



# WORSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



Welcome Back! Happy New Year! We hope that you had a safe and happy holiday season. We are very excited to continue to extend our learning and build our community

partnerships in 2018.

We want to thank School Council and the staff and students who volunteered their time to organize and host our first ever Evening of Holiday Festivities. We had taste testing from the School Council's cookbook fundraiser, Christmas movies, hot chocolate, popcorn, arts and crafts, letter writing and performances from both our Junior and Intermediate bands as well as from some of our primary classes. It was a very festive, family-oriented night with fun had by all.

We would also like to thank the student leadership team, with the guidance of Ms. Cloutier for their work organizing all of the fun, holiday activities – letter writing, door decorating, candy grams and, of course, the 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive. The Worsley community raised more than 3500 food items!!! And together, the 3 elementary schools in Wasaga Beach raised over 10,000 items!! Such kindness and generosity exemplifies the holiday spirit. Thank you, as well, to the staff and students who helped to bring us Worsley's Winter Fun DPA event. And, of course, thank you to the Intermediate students and staff for bringing the Trade Fair to Worsley – great place to get some last-minute gifts. As we look ahead to 2018, we have many exciting new learning opportunities planned. Math Night at the end of this month, our Mental Wellness Night in April, Elephant Thoughts and outdoor education/fitness field trips are just a few.

With the New Year brings some new faces. We would like to welcome Mrs. Battista to the Worsley office. Mrs. Battista will be joining Mrs. Beattie

and Mrs. Braid as a clerk-steno on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. As well, we welcome Mme Schmidt as the LTO teacher for the grade 3 French Immersion class. And, finally, we would like to welcome Ms. Petras to Worsley as our Principal while Mr. Kemp is on a medical leave. Ms. Petras is a retired Principal from the Simcoe County District School Board and we are very appreciative of her joining our Worsley community.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, our elementary schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.



### LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

When signing students in late or out early, all parents need to come to the office to drop off their child or ask for their child to be called down to the office. Please do not venture down to the classrooms. At the end of the day, please pick up your student outside after the bell. Thank you for helping to ensure these safety procedures are followed.

### MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Please make after school arrangements with your child before school starts, and if necessary, send a note to her/his teacher in their agenda (or communication book for Kindergarten students). A large number of calls to classes in the afternoon are presently being made, which disrupts the learning/teaching. If the office is unable to pass a message on, this could affect the safety of the children once the bell rings.

### GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos will be taken for grade 8 students and Senior Kindergarten on Thursday March 8th. Further information will be sent home closer to the dates.

## BUS INFORMATION



If you have concerns about the weather and want to see if the buses are cancelled, please go to [scdsb.on.ca](http://scdsb.on.ca) and click on the yellow bus picture. This will take you to the site that shows any cancellations and/or delays for that day. Worsley is in the West Simcoe County Weather Zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning. The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 A.M. and as such, will post announcements between 6 and 7 A.M. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. If you bring your child to school when buses are cancelled, you must be available to pick them up from the front foyer at the end of the day (3:20 P.M.).

## DRUMMING CLUB

Our Grade 5-6 Drumming Club and Mrs. Girdwood would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Mr. Todd Young of Beach Builders Home Hardware for the donation of 30 buckets and sticks to start our activities!!

## PIZZA

We are once again adding an order form to this newsletter for pizza coupons. As Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day and there is no school, pizza day will be on the Wednesday for that week only.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With the start of the new year we would like to remind all families that most school items can be purchased online through school cash online. It's easy to get set up and a great way to purchase lunches, field trip and many other items or events to do with the school. It limits the amount of cash coming into the school and is a great way to be able to track payments and refunds as well. encourage you to get set up today at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com>.

## DENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Oral Health team will be at our school on January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to conduct dental screenings. A dental screening is a quick look in the mouth using a sterilized tooth mirror. Don't forget to look for the information letter from the health unit, which will be coming home with your child.



## FRENCH IMMERSION

The 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. Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten, dates are posted at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) under Programs, French as a Second Language. Worsley's session is Thursday January 11 at 6:00pm.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION INFO SESSIONS

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

**Jan. 22** Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

**Feb. 19** Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

**March 19** Accessing Supports in the Community

**April 16** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

## INFO NIGHTS FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights are happening this winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: CCI's information night is 6:30 pm on Tuesday January 16, 2018. Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at [www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool).

### 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2018 to June 2019). Starting Jan. 9, input can be provided by visiting [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca), then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. The deadline is January 31.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

Health Connection offers free, confidential health information from nurses and health inspectors on: How your child is growing, parenting tips, fast and healthy meals, safe food and water, common illnesses, keeping kids safe, fun family activities; Health unit programs such as vaccinations and dental care; Community resources for parenting, mental health, addictions, quitting smoking or financial help. Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30 or <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/>. If English is not your first language, we have a telephone interpretation service.

### YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary school in the County of Simcoe. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later. It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520.

### PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children/youth under 24, regardless of family income, with access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrolment is automatic. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Will only need their health card number and a valid prescription. For more info visit [www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus](http://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus).

### Five healthy New Year's resolutions for your family

Some of the top New Year's resolutions across all age groups for 2017 were eating healthy, getting in shape and reducing stress. So, how do you set and achieve a resolution to be healthier? It's been proven that the key to success is setting small goals which require steps towards a larger goal. Here are some New Year's resolutions that families can work on together in 2018:

- spend 30 minutes outside playing together as often as possible, regardless of the weather
- find a place that provides opportunities for the entire family to be physically active together or offers child care and after-school programs
- add physical activity or play time to the calendar, such as scheduling an evening walk or fitness class, with the same commitment as other important meetings
- pick a fun run/walk or 5K to do as a family – sign up, train and participate together
- have more family dinners together and involve children in preparing meals as much as possible

For more information about programs offered at the Y for the whole family, please visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

### PIZZA COUPONS - 1 sheet of 10 coupons \$15.00

**Did you know?... you can order your pizza coupons ONLINE!!**



Student \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of coupons, I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 	8 DAY 2	9 SUB DAY DAY 3	10 DAY 4	11 DAY 5 6:00 pm French Immersion Meeting	12 PIZZA DAY DAY 1	13
14	15 DAY 2 Dental Screening – JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8	16 SUB DAY DAY 3	17 DAY 4	18 DAY 5	19 PIZZA DAY DAY 1 Intermediate Electives	20
21	22 DAY 2 Grade 5 Highlands Nordic	23 SUB DAY DAY 3 Grade 6 Highlands Nordic	24 PIZZA DAY DAY 4 	25 DAY 5 Family Literacy Day Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Dress up today as a book character	26 PA DAY	27
28	29 DAY 1 Grade 5 Highlands Nordic	30 SUB DAY DAY 2 Grade 6 Highlands Nordic	31 DAY 3			