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SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message from Mrs. Ippolito

Returning to a semester model has seen our students adjusting very well. It's been truly uplifting to feel the energy of students and staff in the halls between classes, purchasing food, eating in the cafeteria, playing basketball in the gym at lunch, hanging out in the library, and attending club meetings again. As the weather warms up, our beautiful campus is blossoming again, and Prom is happening, too!

Parent-Teacher Interview Night on April 7 was well-attended. It was a great opportunity for parents to finally connect face-to-face with their child's teachers and learn more about their progress. Now that you have the mid-term report card, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions regarding their current level of achievement.

As this newsletter shows, many fun and exciting activities are coming up at SCS; as a school community, we're thrilled to be returning to some semblance of "normal" high school life! As always, please reach out if your child needs anything. You're also welcome to join our School Council – next meeting May 18 at 6 pm in the library.

Vice-principal's Message from Mr. Malcolm

Hi Sabre Families,

As we move beyond the midterm point in the Semester, it is important to keep an eye on the calendar - the end of June will be here before we know it!

Please continue to encourage your child to engage in their studies and attend regularly. Attendance is a significant factor in determining student success. Our staff is working hard as a team to support students and help them find success in their courses. The return of several extra-curricular activities and the enjoyment and engagement they provide for our students and school community has led to brighter days here at SCS.

Let's finish strong, Sabres! Continue to put your best effort forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or other school staff with any questions or if you require support.

All the best!

SCS Music Department News

The April 12th Coffee House show was packed with talent, from both students and staff. There was instrumental music, tap dancing, rock performances, piano solos, a variety of live singing styles, and more! Thanks to all the performers.

Our annual Spring Concert returns May 31 to the Music Room. Tickets through School Cash Online or by calling the main office at 519-426-4664.

On June 7th, the SCS Concert Band will compete at the Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music event.



Staff Retirements

Best wishes to Ms. J. Kohli and Ms. J. Slater, both of whom recently retired from SCS. We hope they enjoy their “next chapter” and thank them for their steadfast commitment and dedication to our school over the past many years.

Breakfast & Snack Program

The Breakfast Program at SCS has been operating all year. Students can pick up a healthy snack or breakfast item at the entry doors: yogurt, cereal, cheese strings, granola bars, muffins, fruit cups, and apples are served. Thanks to all those who volunteer to help feed our Sabres!

Note: donations help fund this daily program and can be made using School Cash Online. The set amount is \$5.00, but any amount would be greatly appreciated!

SCS Clubs Update

Jack Chapter – Our newest club promotes student wellbeing through a variety of initiatives. Check out jack.org for more information or see staff advisor Mrs. Vincent or Liz Wells/Jenna Linger (co-leaders of the group).

The **Diversity Club** is working with the Indigenous Club to plan in-school observances and events for June's Pride Month & National Indigenous History Month. This year's Rainbow Ball / All-High-Schools' Dance is Thursday May 19 at Paris District High School. See Mr. Dale for information about tickets, the bus to and from the event, and to get a permission form.

The **Indigenous Club** will be providing red ribbons to staff and students in homerooms on Thursday, May 5th, to recognize the Day of Red / Red Dress Day of Remembrance for Missing & Murdered Aboriginal Women & Girls.

Students interested in international travel opportunities may wish to join the soon-to-be-started **March Break Trips Club**. Watch for announcements and social media posts, coming soon, and/or speak to Mr. Dale in the Learning Commons for more information.

Student Services Information

Graduating students, now is the time to apply for the SCS School Awards and Bursaries presented at Commencement. The awards booklet and application form are posted on the SCS school website, on the Guidance D2L link and are available in paper form in the Library and Student Services office. Please read through the Awards booklet to see which ones you qualify for, then fill out the application form and bring it to the Guidance office or email it to pamela.robinson@granderie.ca

Application form deadline is Friday May 27th.

