



FOREST HILL P.S.

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BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL
CLOSURE: **CENTRAL SIMCOE**

JANUARY 2022

JANUARY AND FUTURE DATES

- 14th- Spirit Day: Beach Day
- 24th – (Original) Picture Day
- 26th – Bell Let's Talk Day
- 28th – PA Day (both Learn@Home and in-school)
- Feb. 23rd – Pink Shirt Day

PA DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

- Feb. 21st – Family Day
- Mar. 14th to 18th – March Break
- Apr. 15th – Good Friday
- Apr. 18th – Easter Monday

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



Happy New Year!
Although this is certainly not the welcome back we hoped for, we are looking forward to having our students back for in-school

learning!

Our school is working on OPHEA Healthy Schools Certification. Stay tuned for more information on how we are working to stay healthy and active while at school!

Thank you to all the Forest Hill families who completed the cell phone survey in

December. We appreciated hearing from so many of you about this important issue. Devices are a great way to stay connected with family, but we have noticed they have been a big distraction from learning and socializing for some of our students. Moving forward during in person learning, as per the SCDSB Code of Conduct, students will be allowed to access their mobile device at any time for health and medical purposes, support special education needs, or as an accommodation under the Human Rights code. Staff will ask students to have phones "off and away" during class time unless students request access to contact a parent/guardian. A progressive approach will be taken if the Code of Conduct is not followed. We will give students reminders for the first couple of weeks that we are back for in person learning to adjust to these expectations. 1) If found using a device in a common area, the student will immediately hand over the device to the SCDSB employee who asks for it. The student will then go to the office if the student advises that they need to call/text. Otherwise, the device will be returned to the secure storage in the classroom. 2) A parent will be called by the classroom teacher in case of a second offence. 3) In the case of a third offense, the device will be kept in the office and the parent will be called to pick up the device. 4) Any further infractions will be dealt with in a progressive manner. We always strive to be reasonable when enforcing expectations and want to ensure that students are focused on learning and socializing with peers while at school. Thank you for your support!

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.



More information about character education can be found here: www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education.

Communication to families regarding inclement weather days

Please note that APM A3020 – Inclement Weather, 3.1.2 states that "parents/guardians are to be reminded, in writing at appropriate times (October and January) each school year, that it is their responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions."

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information reminder

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **Central Simcoe** zone. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff are expected to plan for such emergencies in order to transition students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather to their online platforms (Google Classroom and/or SCDSBhub [Brightspace by D2L]) and continue with academic programming. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

The SCSTC and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements before 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the SCSTC on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus) for bus cancellations and other information. You can also

subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

ATTENDANCE ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Walkers - If your student is a walker and will not be attending on an inclement weather day, please call the Safe Arrival line.

Bus Students (OPTED OUT) - If your students usually take the bus but have **opted out** of using bus transportation this year, please call Safe Arrival to notify us if your student will not be attending. This assists the office staff not having to manually phone you to follow up on the absence.

Bus Students - If your student utilizes bus transportation you DO NOT need to contact the school if your child is staying home on an inclement weather day. We will automatically assume that your student will be at home.

SAFE ARRIVAL



Please ensure that you call the safe arrival phone line (721-8300, press 1) if your student(s)

is/are absent or will be late. Make certain that you ring the doorbell to sign your child in/out with the office to ensure your child's whereabouts is communicated clearly!

Parents are asked to arrange appointments, transportation changes, and materials for drop off before school, as **classes will not be interrupted until the nutritional breaks at 10:50 & 1:10**. This is to protect instructional time. We appreciate your cooperation.

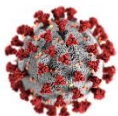
HONOURING COHORTS

Please ensure if you are picking up your children from the Kiss N' Ride area, that you do not walk along the sidewalk across the front of the building. With snow and student movement, it becomes very congested for loading buses. Walk along the side of the building, cross in front of the buses and use the new sidewalk. Alternatively, use the sidewalk at the edge of our Kiss N' Ride driveway. Please do not walk on the road where possible due to dangerous driving conditions.



Continue to honour that students are not to be on property prior to 8:55 AM and parents are not permitted to pick up FDK students until 3:20 PM.

COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT



All students and staff are required to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment prior to

entering SCDSB schools and buildings, using the provincial self-assessment tool.

