

School Council Meeting: January 20, 2025 - Online MS Teams

Chair: Amanda Rappitt

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

Structure of meetings - September, November, January, March, May

Student Council & Student Leadership Update

School Council:

- How to celebrate and recognize Black History Month - student voice, teacher resources for class lessons, etc.,
- Semi formal February 26 - any students bringing a guest outside of GSS need to get the "Guest Information Sheet"
- Student council is working on a winter teams/clubs pep rally (first week of March)
- Spirit day to go along with the pep rally
- Planning to continue the fun Fridays once a month.

Link Crew:

- Link crew is going to run a check in with grade 9's in the first week or 2 of semester 2

School updates:

Semester One 2024/25 Final Culminating & Exam Processes:

The end of the semester is fast approaching, and as such we wanted to provide you with information regarding our Final Culminating Activity/Final Exam days, January 22-27.

- Teachers have created course summative assessments in the form of Final Culminating Activities (FCA's) which are being worked on in classes by students.
- In addition, for some courses there will also be a mandatory Final Exam or other form of assessment that will be completed in-person on the designated FCA day, according to the chart below.

- Students are required to complete an in-person FCA/Final Exam on January 22-27 if they are enrolled in the courses listed below.
- Courses indicated with an asterisk * have performance based FCA's requiring individual student performances. As a result, individual student time slots/performance expectations may vary. These teachers will communicate attendance expectations directly with the student and parent/guardian.
- Teachers may also require students to attend on January 22-27 to complete outstanding course expectations. Teachers will communicate required attendance with students and guardians.
- Students may choose to attend the scheduled FCA day to bump up a mark on one major assessment. This must be arranged with the teacher in advance.
- Classroom teachers will be in their classes by 8:10am, with all scheduled activities/exams scheduled to begin at 8:30am
- If you have any additional questions about course evaluations please contact the teacher directly.

Please note:

- The bus schedule remains the same so please arrange for transportation home after the Final Culminating Activity/Final Exam is complete.
- Students who remain at school will be required to stay in the supervised library until 2:10 pm dismissal.
- The last day of cafeteria service is January 21.

Final Culminating Activity Calendar
Mandatory FCA/Final Exams are listed below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
January 20th	January 21st	January 22nd	January 23rd	January 24th			
Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Period 1 FCA/Final Exam		Period 2 FCA/Final Exam		Period 3 FCA/Final Exam	
		Cousins	SBI3C1-01	Brophy	PSK4U1-01	Angelone	IDP4OF/4UF-01
		Diramio	ICS3U/4U1-01	Brown	HSB4U1-01	Block	ENG4C1-02
		Gilmour	SCH4U1-02	Cousins	SNC2DF-01	Bolle	MCR3U1-04
		Huff	MPM2D1-05	Diramio	TEJ3M/4M1-02	Breivik	NBE3U1-04
		Iseppon	TCJ3E/4E1	Gilmour	SCH3U/4C1-02	Brown	HSP3C/3U1-03
		Lennox	CHY4U1-01	Grant	AVI3M/4M1-01	Huff	MDM4U1-02
		Lockyer	SNC2D1-02	Hill	FIF3U/4U1-02	Lockyer	SPH4U101
		Pierce	ENG4U1-02	Horsfall	TMJ3C/3M/4O/4M	McCaughey	SNC1W1-05
		Potalivo	BAF3M1-01	Iseppon	TGJ3M/4M1-02	Minniti	MPM2D1-03
		Risto	TDV3M/4M1-01	McCaughey	MBF3C1-01	Potalivo	BBB4M1-01
		Smith	NBE3U1-05	Smith	NBE3U1-01	Risto	TDJ3M/4M1-01
		Thompson	SPH3U/4C1-01	Spiece	MHF4U1-02	Thompson	SNC2D1-03
		Vrbaneck	*TFJ2O1-04*	Thompson	SNC2D1-04	Tilly	SBI3U1-02
		Tilly	SNC1W1-06	Torok	CLU3M1-01		
		Torok	CHA3U1-01	Vrbaneck	*TFJ3C/4C1-03*		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
January 27th	January 28th	January 29th	January 30th	February 1st			
Period 4 FCA/Final Exam		PD Day	First day of Semester 2 Regular School Day Sem 1 - FCA/Exam Review 1:40pm - 2:10pm	Regular School Day			
Bolle	MCR3U1-01						
Breivik	EWC4C/4U1-01						
Brown	HSP3C/3U1-02						
Crowe	ENG4U1-01						
Cousins	SNC1WF-01						
Horsfall	TMJ3C/3M/4C/4M1						
Huff	MPM2D1-04						
Lennox	CLN4C/4U1-02						
Lockyer	SNC1W1-02						
McCaughey	MCF3M1-02						
Risko	*ADA3M/4M1-01*						
Smith	NBE3C1-02						
Spiece	MHF4U1-03						
Tilly	SBI4U1-01						
Vrbaneck	*TFJ3C/4C1-02*						
	Credit Rescue *based on communication with classroom teacher on an individual student basis*						

Black History Month:

- Working with Student Council and a few teacher advisors
 - Student videos “what does BHM mean to you?” - share collated videos with period 1 classes
 - Students putting together a “playlist” of Black Artists and post QR codes around school (nothing with inappropriate language)
 - Periodic Table of Black Canadian History - teachers to do in classrooms - separated into categories (i.e., artists, athletes, activists, government poets, etc.,) - Jan 29th to go over with teachers

Professional Development Day:

- Friday, February 14, 2025
- Literacy & Numeracy Initiatives - focus specifically on Assessment and Evaluation strategies (according to department-focused goals)
- **School Core Values** - continue to work on staff actions and behaviours and PD on “Impact of Language and Interrupting Bias”
- Possible Autism workshop - run by in-school team

Guidance Updates -

Semester 2: Requesting Course Changes

- Students who want to request a course change in their Semester 2 schedule will complete an online Google form.
- This form will be posted on the home page of the Governor Simcoe website from Wednesday, January 29th to Friday, February 7th.
- Students must attend all of the classes in which they are currently scheduled and, after they submit the online form, Mrs. Stewart or Mr. Tope will call into one of their classes and ask them to go to the Guidance Office to discuss course options.

Next Year: Course Selections

- Students will choose their courses for next school year (2025-2026) from Monday, February 10th to Tuesday, February 25th.
- Throughout these weeks, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Tope will meet with one class each period, and they will work individually with

students to assist them with the process.

- The schedule: Period 2 = Grade 11 classes, Period 3 = Grade 10 classes, Period 4 = Grade 9 classes.
- Course selections will be done through Xello, an online platform available through students' DSBN D2L/Brightspace account.
- For your reference, the Guidance Department held Grade Assemblies with each grade in December to review OSSD requirements, compulsory and elective course options, and courses pertaining to post-secondary programs.
- The list of course offerings for next year were handed out to each student at the assembly; they are also available on Simcoe's Guidance website: govsimcoe.dsb.org>Student Services top tab>Guidance drop down>Information For Grade 9/10/11 (select the appropriate tab)>Next Year's Course Selections.
- Grade 12 students interested in applying for 12B for next year are to watch their Guidance Google Class of 2025 for the 12B application. These are reviewed in late August by the administration.

Questions

- Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, April 3rd - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - scheduled appointments
- Next meeting - Monday, March 24th, 5:30 pm Governor Simcoe