



# Cameron Street Public School Newsletter

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Vice Principal- Jennifer Case  
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## School Hours

8:50: Supervision begins  
9:05: Entry Bell  
10:45-11:25: 1st Break  
1:05 -1:45: 2nd Break  
3:15: Kinder dismissal  
3:20: Bus dismissal  
3:25: Dismissal

## Character attribute for the month of March



**Integrity:** we act justly and honourably in all that we do.

More information about character education can be found here:  
[www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

## Important Dates - March

Mar 1	Family Games Night
Mar 2-20	Baha'l Fast—Baha'l
Mar 4	Sikh New Year—Sikhism
Mar 6	Memorial of Shan tao/Zendo Daishi—Buddhism
Mar 6-7	Purim—Judaism
Mar 7	Holi—Hinduism
Mar 7	Mid-Sha'ban—Islam
<b>Mar 13-17</b>	<b>March Break</b>
Mar 20	Festival of Higan-e—Buddhism
Mar 20	Ostara/Mabon/Lady Day/Spring Equinox—Wicca
Mar 21	Naw Ruz (New Year) - Baha'l
Mar 21	Eid-e-Navrox—Islam
Mar 21	Navroze (New Year) (FC) - Zoroastrianism
Mar 22-31	Chaitra/Chithirai (New Year) - Hinduism
Mar 22	Hindu New Year—Hinduism
Mar 22	Vasant Navratri begins—Hinduism
Mar 23	Ramadan (fasting month) - Islam
Mar 25-27	Hula Mohalla—Sikhism
Mar 26	Khordad Sal (FC) - Zoroastrianism
Mar 30	Rama Navami—Hinduism



### Extended Absences



Families who are planning to be away from school for 15 days or more are required to submit a letter to the Principal, explicitly requesting the student be excused for a specific period of time.

Where a student will be absent 15 or more consecutive school days, the school must provide a program of study to the student for them to remain on the registry. This request should be made at least 3 days prior to their planned departure.

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### Licensed March Break school age child care programs

Child care programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are provided by independent, third-party child care operators in some SCDSB schools. To support your child care needs, some operators offer child care on PA days and holidays including over the March Break (March 13 to 17).

Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/childcare\\_before\\_after](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/childcare_before_after).



## Reminder Drop off & Pick up times

Morning yard supervision starts at **8:50am**. Student should not arrive at school prior to 8:50.

Afternoon Pick up is as follows:    3:15pm Kindergarten Dismissal  
     3:20pm Bus Dismissal  
     3:25pm End of Day Dismissal

### Reminder

Parking lots are closed at 8:50am to 9:05am & 3pm to 3:35pm to allow students safe access to their yard.



### **Please**

Adhere to all signs  
 Drive in the correct direction  
 Do not walk across the bus lane  
 Do not drive in the bus lane when the pylons are out

**School is a busy place, please Drive with Care!**

## #ITSTARTS week in the SCDSB

The County of Simcoe has once again proclaimed March as #ITSTARTS month. The Simcoe County District School Board will be championing the #ITSTARTS campaign from March 6 to 10.

This campaign promotes inclusion, acceptance, and equity within the vibrant, diverse, and growing communities that make up Simcoe County.

For more information, visit: [www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/itstarts](http://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ccs/lip/itstarts).



## **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**It's all in the details!**

This month we are looking for 2-4 volunteers to help us put together resources to compliment our primary literacy instruction.

If you are interested in helping put together these essential resources by assisting with photocopying, cutting and laminating please send an email to your school council at [councilchaircam@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:councilchaircam@scdsb.on.ca) letting them know your availability. Please be sure that you are on our approved volunteer list before reaching out. Thank you.



## Mailing Address

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We're on the web!  
[www.cam.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.cam.scdsb.on.ca)



## Interested in learning more about the ways that the SCDSB supports students with special education needs and their families?

### Join us for a virtual special education outreach series

In 2023, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting virtual special education outreach sessions to assist parents/caregivers in learning more about programs, supports and ways that we work together to support students with special education needs.

The remaining sessions include:

#### **Supporting students as they transition into school, from one school to another, and from school upon graduation**

April 20  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Working with families to create safe and supportive environments for children who have experienced trauma**

May 9  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to register in advance. Information to access the sessions will be shared via email with individuals who have pre-registered. Learn more about each session and how to register on the SCDSB website at [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special\\_education/special\\_education\\_outreach\\_sessions](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/special_education/special_education_outreach_sessions).

