



BRECHIN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

FROM THE OFFICE

What an awesome start to the school year! The weather has been great and the school is alive with the sound of learning.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the first school council meeting of the year. It was great to talk about what a wonderful school Brechin is while planning for events to take place this year. We hope that you will consider getting involved by volunteering or just attending future meetings to share your vision for the future at BPS.

We are thankful that there are so many opportunities to get involved in activities at school. Thank you to coaches Vary, Sweet, Eaton, Casselman and Evans for their work with students who are on the Cross Country Running and Flag Football teams. Thank you to Mrs. Bernier for her work with students who are in the choir.

We are looking forward to meeting families at the upcoming **Meet The Educator Event on October 12 between 4:00-6:00**. Pizza will be for sale from Adovo Pizza. Families can buy a whole pizza for \$10. Intermediate students will be selling pop and chips as a fundraiser for their year end trip. See you soon!

Jennifer Cornick—Principal

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 **NORTH** 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 Consortium 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 Consortium 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>.

IMPORTANT DATES AT BPS

OCT 9—THANKSGIVING DAY

OCT 12—PICTURE DAY

OCT 12—4-6—MEET THE EDUCATOR NIGHT

OCT. 20—PA DAY

OCT 31—HALLOWEEN—COSTUMES OR ORANGE AND BLACK SPIRIT DAY ALONG WITH SCHOOL DANCE

NOV. 9—PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME

NOV. 10—REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

NOV 14,15— PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

NOV. 16—PA DAY





School Bus Transportation Information Available From the SCSTC

In order to receive delay and cancellation notifications, families can check the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca or download the 'BusPlanner Delays' app from the Apple or Android app stores to receive delay notifications to their devices. Users would need to select Simcoe County STC as the transportation authority. The app will need to be forced closed, but you will be able to select your student(s) routes or school to receive delays.

The app will send a general notice for any cancellation in Simcoe County. You only need to know which 'zone' you're in, so you would know which one to look out for in the app. You can find your student's zone by visiting the School Bus Status page at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and clicking the dropdown for the area you live in.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20, 2023. Please visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for information on school bus safety and links to school bus safety resources. Oct. 19, 2023 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely.

Get on the Move

There are many benefits to walking or wheeling to school. Walking or wheeling to school reduces traffic, helps students establish healthy lifestyles, is better for the environment and enhances community safety. Wherever possible, we encourage students within walking zones to *get on the move* and walk or wheel to school. For more information please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website here: bit.ly/3OC4CJ9

Have you met Sora?

Our digital ebook/audiobook collection contains over 4,000 titles waiting to be checked out by our SCDSB students. Students simply download the app, use their SCDSB login and start reading for free on their phone or tablet. The collection can be accessed at: meet.soraapp.com.

Revised 2023 Ontario Language Curriculum

Beginning this school year, all language programs for Grades 1-8 will be based on the expectations of the revised Ontario Language Curriculum. The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1 to 8: Language, 2023 outlines the knowledge and skills required for effective reading and writing, listening, and speaking so students can succeed at school and beyond. The curriculum has been revised partly in response to the recommendations outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Right to Read public inquiry report.

The 2023 curriculum now includes four strands:

1. Literacy Connections and Applications
 - Foundations of Language
 - Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts
 - Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

For more information, visit www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/key-changes-language to view a guide for parents/guardians on the Ministry of Education website.

Licensed PA Day and Holiday 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 Winter Break, March Break, and during summer holidays. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to discuss fees and to register.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCT. 8 TO 14

This year, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™', works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

Information from the National Fire Protection Association website



Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents/guardians understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

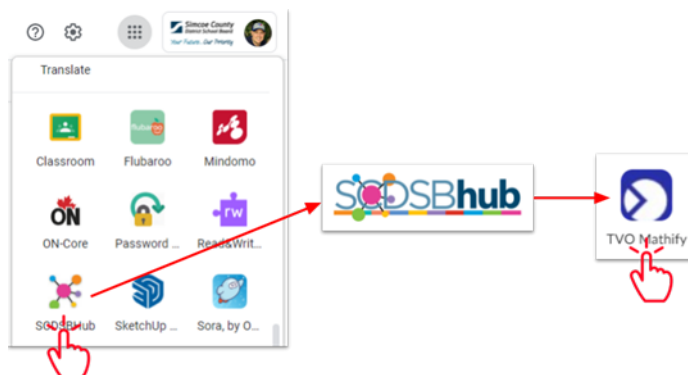
Supporting Your Child with Math

Are you curious about how you can support your child's growth as a mathematician? Visit the Parents Guide to Mathematics at www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8, where you can find a summary of the knowledge and skills your child will be learning as they progress through the grades, information about how you can support your child's learning, and how the curriculum was developed.

TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4-12 math tutoring to SCDSB students. 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. ET Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. ET Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4-12 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.





Days of Awareness 2023-24

Date(s)	Observance
Oct. 1-31	2SLGBTQIA+ History Month
	Autism Awareness Month Canada
	Dyslexia Awareness Month Canada
	German Heritage Month
	Islamic Heritage Month
	Latin American Heritage Month
	Women's History Month
Oct. 2	International Day of Non-Violence
	World Habitat Day
Oct. 4	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 4-10	World Space Week
Oct. 6	World Cerebral Palsy Day
Oct. 7-8	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
Oct. 8-14	National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl Child
	National Coming Out Day
Oct. 15-23	Sharad Navratri (Hinduism)
Oct. 16	Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)
	World Food Day
Oct. 16-17	Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
Oct. 16-20	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Oct. 18	Persons Day
Oct. 19	International Pronouns Day
	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 20	Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)
	Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)
Oct. 22	Durga Ashtami (Hinduism)



Oct. 23-29	Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Oct. 24	Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, Dasara or Dashain (Hinduism)
Oct. 26	Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies
Oct. 28 – Nov. 27	Kathina (Buddhism)
Oct. 29	Pavarana (Buddhism)
Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	Karva Chauth (Hinduism)
	Samhain (Wicca)



Meet the Educator

Thursday
October 12
4:00-6:00



Pizza from Adovo
Pizza
Pizza - \$10
Pop - \$1.00
Chips - \$1.00



We will be accepting \$1 and \$2 donations to help with the intermediate trip