to share an exciting learning opportunity for staff, students, families and community. Angeline Boulley, author of *Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Warrior Girl*, will be visiting the DSBN in April and will be speaking in the Laura Secord auditorium on Monday, April 14th at 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The event is free and all participants will also receive a free copy of one of Angeline's books.
- To support planning, we ask everyone to register using the attached flyer QR code or registration link below. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for general seating. [Link to Registration Form](#)
- The Indigenous Student Leadership Group and the Indigenous Education Team look forward to sharing this evening with the DSBN Community.
- Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have to Marianne Groat marianne.groat@dsbn.org

Parent Involvement Committee - Guest Speaker

The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is proud to host upcoming community events for parents and caregivers. On April 29, 30 and May 1, Dr. Greg Wells will be sharing strategies for positive mental health and well-being for parents, adolescents, and children. Dr. Wells received

outstanding reviews from administrators after his presentation at the Leadership Conference this past October. Please see the attached flyer for details.

NRPH

Please find attached the April monthly newsletter from Niagara Region Public Health.

From the NRPH March newsletter: ***New Quit Vaping Program for Youth***

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is excited to launch **Youth-Vaping, Substance use, and Technology (VAST)**. Youth-VAST is a program for youth in Ontario who are using vaping, substances, or feel like technology is taking up too much of their time. This program brings together existing and new resources across CAMH to deliver virtual services directly to youth and their family.

- Program offered for youth ages 12-21 years.
- Appointments are offered virtually for youth all over Ontario
- Youth will be assigned a care coordinator to create a customized treatment plan
- Individuals can self-refer directly into this program, no physician referral required. To refer, visit Youth-VAST to book an appointment or email youth.vast@camh.ca for more information.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
T. Thompson