



Home of the Broncos

WEST BAYFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Hello Bronco Families!

November is shaping up to be another busy month at West Bayfield! Please take a look at the calendar on the last page to see all the amazing activities and events that are coming up during the month of November.

Progress Report conferences are happening the week of November 14-18. Many families signed up for a conference time during our Open House at the beginning of October. If you have not signed up for a conference time yet, please reach out to your child's teacher. "Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education" (Growing Success, page 8). Participating in the Progress Report conferences is an excellent way to support your child's learning.

We had our first Character Ed assembly last Friday. We recognized students who showed Caring and Cooperation during the months of September and October. The November Character Trait is Courage. The Courage Character Ed assembly will be on Friday December 2.

House colours and spirit days were introduced at the Character Ed assembly. Each student and staff received a Broncos t-shirt in one of the 6 house colour: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, and Purple. Every Friday, students and staff are encouraged to wear their house t-shirt colour. One point will be earned for each person who participates. Let's see which house colour has the most school spirit! Once a month we will go all out with our house colours and 5 points will be awarded to each person who wears lots of their house colour (e.g. head to toe in house colour, a streak of hair in their house colour, accessories in their house colour, etc...).

Mrs. Hotton
Vice-Principal



A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships,
and new challenges.

INFORMATION ABOUT PEANUT AND NUT ANAPHYLAXIS

Within our school community there are students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and/or tree nuts. For some students even touching peanut and/or tree nut residue or inhaling airborne peanut or tree nut proteins can cause a reaction.

There are many common areas within the school where all students attend and handle the same items (e.g. gym equipment, library books, computers, etc.). We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure for these students is to respectfully ask parent(s)/guardian(s) to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts and/or tree nuts listed in the ingredients, to school.



Many people are unaware of the severity of this allergy. Facts that may help to increase your understanding of anaphylaxis are available through Food Allergy Canada (<http://foodallergycanada.ca/>).

Thank you for not sending food products containing peanuts and/or tree nuts to school. Your caring, compassion and support is greatly appreciated and is critical to the well-being of students.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High school information events for Grade 8 students

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will take place in-person this winter! Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect. Learn about courses offered, as well as information about teams and clubs. Please visit the SCDSB website at

www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/planning_for_high_school to find details on your high schools' info night, and contact the school directly for more information.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Treaties Recognition Week takes place Nov. 6 to 12

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 6 to 12. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students

and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships. Take some time Nov. 6 to 12 to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit www.ontario.ca/page/treaties

EAT WELL TO EXCEL

Nov. 29 is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County

Eat Well to Excel is a Simcoe County non-profit community partnership that supports our school's student nutrition program. The funding provided by Eat Well to Excel allows us to supply students with access to healthy snacks during the school day.

The pandemic has caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that 1 in 3 kids in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry. Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a

compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

You can make a donation by visiting eatwelltoexcel.ca. You can either support the county-wide program or direct your donation to our school. Please include our school name in the comment box to ensure the donation goes directly to our program. A tax receipt will be emailed to you.

For more information about Eat Well to Excel visit eatwelltoexcel.ca.



8:40 Yard supervision begins

8:55 Entry bell

10:35-11:15 Nutrition/Outdoor Break

12:55-1:35 Nutrition/Outdoor Break

3:15 Dismissal bell

If you intend to pick up your child/ren early for an appointment, students no longer wait in the office until you arrive. Parents are to use the intercom system when arriving, and wait for assistance. Your child/ren will be called from class when you arrive to meet you at the front door for pickup. Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, so please be patient.

HOT AND COLD LUNCHES

West Bayfield Hot/Cold Lunches

We offer a variety of lunches at our school Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can order as many or as few as you desire. If you are interested please sign up for Lunch Box through our School Cash Online program.

To create an online account go to <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashionline.com/>. You will need your child's student number along with their preferred name and date of birth to register. If you do not know your child's student number please contact the school. 705-725-8229.

MONDAY - PASTA



WEDNESDAY- SUBS



THURSDAY - PIZZA



FRIDAY - QUESADA



BOOK FAIR IS RETURNING ON NOV 16, 17, 18 AND 21

Come visit our Scholastic book fair Nov 16 - 21. It is back to face to face.

Your purchase supports the West Bayfield Library, and you will have a chance to win a Family Door Prize.



Hours of operation:

Wednesday Nov. 16, 9am - 5:30pm

Thursday Nov. 17, 9am - 8pm

Friday Nov. 21 (PA Day), 9am - 3pm

Monday November 21, 9am - 3pm

SKILLED TRADES VIRTUAL EVENT

Parents/guardians and students invited to learn about planning for the skilled trades at virtual event on Dec. 1.

Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is. On Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., participants in *What our School Families Need to Know About Skilled Trades Careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school. Parents/guardians and Grade 7 to 12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of

surveying 500 parents/guardians.

This interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegher, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and a question-and-answer segment. Participants can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/K1fHeartoGYnDd3u8>. More information regarding the event will be shared in the coming weeks on the SCDSB's website (scdsb.on.ca) and social media accounts.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS

Please make certain the school has **three** contact names and numbers in case your child becomes ill or injured during the school day. You can email wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca if you have updates and/or changes to your emergency contacts. Please ensure that you



choose someone that lives local, as this person may be called to pick your child up early from school if we are unable to reach you.

GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

Grade 1 French Immersion information

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Grade 1 FI family information nights are held annually in

advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, FI family information nights will be held in-person throughout the month of November at the respective FI school locations. The designated Grade 1 FI site for our school is **Hillcrest Public School**. The information night for this school will be **Wednesday Nov. 23rd @ 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Public School**.

The SCDSB board-wide electronic applications for the Grade 1 FI program for all sites will open Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. Entry into the FI program is determined through a digitally randomized lottery system.

EXTRA MATH SUPPORT FOR GRADE 4 TO 12

Extra mathematics support for Grades 4 to 12

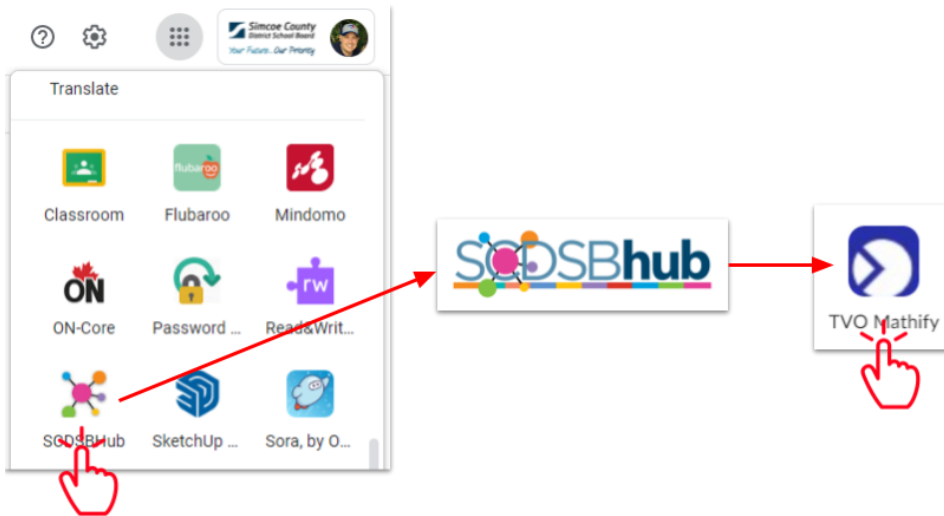
Are you looking for extra mathematics support for your Grade 4 to 12 student? TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4 to 12 math tutoring to students enrolled in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools. Features include an interactive whiteboard, as well as voice and text chat to make it easy to upload a math question and figure it out with the support of a math tutor, at a time that works for you.

Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4 to 12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.

Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents/guardians are asked to contact the school when their child/ren will be absent or late.

If you have enrolled your child(ren) in the Safe Arrival Program it is the parents responsibility to call the safe arrival line each morning your child/ren will be absent or late for school. When there is an unknown absence, an automated system will call parents advising them that someone in their household is absent (sometimes several calls if a callback is not received by the school). Please call the school when you receive this message to let us know that your child/ren are safe.

On days when buses are cancelled due to inclement

Reporting an absence



weather, the safe arrival program continues. Even parents/guardians of students who ride buses will receive a call on these days. If you don't wish to receive a call on inclement weather days, for both walkers and busers, please call the safe arrival line and

leave a message that your child/en are not attending.

Thank you.

Email us at wesoffice@scdsb.on.ca or call 705-725-8229 , press 1.

PARENT/GUARDIAN REMINDERS

KISS N RIDE

Please note that Kiss and Ride is in place so that families can pull into the driveway loop and their child can exit the vehicle on their own. Adults are not to exit the vehicle. Once your child(ren) exit the vehicle then you are to pull out.



PARKING LOT

Please note the parking lot is blocked off between **8:35am and 9am** and again between **3:10pm and 3:25pm** daily. The reason is that we are a walking school and have over 500 students that are walking here and back daily. Having no cars moving as the many families and children navigate the school zone helps us, especially since many families exit from the side parking lots.



MORNING SUPERVISION

Supervision is provided at the front of the school, in the kindergarten areas and on the tarmac **from 8:40-8:55am** each day.

Students are reminded to stay on the tarmac areas while they wait for the bell to ring.



BRNCOS COED FLAG FOOTBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

The Intermediate coed flag football team (plus grade 6 girls!) travelled to Andrew Hunter last week for a day of fierce competition and fun. We finished first in our Pool, winning 3 out of 4 games. This put us in the semi-final match. It was a hard fought game, but we lost to St. John Vianney . Thanks for your efforts Broncos!



Our cross country team competed in the county finals at Mount St. Louis on Oct. 19th. We are so proud of our dedicated athletes as they had to endure rain, mud, hills and cold weather. Student's did a great job representing our school!!! We would like to thank all our wonderful parents and volunteers who helped make this a wonderful day.





