



# A Message from Mrs. Ross

Dear Baxter Families,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well at this time.

As we move into February, we are happy to say that our students have made a very smooth transition back to in-person learning. They continue to be a source of great inspiration and pride as they take these changes in their stride. Staff and students have been working diligently around best practices for physical and mental health of all. On February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, let Ref's Pizza take care of dinner for you and let you enjoy some well-earned family time. Funds raised are earmarked for indoor/outdoor enhancements, technology and the RAZ Kids reading program.

Report cards will be sent to you on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards to all,

Mrs. Ross

## Character Attribute for February – Inclusiveness

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

More information about character education can be found [here](#).

## TVO/TFO Resources for Elementary Students

Looking for a straight-forward, engaging, free resource you can trust to support your child's learning during the pandemic? *TVOntario (TVO)* and *Télévision française de l'Ontario (TFO)* have released digital elementary curriculum-based content, including engaging learning activities linked to Grade 1 to 8 curriculum.

Resources are available in English for the following subjects:

- Language
- Science and Technology
- Math
- History
- Social Studies
- Geography

Families can visit [tvolearn.com](http://tvolearn.com) to access these resources. Resources are also available in French at [www.ontario.ca/fr/page/apprendre-la-maison](http://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/apprendre-la-maison) and families are encouraged to visit [tfo.org](http://tfo.org) for educational videos and games.

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### Daily COVID-19 self-assessment

Families are asked to ensure that their child(ren) complete and pass the COVID-19 self-screening tool daily prior to attending school. Based on the recommendation of the OCMOH, the [daily COVID-19 self-screening tool](#) has been updated and includes a more sensitive COVID-19 symptom list as well as the requirement for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate and stay home, regardless of vaccination status.

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

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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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/kindergarten).

## Grade 8 High School Information

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Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information events will take place this winter. Student leaders and staff at the school will give an overview of what's new and what to expect.

Different pathways and courses offered will be explained, as well as information about teams and clubs. Please visit your high school's website for more information.

## Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

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It's important to get accurate information about what's going on at your school and at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). Here are some ways to do that:

- Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at [http://\\*\\*\\*.scdsb.on.ca](http://***.scdsb.on.ca). You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca).
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook ([facebook.com/SCDSB](https://facebook.com/SCDSB)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://instagram.com/scdsb)).

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

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Did you know that EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free programs, resources, parenting courses, developmental screening, as well as referrals to community programs? All children, prenatal through 6 years of age can participate with their parent(s) or caregiver(s). In Simcoe County there are four agencies that deliver EarlyON Child and Family programs. Services are available in English and French and can be explored by visiting [www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx](http://www.simcoe.ca/ChildrenandCommunityServices/Pages/EarlyON.aspx). EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are trained in child development and facilitation of educational programs for parents/guardians and children. Coming soon; a parent/child interactive program for parents/guardians and children who are starting Kindergarten this fall! Stay tuned for registration information.

## Vaccination Clinics

Under the direction of the Ministry of Health and in collaboration with local school boards, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) will be offering COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children in select elementary school locations. The clinics will operate during school hours for eligible students (Kindergarten to Grade 8) and staff of the host school. **Parent/guardian consent is required.** Clinic hours will be extended into the evenings for these same individuals, as well as for parents/guardians, families from neighbouring schools and all other eligible community members.

To help determine interest and need for a vaccination clinic in our school, please complete [this form](#) and have your child return the form to the school office. If you have difficulty accessing the form, please contact school office staff.

The SCDSB will work with the SMDHU to determine which schools will host vaccination clinics. Information, including the date, time and location of school-based vaccination clinics will be communicated directly with school families and will be posted on the SCDSB website here: [https://scdsb.on.ca/covid-19/vaccination\\_clinics](https://scdsb.on.ca/covid-19/vaccination_clinics).

## Window Into the Classroom— Ms. Maynard, Mrs. Varrall, Mr. Ritchie





## Order Dinner With **BAXTER CENTRAL P.S.!!**

Take a night off from cooking,  
and order in dinner!

**\*Pick up only for this fundraiser\***  
Delivery orders are not included!



## February 7th & 8th 4pm to Close

REF'S PIZZA in

Thornton

244 Barrie St.

705-291-1919

[www.refspizza.com](http://www.refspizza.com)

When you order let  
them know you are  
ordering to support

**Baxter Central P.S**

The school will receive

**25%** of your bill for  
the evening!

When picking up order please wear  
a mask and practice social distancing!



