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July 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Message

What an incredible year it has been, Sabres! Last August seems like just yesterday, when SCS students and parents were invited to Registration in the Sabredome. Every week and month since have been filled with learning challenges such as the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT), Grade 9 EQAO Math testing, and the recently-completed Grade 11 and 12 exams.

This year's extracurricular highlights have been incredible: Grade 9 Day in September; our overall Fair win (woohoo!) in October; sports teams winning Norfolk and AABHN titles, as well as qualifying for OFSAA (hockey, swimming, baseball, track and field); entries in the Cross Cuts Film Festival and Band competitions; awesome coffee house performances and packed music concerts; chess tournaments; traditions like the holiday Turkey Dinner, semi-formal dance, March Break Eurotrip (Rome and Paris this year) and bus trips to "Big City U.S.A." (Boston and New York City); creative and hilarious drama productions; the Spring Sale & Auto Show; countless day trips; and our traditional End-of-Year Grad Breakfast, assembly and BBQ.

Thanks to the staff and students who made all these things happen, with special mention going to this year's Students' Council Prime Minister Maggie Baker, Deputy PM Madison McCann, and their fellow Council members. SCS is definitely a vibrant, active, spirit-filled place due to the time and effort put in by dozens of students and staff leaders, that's for sure...

The SCS community wishes Mr. Wier a very happy retirement after 19 years here. He taught regular classes, special education, and has more recently been instrumental in building our co-op program. Thanks, Mr. Wier!

We also wish Mr. Malcolm well as he heads to Brantford Collegiate this fall, leaving an indelible mark on every individual in the SCS community he has supported. His extraordinary level of service - a blend of deep knowledge, fine personal skills and a very kind heart - will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mr. Malcolm, for all you've done to make SCS better for all of us.

At this time, I would also like to offer an official warm welcome to incoming Vice-Principal, Eric Stigter, who will be joining SCS in September. Sabres, Mr. Stigter and I will see you at Registration on August 28, as we start things up again back at school. In the meantime, have a great summer, be safe, make good choices, have fun, and please continue to represent SCS well during your holidays!

Mrs. Ippolito

Vice-principal's Message

Hello Sabre Community,

At the end of the 2023-2024 school year, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation and reflect on the wonderful times we have experienced together. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and countless moments of joy that have left an unforgettable mark on each and every one of us.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to our incredible SABRE students. Your curiosity and enthusiasm have made our school a vibrant and inspiring place to be. Following societal hardships in recent years, you have shown resilience, adaptability, and a hunger for knowledge that continues to impress. Your achievements - both in school and beyond - are a testament to your hard work and dedication.

As we bid farewell to our Graduating Class, I would like to celebrate their growth and achievements. I hope you continue to cherish the friendships made, the knowledge gained, and the memories created during your time here together at SCS.

I encourage all members of our school community to take some time during the summer to relax, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with friends and family. Do whatever you like to do: read, camp, enjoy the beach, explore nature, or engage in other things that make you happy.

Lastly, as I move on to Brantford Collegiate Institute in the Fall, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Eric Stigter, the new Vice-Principal at Simcoe Composite School (coming from Dunnville high).

I have thoroughly appreciated my time working with the staff and families of SCS over the past 3 years in support of our great students. I wish you all a safe, joyful, and memorable summer, SABRES. Take care and I hope to see you down the road.

All the best!

Mr. Malcolm



SCS Travel Opportunities

During this year's March Break Eurotrip to Rome & Paris, students visited many ancient sites and buildings, ascended famous monuments, saw world-class art, toured spectacular castles and gardens, and indulged in lots of good food and treats along the way.

Sorry, Sabres: the March 2025 trip to Greece -with journeys by plane, train, bus and boat - is sold out.

But the March 2026 tour of France, Belgium & The Netherlands still has a few spots left! Itinerary highlights: four full days in Paris; the Canadian National Vimy Memorial; the Menin Gate & In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres; a day in medieval Bruges; cruising the canals of Amsterdam, visiting the Anne Frank House and Van Gogh Museum; and daytripping to two traditional Dutch villages.

Please contact Mr. Dale for more information or to register: Jason.dale@granderie.ca

Tech Department-led "Big City Bus Trip"

This year's road trip to Boston & Salem was fantastic. Next year it's New York City (April 24 – 27) to see many highlights of the Big Apple, attend a Broadway show, and eat at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner.

Please contact Mrs. Busk to reserve your seat asap: anne.busk@granderie.ca



From Student Services

Timetables: Student timetables will be available at the August 28 Registration Day, along with course change request forms, which will be processed during the first week of school.

Post-secondary Planning: Summer is a good time for students to explore their post-secondary options and/or to take campus tours. Please see ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for Ontario universities; ontariocolleges.ca for Ontario colleges; and oyapskilledtrades.ca to start exploring pathways to the Skilled Trades.

SCS Pathways Day is Nov. 7 from 12:30 to 3 and 5 to 7 pm. Reps from local employers, colleges and universities will be here to answer questions for students AND parents/guardians in our gym!

From the Math Department

The SCS Math department is dedicated to the success of every student. We provide a Math Help Room EVERY DAY at lunch, where students can seek support from their own teacher or other department staff.

Math EQAO tests were written by all Grade 9 (1W) students each semester, with excellent results: 60% of our Grade 9 students achieved Level 3 or 4 (meaning over 70%) on this test. Congratulations to all those who worked hard to be successful and to the staff who helped prepare them so well.