Students or staff with symptoms must stay home from school. To access the COVID-19 self-assessment tool, please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Updates to the School Screening Tool for the 2021-22 School Year – International Travel

Recently, the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) was updated to reflect the return to school requirements for students who are returning from international travel. Individuals who are unvaccinated and returning from international travel may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. For further clarity, while unvaccinated children and those under the age of 12 are exempt from federal quarantine if they travelled with a fully vaccinated companion, they may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. Individuals with all other quarantine exemptions (e.g. travelling for cross-border custody

arrangements, travelling for medical treatment) may continue to attend school or child care.

Kindergarten registration for September 2022 is open!

Kindergarten is the beginning of a wonderful journey of learning and we want your child to begin their journey in a SCDSB school! Do you have a child who is turning four in 2022? If so, we invite you to register your child for kindergarten. To register online or for more information visit:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten.

Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to announce a new three-year partnership with Pine River Institute (PRI). The Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) will provide several multi-part learning series focused on student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff and within the SCDSB's broader school communities.

There are three upcoming webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

Jan. 25, 2022 Understanding and Managing Screen Time

March 29, 2022 Connection and Empathy in Response to Behaviour

May 19, 2022 Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours

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 mental health and well-being page on 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

ANOTHER REMINDER TO PLEASE LABEL ALL CHILD'S BELONGINGS



We have an excessive amount of found clothing! Labeling your child's items is more important than ever right now. Mabel's labels can help us out with this. They make fun, functional and durable labels for all of your kids items. To

order labels go to their website https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/#. Please label everything your child brings to school. This includes backpacks, lunchboxes, and all clothing including jackets, boots, hats, etc.

It is important to note that due to Covid and safety, we do not have a Lost and Found that students can go through so we rely on the label found on items to give back to the child.

FlipGive

Many of you are already familiar with this popular Canadian company, but for those that are not, FlipGive is an easy-to-use cashback fundraiser that lets you earn funds

for the school on everyday purchases like gas, groceries, coffee, and meals out.

Join -> Shop -> Earn It's that simple. Funds are earned on both online and in-store purchases from hundreds of top brands like Walmart, Loblaws, Amazon, Sport Chek, Esso, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, and many more. HOW TO JOIN: Download the FlipGive app from the Apple or Google store or join online: www.flipgive.ca/join Enter our "team" join code: 7NYYFR HOW TO EARN: Use the FlipGive app or online site to make all your online purchases, and the school (team) will earn a % of what you are spending. There's even a handy browser extension so you don't forget to go through FlipGive when shopping online! Download it here: <https://www.flipgive.com/max>

Want to shop or dine in-person? You can earn there too but purchasing gift cards ahead of time or right at the time of purchase to be used instantly. INVITE OTHERS: FlipGive allows others to join our "team" (school) and counts their everyday purchases towards our fundraising total. Simply as them to download the app or join online using code: 7NYYFR. Great chance for family & friends to help your student! MORE INFORMATION: FAQ (insert FlipGive FAQ) How to Buy Gift Cards (video: <https://youtu.be/Qt5NSdGAtFI>) How to Shop Online (video: <https://youtu.be/5F6K5-HUOzo>) Need more help? Contact Forest Hill Parent Council member, Jenna Hunter by email: fhpsflipgive@gmail.com. As a reminder all funds raised are utilized by the Parent Council to support our students and teachers. Thank you in advance for supporting our school community, The Forest Hill Public School Parent Council Fundraising Committee

Barrie North Collegiate Info for Gr. 8



**Barrie North
Collegiate Institute**

Barrie North Collegiate is so excited to welcome students and families to our virtual Grade 8 Week in February. We have many events and activities in store for you, including:

Monday, February 7th: The Grade 8 Open House video is released! School spirit challenge begins, with prizes to be won!

Tuesday, February 8th (Evening): Virtual information/Q&A session for parents and guardians to answer questions about course selection and the transition to high school.

Wednesday, February 9th: A virtual presentation and Q&A for Grade 8 classes to learn more about the amazing clubs and teams.

Thursday, February 10th (Evening): Virtual information/Q&A sessions for parents and guardians on Special Education, Gifted-Enriched programming, and French Immersion.

Friday, February 11th: The chance for students to "Ask a Guidance Counsellor" any questions that they may have about high school.

Additional details and links to all virtual events will be posted in early February to the Barrie North website under "What's New".

Barrie North Guidance Counsellors will be visiting Grade 8 classes in January to discuss course selection with students and will send home a reminder of February's events at that time.

We can't wait to see you Future Vikings!