### **.Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB**

It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca).

Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://instagram.com/scdsb)).

#### **Collection and use of personal student information**

As students' progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes are authorized under the *Education Act*. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure, and protected at all times. Please contact Greg Jacobs, Superintendent of Education, if you would like more information about the transition process at Cameron Street School.





Join us!

## A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are five webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents, guardians, and other caregivers during this school year. The remaining sessions include:

**March 2, 2023**  
**April 27, 2023**

**Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults**  
**The Biology of Stress**

We hope you save these dates in your calendar and join us for these learning opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the SCDSB website: <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74>.

Pine River Institute is a live-in treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth aged 13 to 19 struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues. Combining therapy with a fully-accredited education program, PRI reinforces the healthy life skills required for a successful future. CFI@PRI extends PRI's knowledge, experience and evidence-informed treatment approach to families and care providers in the community to support youth mental wellness and prevent the need for more intensive interventions.

Learn more about PRI by visiting their website at [www.pineriverinstitute.com](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

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## **Registration now open for summer eLearning!**

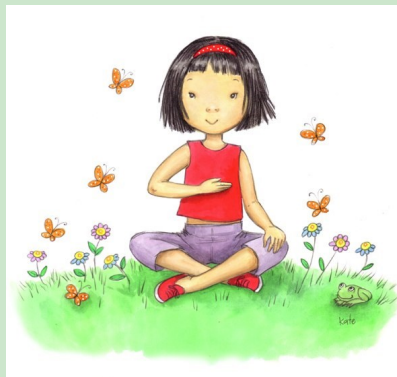
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits, or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at [thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school](http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school).



## Just breathe coping strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.



This month's strategy is deep breathing. Parents/guardians should practice deep breathing with their children to help them develop a deeper mind/body connection, self-regulation, awareness of emotions, and build resiliency. To practice deep breathing at home, have your child get comfortable by either standing or sitting. Encourage them to keep their back straight, and shoulders and head relaxed. If they're comfortable, ask them to close their eyes. Have your child place their hands flat on their stomach. Ask your child to breathe in deeply through their nose, filling the belly with breath. Point out how hands move out. Encourage them to hold their breath for a few seconds, then slowly breathe out through the mouth to feel the stomach contract and hands move in. Repeat 5-6 times.

Parents/guardians should practice deep belly breathing at home any time their child seems stressed or upset. Watch a deep breathing video here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le2TO\\_MNFxE&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le2TO_MNFxE&t=3s).

Follow along the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB\_MHWB) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Is your child starting JK or SK in September? The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to offer in person and virtual programs that help prepare children and parents/guardians for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians and children will have the opportunity to interact together in a variety of school readiness activities. We will look at and discuss how does learning happen, self-regulation, social skills, and how to get ready to start school.

If program registration is full, please check back regularly as there may be cancellations. To register for a program in your area visit [www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK](http://www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/GRFK).

## How is your infant, toddler, or preschool child developing?

Is your child meeting their milestones? Age-appropriate speech and language skills are critical to your child's ability to read, write and be successful in school as well as to their ability to engage with their peers. Free services are available to support you with your child's development.

Preschool speech and language programs are located across the County of Simcoe. Call (705) 739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to complete a developmental screen.

The earlier we work together, the better!

## SCDSB eBook library - SORA

Did you know that the SCDSB has a digital eBook library available for all students from K-12? Students may access books using either the SORA app on a tablet or visiting <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202712> on the desktop version.

They simply use their school Google login and password to access the library. Picture books, beginner chapter books, graphic novels, magazines, young adult novels, audio books; there is something for every student. Students may use the search function to select a specific book or browse through one of the many curated collections. Happy reading!



### Math @Home parent series

Fostering a strong school-home partnership is an important part of reinforcing math learning at school and extending the learning beyond the classroom. Families are a child's first educator and help build a strong foundation for future success. The virtual math series outlined below is intended to support a positive attitude towards mathematics, enhance motivation and ultimate success.

The SCDSB math department is pleased to offer three evening virtual sessions for families and caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. The first 200 registrants will receive a path pack of resources to use at home. Participants must pre-register for each of the sessions.

#### Making Math Connections @Home

Wednesday, April 12  
7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

#### Problem Solving @Home

Tuesday, April 25  
7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

#### Having Fun with Math Facts @Home

Thursday, May 11  
7 – 8 p.m.

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on their registration form.

Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/23MathAtHome>