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Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports have been sent home today to students' DSBN email accounts. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.** You will be able to schedule interviews through the online scheduler which will be available through the Governor Simcoe webpage starting March 26, 2025. More communication on this to follow after the break.




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




OFSAA Swimming



Congratulations to Simcoe swimmers who competed at OFSAA March 4 and 5. Violet Crowe, silver medalist in the junior girls 50m Breaststroke and placed 6th in the Jr 100 freestyle. Isla Fenwick finished 8th in the open girls 100m backstroke and 9th in the 100 M against swimmers mostly in grade 11 and 12 and she is in grade 9. Congratulations to Lisa Hirsch who swam the open women's 100 freestyle and had a best time. Liam White raced the Sr boys 50 freestyle. We are also very proud of the Senior boys Medley and Freestyle relay team of Oliver Crowe, Isaac Dilts, Liam White, Alex Zou and Stas Bucalov who swam best times of the year and narrowly missed finals in the Medley relay. Way to go Simcoe Swimmers! Thank you to Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Tilly for their support of these athletes!



<p>DSBN Skills</p> 	<p>Congrats to Callum Green and Matviy Bodnarchuk, who placed second at the DSBN skills competition for the TV video production Team!</p> <p>They will be competing at the April 5th regional qualifier at Niagara College.</p> <p>Congrats to Mr. Iseppon for preparing his students to compete at this level!</p>
<p>Co-op</p>	<p>Co-op in Action! 🌟</p> <p>Our cooperative education students are gaining valuable hands-on experience in the workplace! Check out our Instagram to see them in action for Workplace Wednesday! Follow us and celebrate their success! 📷</p> <p>#CoOpExperience #WorkplaceWednesday</p>
<p>Student Accomplishment</p>	<p>Enzo Cocetti was selected to be a Rotary International Exchange Student. He is being sent to Japan and will spend a whole year there effective Sept. It's a lengthy process to get approved and typically they only select a few candidates out of a large field. Congratulations Enzo!</p>
<p>Redcoats Chess Team</p> 	<p>Simcoe's Chess Team competed in their 4th Tournament last month at Laura Secord. The team rose to the challenge, like a League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, completing 6 games with each player winning or matching more games than lost. Simcoe's top player scored 10th out of 57 players and achieved a 1110 point average. Congratulations Chess Players!</p>
<p>Robotics</p>	<p>Good luck to the Simbotics Team 1114 who will be competing at the District Event this weekend at Niagara College Saturday, March 8, 2025 to Sunday, March 9th, 2025!</p> 
<p>Black History Month</p>	<p>Miracle Okundaye developed a student voice video on "What does Black History Month mean to You?". It was shared in all classrooms this week and it will be available on the Governor Simcoe Website.</p> <p>All classes also featured a short learning session on Canadian Black History. Please ask your student about this!</p>
<p>French Department</p>	<p>French celebrated Mardi Gras with the help of Niagara beaver tails mobile service this week!</p>

<p>Redcoat Jazz Combo</p> 	<p>Jazz Combo has been invited to perform on Saturday March 8th at the Performing Arts Centre prior to and during intermission for the NSO: Classical Mystery Tour concert! Jazz Combo plays from 7:00-7:25pm and for 20 minutes during intermission. Guests of performers are welcome to purchase additional tickets using the promo code "NYOSpot" at checkout with the box office to purchase adult tickets at a discounted rate of \$46 (excluding \$99 seats).</p>
<p>Redcoat Arts Fundraiser</p>	<p>Krispy Kreme fundraiser to support Redcoat Arts and this year's Musical Freaky Friday!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$15/dozen ● Order from Mrs. Risko or any of the cast from Freaky Friday or School Cash Online! <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

Guidance - Parent/Guardian Confirmation of Course Selections for Next Year

- All Grade 9, 10, and 11 students met with the Guidance Department in February to choose their courses for next year.
- Please review your student's course choices in their Xello account (their Xello account is available through their D2L/Brightspace account).
- If you approve of the courses they have submitted, please grant your approval through the permission form posted in School Cash Online.
- There is no cost or fee to using the School Cash Online form.
- The permission form is open now and is available until March 31st; please make sure to do this by March 31st.
- We are asking that every parent/guardian submit this permission form.
- If you do not approve of the courses your student has submitted in Xello and you would like to make some changes, please email Mrs. Stewart (cara.stewart@dsbn.org) or Mr. Tope (tim.tope@dsbn.org) with the specific changes that you would like to make, and Mr. Tope or Mrs. Stewart will make the adjustments for you.
- Please email only Mrs. Stewart or Mr. Tope, not both of them.
- Once they have made the changes, they will email you to let you know, and then you can use the School Cash Online form to grant approval of the updated course selections.

NRPH

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

March Break

Schools will be closed for the March break, March 10 - 14, 2025. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
T. Thompson