Grade 12 students, the OCAS College information site and OUAC University site have been updated with midterm marks from Semester 2. Please check and see that your information is correct and let Guidance know if any corrections are needed asap.

Summer School information will be coming soon to granderie.ca, where you will find the list of courses offered and the registration form. Keep checking until the info is posted!

Students in all grades need to complete their Community Involvement volunteer hours. **Students planning to graduate this year need to complete and hand in 20 Community Hours by May 30th.** Details of acceptable activities and required forms are posted on granderie.ca. Please hand completed forms into the main office.



Students' Council Update

Glow Dance – Our first school dance since the pandemic began is this Thursday, May 5, from 6 – 9 pm. Tickets on sale at lunch in the tuck shop for \$10. Everyone should be there!

Winter Spirit Week was a big hit, with lots of participation in Pajama Day, Dress Formal, Anything-But-A-Backpack, and other fun themes.

Ukraine Fundraiser – Council organized a “Wear Blue & Yellow” day and a Red Cross fundraiser in support of Ukraine. Donations totaled \$1340, an amount matched by the federal government.

New Council – Candidates recently stood for election to next year’s Students’ Council, with results as follows: Prime Minister Lily Cathcart; Deputy PM Alaine Crabb; Treasurer Kiana Littlemore; Recorder Madison McCann; Social Convenor Maggie Baker; Publicity Director Avaia Bergan; Grade 12 Rep Sarah Dolina; Grade 11 Rep Marley Kitchen, Grade 10 Reps Sarina Hophany & Reese Sharpe. Grade 9 Reps will be elected once they arrive at SCS in September.

Many thanks to everyone who served on this school year’s Students’ Council – great job!

To stay updated on SCS events, students and parents are encouraged to follow our social media pages: Instagram (*scssabres* & *scs_studentco*); Facebook (*Simcoe Composite Excalibur* & *Simcoe Composite School Parent Community*); and Twitter (*@SimcoeSabres*, *@SCSStuCo*, *@ScSguidance*).



SCS Sports Update

Our Girls' Hockey team beat Holy Trinity 5-0 in the final to win the first Athletic Association of Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk District 9 Championship.

Sabres competed at the AABHN badminton tournament April 13-14 at Hagersville S.S.

Track and Field Day returns May 5th (the 3000 m takes place May 3rd during second period). Qualifying athletes compete in Brantford the following week in the very first AABHN District Track & Field meet of all Grand Erie schools.

CWOSSA Tennis is May 20th in Waterloo, with SCS Girls Doubles & Mixed Doubles teams competing.

The Boys Soccer team recently won against both Holy Trinity and Delhi, remaining undefeated this season.



Coch Busk On Girls Soccer

The Girls soccer team is off to a great start, with a 5-0 win over Delhi and a 4-0 win over Valley Heights. The girls are working well together and having fun on the field. After two years of no sports, it's exciting to be back, as we are defending 5 consecutive years as champions. Thanks to parents for bringing students to practice at 7:00am - without your commitment, it would be very difficult! Please come and watch the games if you are able to make it.

Vocational Class Update

Mrs. VanBenthams Vocational class has been working on some great hands-on creative projects this semester. Students have used Micro:bits and small motors to make electric seed planters that can combat climate change; used Minecraft to plan and design a Spring garden project; and they are currently working on banner art pieces to be displayed in the downtown Drive-thru Art Gallery sponsored by the Simcoe BIA. They are always looking for ways to engage in their community to make the world a better place!

The group has also been working in the SCS greenhouse, learning how to grow, care for, and transplant various plants, herbs, and vegetables. Students have even starting taking some of their herbs home to incorporate into their family's cooking. This experiential learning has encouraged a few of our students to consider working in a greenhouse after they leave high school!



Looking Ahead

May 4 – Track and Field Day

May 5 – Glow Dance 6 – 9 pm

May 12 & 13 – Learning Support Days

May 18 – School Council Meeting

June 2 – Spring Concert in the Music Room

June 3 – Prom at the Delhi German Hall