



Dear Warnica Families,

Happy February to all! It has been great to meet all of our students in their classrooms and out on the field. Welcoming messages from families at the parking lot have been greatly appreciated. This school is indeed a precious gem in the heart of the City of Barrie.

We are pleased to be enjoying winter weather this year that has allowed us to be outdoors every day. The days are getting a bit longer, but the variety of weather in February means we need to be prepared for anything. There are many days when it starts out cold and then it gets warmer and snow turns to slush. Students are outside each day and participating in a variety of activities, whether it is recess, outdoor learning or daily physical activity (DPA). These opportunities to be outside are wonderful for students and it increases the need for extra socks and mittens or gloves. Please consider keeping these extras in your child's backpack.

Teachers are completing final assessments for the report cards that go home on Friday February 17th. Please maintain excellent communication with your child's teacher, give your child a committed space to complete homework, and ask about your child's day at the end of each school day. Please also remember that your child's teacher is your first contact when you have concerns about your child at school. They spend the most time with your child and appreciate the trust you place in them each and every day.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership!

February 2023	
Date	Name
February	Black History Month
Feb. 1	Imbolc Wicca
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 5	Magha (Sangha Day) Buddhism
Feb. 15	Nirvana Day Buddhism
Feb. 15	Nirvana Day Jainism
Feb. 15	National Flag Day of Canada
Feb. 17	National Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb. 18	Maha Shivratri Hinduism
Feb. 20	Family Day (ON) Provincial Holiday
Feb. 21	Losar (Tibetan New Year) Buddhism
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday Christianity
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 23	Isra'a and Mi'raj Islam
Feb. 26 to Mar. 1	Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Bahá'í
Feb. 27	Clean Monday Christianity

Character attribute for the month of February

Inclusiveness: We include everyone in what we do and value their contributions.

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

SCHOOL HOURS

- ◆ 8:55 - Playground Supervision Begins
- ◆ 9:10 - Entry Bell
- ◆ 10:50 -11:30 - Nutrition Break / Activity Break
- ◆ 1:10-1:50 - Nutrition Break / Activity Break
- ◆ 3:30 - Dismissal



Black History Month

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of staff, students, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month.

Notice to students and parents/guardians of students regarding out-of-area-requests

Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000 – School Attendance Areas), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student’s behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

SCDSB Character Education program

Our SCDSB Character Education program was developed over 20 years ago. As a school board, we are moving forward to update the SCDSB Character Education program, along with the attributes. The intended implementation date for our new Character Education program will be September 2023. To make this successful, it is imperative that everyone has an opportunity to have a voice. Currently, we are eliciting student voice from our elementary and secondary students and understanding the important partnership with parents/guardians; we are asking if you could take a moment to fill out the below survey.

The survey opens on Feb. 6 and will remain open until Feb. 10:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2BF38X>.

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

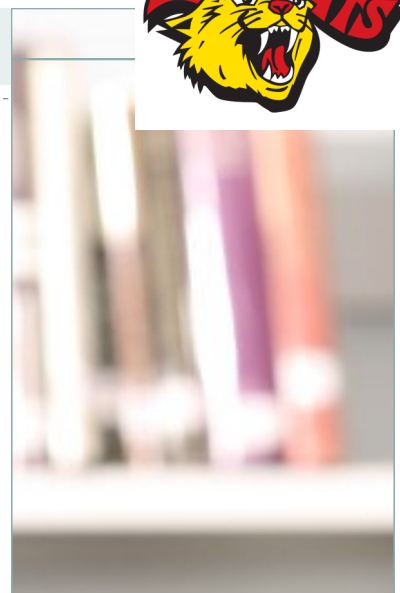
<http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.

SCDSB Anti-sex Trafficking Protocol and resources for parents/guardians

In 2021-22, the Ministry of Education directed Ontario school boards to develop an anti-sex trafficking protocol that was tailored to the needs of their community. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a protocol and relevant training and resources for staff, students and parents/guardians. The focus of the SCDSB’s protocol and resources is to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation.

More information, including a link to the SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and associated resources, is available on the SCDSB website:

www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools/anti-sex_trafficking_protocol.



FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 Imbolc
Wicca
- 5 Magha (Sangha Day)
Buddhism
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Jainism
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Islam
- 18 **Maha Shivratri**
Hinduism
- 20 Family Day (ON)
Provincial Holiday
- 21 **Losar (Tibetan New Year)**
Buddhism
- 22 Ash Wednesday
Christianity
- 26-Mar 1 Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)
Bahá'í
- 27 Clean Monday
Christianity



FlipGive: This season, fundraising for Warnica P.S. is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free team funding app.

We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, SportCheck, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

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Tip: A parent bought an Esso Gift Card knowing they would buy gas this week, bought \$250, and just scanned the app with barcode at the gas station to pay...the amount withdraws from the gift card. Best news: the \$250 that was bought earns Warnica \$5.00 and then an additional \$5 for purchasing something within the first 14 days. That is \$10 with one purchase!!!



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IMPORTANT DATES:

February 1 & 2nd: Grade 4 Outdoor Learning with Scanlon Creek at Warnica

February 6: School Council Meeting @ 6 pm

February 20: Family Day