Georgian College

is pleased to offer an

Occupational Therapy Paediatric Clinic

The Occupational Therapist Assistant and Physiotherapist Assistant (OTA and PTA) programs at Georgian College are offering an Occupational Therapy (OT) Paediatric Clinic to the local community. The clinic will offer **fine motor intervention** to children ages 4-10. This service includes an OT assessment, followed by 10 weekly treatment sessions (all completed in-person). OTA students assist in the delivery of interventions while under the direct supervision of an Occupational Therapist. Services are provided free of charge to the family, with the exception of an administration fee of \$10 paid at time of arrival.

Who?

This clinic is geared to children ages 4-10 who have fine motor delays. This clinic is best suited to assist children who present with the following difficulties:

- printing
- cutting
- dressing
- manipulating small objects
- trunk or arm weakness
- bilateral hand tasks (co-ordination)

Referral from a teacher or health-care provider is recommended, but not required. All participants are required to participate in an initial OT assessment and must be able to engage in one in-person session weekly for 10 weeks.

Where?

In-person sessions take place at Georgian College, Barrie Campus. Parking is provided free of charge for program participants.

When?

In-person sessions are offered on Monday or Tuesday afternoon/evenings running January – April 2023. Participants are scheduled for the entire treatment block.

How?

Interested families can email otclinic@georgiancollege.ca, request an intake package and complete and return the forms by October 24, 2022. Families will be contacted by a college representative to confirm enrolment, identify the initial assessment date and weekly session dates/times.

Georgian College OT Paediatric Clinic
1 Georgian Dr., M Building, Room M234
Barrie, Ontario

Please direct all inquiries to:
otclinic@georgiancollege.ca

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

NOVEMBER 2022	
1	All Saints Day Christianity
6	Dev Diwali Jainism
7	Inuit Day Indigenous World View
8	Birth of Guru Nanak Sikhism
11	Remembrance Day Canadian Observance
16	Louis Riel Day Indigenous World View
24	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur Sikhism
26	Day of the Covenant Bahai
27	First Day of Advent Christianity
28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha Bahai
28	Nativity Fast begins(40 days) (J) Christianity

How to access the Volunteer Portal

Click this [SCDSB Community Apps link](#) or find the link on the volunteer page of your schools website, under the Parents menu.

If you have previously registered a Community Account, click the **Login To Community Apps** button, and login with your username and password.

If you do **not** have an account, click the **New? Register for new Community Account** link at the bottom of the page.



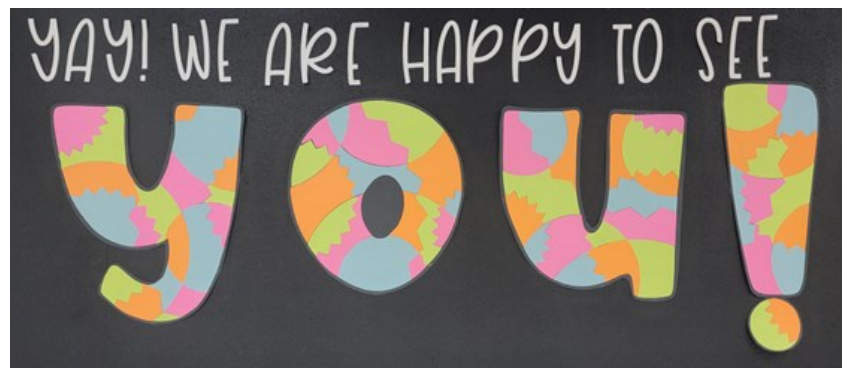
REMINDER: Each volunteer will have to have their own community apps account. Each community apps account is created with a separate email address.

NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT



We do the right thing even when it's difficult.

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education



West Bayfield ES relies on email communication for school newsletters and updates to reach our community quickly and efficiently. It is important to have updated email addresses on file.

important information for you or your child (ren).

Please ensure "School Messenger" is not a blocked incoming email recipient and that you read our school emails in their entirety as they always contain



NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sub lunch	3 Pizza lunch	4 Quesada lunch House Colour Spirit Day!!	5
6	7 Pasta lunch School Council Meeting @5:30	8	9 Picture Retake Day Sub lunch	10 Progress Reports go home Pizza lunch	11 Remembrance Day Quesada lunch House Colour Spirit Day!!	12
13	14 Pasta lunch	15	16 Sub lunch Book Fair	17 Student Led Conferences/ Interviews Pizza lunch Book Fair	18 PA Day Student Led Conferences/ Interviews Book Fair	19
20	21 Pasta lunch Book Fair Giant Floor Map activity K-8	22 Gr. 4 Scanlon Creek school yard visit #1 Giant Floor Map activity K-8	23 Sub lunch Giant Floor Map activity K-8 Picture Yourself at North - Gr 8	24 Pizza lunch Astronomy in Action K-8	25 Quesada lunch Astronomy in Action K-8 House Colour Spirit Day!!	26
27	28 Pasta lunch	29	30 Sub lunch	1 December	2 House Colour Spirit Day!! Courage - Character Ed Assembly	Please use School Cash Online under Lunch-box to order lunches