

## School Council Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2024

Chair:

Principal: Teri Thompson

Vice Principal: Leslie Brophy

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

### Student Council & Student Leadership Update

#### School Council:

- Kindness initiative is in the hall across from the library. Be the “I” in kind and pose for a picture. They’re going to make an Instagram reel with a bunch of pictures.
- December 13 will be the fun Friday for December. We’re looking at cookie decorating/student’s initialing ornaments to add to the Christmas tree.
- Holiday spirit week in December
- Semi formal February 26
- Looking to do something fun on the first Friday of each month (ice cream, hot chocolate, lemonade, games etc).

#### SOS (Simcoe Outreach Society):

- “Simcoe Scares Hunger” -
- SOS sold pizza last Friday to raise money for our holiday initiative – The Shoebox Project. We collect toiletries and other items to fill a shoebox for a local woman in need. Shoeboxes go to organizations like Gillian’s place and YWCA. 😊
- [The Shoebox Project](#)

#### Motivational Assembly by “Live Different” Company:

- Assembly December 5th (2 separate in the auditorium - grade 9’s and 11’s and then 10’s and 12’s)
- Will work with our Link Crew Leaders for a 90-minute training session to support student leadership through Peer Mentorship. Link Crew leaders will receive training to help deliver a curriculum-based initiative designed to develop leadership, build community, foster empathy, and cultivate kindness (probably with grade 9’s this year)
- [Live Different](#) at your school

#### Athletics at Simcoe:

- <https://govsimcoe.dsbn.org/> and scroll to middle bottom for the chart

School updates:

## Midterm Report Cards:

- Reports sent home last Tuesday (and electronic copy sent home to student's DSBN emails)

## Literacy (EQAO-OSSLT) - Fall Write:

- Grade 10 students and previously eligible students will write the test on November 19th - 21st and then again 26th - 28th. This gives us until Dec 5th when the fall window closes to support any student absences.
- Grade 10 English classes (first-time eligible) will write with their teachers during their English class period (with extended time if necessary) between the 19th-21st.
- Previously eligible to write in the library same 2-days
- Other grade 10's not in English this semester will write in small groups between 26th -28th in the library (grouped based on last name)
- Lunch-Time Literacy sessions continue which are held twice a week (Tuesday and Thursdays - all students welcome, specific students invited based on last years grade 9 achievement)
  - "OSSLT General Tips" and link to EQAO practice test material are linked on the GSS Website on the right side under the following logo:



## Professional Development Day:

- Friday, November 29, 2024
- Literacy & Numeracy Initiatives - focus specifically on Assessment and Evaluation strategies (including report card comment writing, culminating task/exam collaboration, etc.,)
- **School Core Values** - continue to work on staff actions and behaviours
- Possible Autism workshop - run by in-school team

## Parent Information Sessions -

### 1. Guidance Information Session:

- Who? → Parents/guardians of Grade 9 & 10 students
- When? → November 18th after School Council meeting

## Guidance Updates -

- Grade Assemblies - December - Guidance Department will hold an assembly for each grade where we will review all of the possible course offerings available for next year and the pre-requisite courses required for certain classes
- Course Selections - last 2 weeks of February through online program called Xello, as they are due late February - Guidance Department will be meeting with each student in a class-by-class basis to help students with their course selection process (there is some time at the end of April/early May to make adjustments)

**Questions**

**FCA & Exam guidelines:**

### Final Culminating Activity Chart

Grade	De Streamed or Single Pathway	SSTW	Open	Applied	Academic	Workplace	College	University/ Mixed
9	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams					
10	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length			
11			<b>OPTIONAL</b> 5% max Designed for 60 mins in length			No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length	15% max Designed for 90 mins in length
12			<b>OPTIONAL</b> 5% max Designed for 60 mins in length			No Exams	10% max Designed for 60 mins in length	20% max Designed for 90 mins in length

As per the FCA chart, certain classes **may** have an exam during the FCA days.

For the rest of the classes with **NO EXAM**:

- **ALL** students must be offered the opportunity to attend on the FCA day to improve their achievement.
- **ONLY** students needing to complete their FCA or other demonstration of learning to achieve their credit are expected to attend.

Semester One FCA/Exams: **January 22 - 28th, 2025**

**Next Meeting: January 20, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. in the library**