At May's Grand Erie Math Competition in Hagersville, our Blake B. was named the Top Grade 10 Math student in the Board!

SCS always participates in the annual Waterloo Math Contests. We had 38 students participate this year, plus 1 student who also wrote the Canadian Computing Competition at the Senior level. Jude G., Blake B. and Jaxon K. received medals from the University of Waterloo for their performances and Blake B. and Ryerson P. received Certificates of Distinction. We are proud of all the students who took up the challenge to write these tests and we congratulate them.

If you have a Sabre who likes a math challenge - or a soon-to-be-Sabre who simply loves math - please have them speak to their teacher about next year's contests. See you in September, Sabre Math students!



SCS Students' Council 2024/25

Positions of Responsibility: Prime Minister Kiana Littlemore; Deputy PM Avaia Bergan; Treasurer Addison Mabee; Deputy Treasurer Sshashwat Karthikeyan; Recorder Maggie-Dylan Norton-Shebib; Social Convenor Lilly Deming; Publicity Director Rachel Nichol; Assistant Pub. Dir. Mishael Oyetan; Resource Rep Kareem Chaaban; Indigenous Rep Holden Kennedy; Grade 12 Reps Lyla Bourque, Maddie Hickey, Aaryn Reynaert; Grade 11 Reps Oliver Tilson, Carter Bourque; Grade 10 Reps Ryerson Prieur, Harper Thompson, Tirth Patel; Grade 9 Reps to be elected in September; Council Staff Advisors Mrs. Nix & Mr. Dale.

Thanks to Maggie Baker & Madison McCann for their years of leadership on SCS Students' Councils, but particularly this year, as the Prime Minister and Deputy PM.

Swim Team & Fishing Team Updates

The Sabrecuddas swim team had another good year, with Mya Wu, Emily Mummery, and Leeym Ashdown qualifying for and competing at OFSAA.

The SCS Fishing Team won the 4th Annual Norfolk High Schools Invitational Tournament at Backus Mill in May, bringing the "Fear No Fish" trophy back home where it belongs. Rookie of the Year was Reese Sharpe, team MVP Marshall Porteous-Smith.



Phys. Ed. Department Athletic Awards

Grade 9 Leadership Awards went to Ava Vandendriessche & Campbell Shrubsole; the “Betsy” Award for Most Dedicated Sabre to Holly VanNetten & Jackson Hackney; the “Shauby” Unsung Sabre Award to Evan Boucher & Alex Samborski.

Accumulating 150+ points for Athletics: Anthony Andrello, Josh Andres, Sydney Auld, Evan Boucher, Andrew Fekete, Emma Fulton, Tyler Hofland, Leah Jamieson, Harlow Kaniuk-Barker, Lorelei Karges, Jaxon Kazakevicius, Emily Knowles, Rachel Nichol, Finn Porteous Smith, Sidhi Ramakrishnan, Logan Snyder, Max Welsh, and Mya Wu.

Accumulating 300+ points for Athletics: Andrew Auld, Holly Lesage, Easton Powell, and Holly VanNetten.

Junior Athletes of the Year were Rachel Nichol & KJ Nembhard. Senior Athletes of the Year were Holly Lesage & Andrew Auld.

Special congratulations to Ava Vandendriessche, Eva Lapierre, Stephanie Samborski, Nolan Wright, Michael Brewitt and KJ Nembhard for making it to OFSAA West for Track & Field.

Michael and KJ qualified for, then participated in the all-Ontario OFSAA championships, and KJ’s incredible gold medal race in the 400 m Junior Boys final was truly one for the ages!



Thanks to all the dedicated coaches, parents, and spectators who support our school sports year-round. Here’s to more glory next year - go, Sabres!



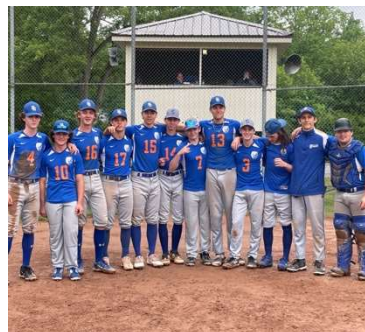
2023/24 Championship Teams

The SCS Tennis Team won the overall Norfolk Schools title for the first time in 19 years. Holly Lesage won Girls Singles, Wyatt Cowan & Leo Wardell won Boys Doubles, and Paige Lingard & Lucas Awrey won Mixed Doubles; all three then competed at CWOSSA.

Senior Boys Basketball (a three-peat!)

Senior Boys Volleyball (won 2 of past 3 years)

The Boys Baseball team won AABHN & CWOSSA/OFSAA qualifier tourney, then made the quarterfinalists at OFSAA.



Looking Ahead Dates

August 28: Grade 9 “Welcome to SCS” Orientation, 9:30 – 12:30

August 28: Registration Grades 10-12 (1 – 6 pm in the gym)

September 3: First day of school

September 12: “Back to School Family BBQ” by the Carillon Tower lawn (all welcome)

September 13: PA Day

September 18: Grade 9 Day & Back-to-School Dance for all grades

October 11: Commencement Ceremony

Please follow our social media pages: Instagram (scssabres & scs_studentco) and Facebook (Simcoe Composite Excalibur & Simcoe Composite School Parent Community).

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, SABRES!