## Math @ Home Parent Series

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Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. The winners of the prizes will be notified in January. The SCDSB math department is offering three evening virtual sessions for caregivers of SCDSB students. These sessions will focus on practical and fun ways to support students with their mathematics learning and engagement at home. Participants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home, and must pre-register for each of the sessions by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/SCDSBMathAtHomeRegistration>.

### **Making math connections @Home**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**7 to 8 p.m.**

This session will explore where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants will learn about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world.

### **Problem solving @Home**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2022**

**7 to 8 p.m.**

This session will explore how to encourage children to be active thinkers and problem solvers, both in math and around the house. Participants will learn about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class.

### **Having fun with math facts @Home**

**Tuesday, May 12 2022**

**7 to 8 p.m.**

This session will explore practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants will leave with ideas, games, and activities to support their child in becoming fluent with their math facts.

Participants must pre-register for the sessions they wish to attend. Registered participants will receive a math @Home pack of hands-on resources that will be sent to the school indicated on the registration form.

## Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellation Information

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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](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Our school is in the **Central zone**. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions, whether they walk to school or take the bus.

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>



### **Safe Arrival on Inclement Weather Days:**

The inclement weather day message (when busses are cancelled) audio recording says:

*'Hello, this is an important SafeArrival message from BCPS. Please listen to the entire message,*

*then press 1 to acknowledge or press \* to repeat. If you do not press 1 to acknowledge, you may receive additional calls.*

*Although the school remains open, school busses have been cancelled due to inclement weather. You are receiving this call because one or more students in this household is absent from BCPS. on DATE. **Do not call the school unless you believe your child should be at school.***

*To access Safe Arrival at BCPS call 705-424-9992. Press option 1 for the Safe Arrival line.*

*Press 1 to acknowledge you have received this message. Press \* to repeat this message.*

*Thank you'*

**Baxter is in the  
CENTRAL**

## Holy Days and Holidays: February

# FEBRUARY

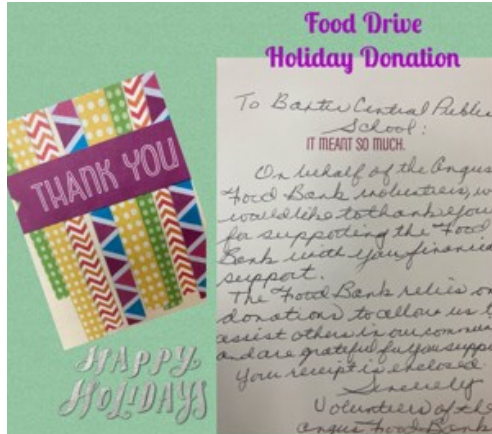
2022

- 1 Lunar New Year**  
Buddhism
- 2 Imbolc**  
Wicca
- 5 Vasant Panchami**  
Hinduism
- 8 Nirvana Day**  
Jainism
- 15 Nirvana Day**  
Buddhism
- 16 Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday**  
Buddhism
- 16 Magha ends**  
Buddhism
- 21 Family Day (ON)**  
Provincial Holiday
- 25-Mar 1 Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days)**  
Bahá'í

Looking for literacy decodable books to support our young readers, visit

[beyonddecodables.com](https://www.beyonddecodables.com)

## Community Corner



### **Baxter Bear Family in Need**

We have a BCPS family that have reached out to the community for support. Please use this [link](#) for more details.

Please see the card of thanks above, the local food banks truly appreciate the support from our school in December.

**Join us for the next Parent Council Meeting on  
Monday February 7th at 6:15PM**

## 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 two upcoming webinars in the learning series specifically planned for parents and guardians during this school year.

**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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).



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***Go Bears!***

**School Hours**

Morning Bell	9:20 AM
Nutrition Break	11:00 - 11:20 AM
Recess	11:20 - 11:40 AM
Nutrition Break	1:20 - 1:40 PM
Recess	1:40 - 2:00 PM
DISMISSAL	3:40 PM

# February 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 <i>Subs</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Subs</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Subs</i>	17	18 <i>Report Cards</i>	19
20	21 <i>Family Day</i>	22	23 <i>Subs</i>	24	25	26
27	28					

## Heritage Recognition, Holy Days & Holidays

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the month of February:

**Black History Month**

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. Throughout our history, Black Canadians have played a key role in building and shaping the diverse, compassionate and prosperous country that we are proud to call home. For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>.

## Land Acknowledgment

*The Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.*