



# The Baxter Bear Paw

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## A Message from Mrs. Ross

### Hello Baxter Families,

As we make our way into November, we are beginning to feel a more natural rhythm to our school year. Students and staff are doing an outstanding job of maintaining safe practices including in our *spooktacular* outside activities for our primary students. Thanks to our grade 7/8 students and Messrs. Wells and McNamara for ensuring safe fun.

November is also a time to remember our fallen and recognize the courage of our military. Unfortunately we will not be able to gather for

our Remembrance Day assembly, but students will be participating in acts of Remembrance in their classes.

Please stay well and be safe.

Regards,

Mrs. Ross

### Character Attribute for November—Courage

**Courage** - we do the right thing even when it's difficult.

More information about character education can be found here: [www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)

### 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.

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#### Daily 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/>.

## Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign

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The SCDSB has a time-honoured relationship with our local Royal Canadian Legions through the annual poetry and poster competitions and the annual poppy campaign. For the 2021-2022 year, it is our intention to once again support

the poppy campaign. Due to the health and safety protocols in place, we will not be collecting donations from students. Instead, schools are asked to work with their school councils to make a suitable donation through school generated funds. Families

interested in making their own donations can do so by visiting the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign at [www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy](http://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy).



## Book Fair—November 8 to 12

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<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5148952>

We're excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! You can shop from hundreds of items. *Students will be able to explore the Book Fair in person* during their designated class times. *Families can shop online through our Virtual Book Fair extension.* Our Book Fair is open in person for students from November 8-11 and will be available virtually for all parent's/guardians November 8-12, midnight to midnight. All purchases help earn new resources for our school.

In person payment includes cash, debit, Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Apple Pay, quick tap is available to students. Online options include Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Online purchases will be sent with free delivery to the school for pickup. Online purchases will be wrapped so they are perfect as a gift.

## Grade 1 French Immersion Information

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The Simcoe County District School Board (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.

Historically, in-person Grade 1 FI Family Information Nights are held annually in advance of the application process for the following school year. This year, due to restrictions to large-group public gatherings, in-person Family Information Nights will not be held. Virtual Information nights will be offered for families to learn more about the French Immersion program. **[Please see our school website for dates and meeting links.](#)**

The online Grade 1 FI application form will be available from **9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, until 4 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021.** In Grade 1, enrollment in the FI Program is limited to a maximum of two classes of 20 students per class at each host site for the FI program. The electronic applications will be processed in the order determined by a digitally randomized lottery system. The registration link will not appear until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

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.

*"Application dates—Wednesday, December 1, 2021, until Friday, December 17, 2021"*

## 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>

For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: [main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). Also, remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days.

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**Central zone***

## Picture Day—November 10th

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Edge imaging will be here on November 10<sup>th</sup> for Picture Day. Remember to bring your smile and DON'T wear green! Please see the [attached](#) photo day information.

There are a few changes to note for this year.

- Students will remain in their homeroom or cohort for their photos
- All Edge Imaging photographers are fully vaccinated
- Students (who are able) will stand for their pictures this year ensuring there is no commonly touched surfaces
- Students may remove their mask for their photo only (maximum 5 minutes)
- No group photos will be taken
- All touched surfaces will be sanitized

\*Edge Imaging employees must follow all additional SCDSB and SMDHU safety protocols  
Here is a link to our safety protocols <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/faq/#safety>

## Council Corner

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There is lots of excitement and fun planned for this school year! We have various fundraiser coming up including McDonald's night! We will be sharing all the exciting details as

we finalize dates and times. Next council meeting is via zoom *November 8th at 615pm*. Please join us!

**Jenn and Tina**

## mPower For Extra Practice

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Are you looking for a way to provide extra math practice for your child at home in a fun and engaging format? **TVO mPower** is a free digital tool that includes 65+ online games to support the mastery of tough-to-learn math concepts.

### TVO mPower's goals are:

- To provide Ontario students with opportunities to practice important math skills and to foster positive attitudes towards math by making learning fun and engaging.
- To show students that math is everywhere by connecting math games to the big ideas

in science and social studies.

- To support students in developing 21<sup>st</sup> century global competencies by integrating skills such as metacognition, problem solving, creativity and citizenship.

### TVO mPower is:

Ontario curriculum-based - aligns with the Ontario mathematics, science and technology and social studies curricula while also supporting the development of global competencies

Learner-centred - tracks student progress and responds

to learners' needs

Assessment-driven - includes teacher dashboard and educator resources

Tested and trusted - developed in partnership with Ontario educators and students

Always free for Ontario students and educators, and now for Ontario families

Safe and advertising-free

Available for desktop and laptop computers and iPad tablets

Visit [tvompower.com](http://tvompower.com) for more information.

## Student Voices on Mental Health

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Ontario secondary school students, School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action have launched #HearNowON for 2021. Your voice and perspective is important! Share your ideas on mental health awareness, learning and wellness promotion in Ontario schools.

The #HearNowON 2021 online survey is live and closes Nov. 19, 2021. Contribute your perspective here: [https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021\\_ONecoute2021](https://bit.ly/HearNowON2021_ONecoute2021).

Attend a virtual student consultation event and share your perspectives on student mental health with School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action. This opportunity will gain you volunteer hours and allow you to meet students across the province! Sign up for a virtual forum of your interest here: [www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/](http://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/).

*"Nottawasaga Pine High School  
Information Day for Baxter Bears  
is November 16th"*

## 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.

## Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians

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

Nov. 23, 2021	Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part One
Nov. 30, 2021	Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part Two
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](http://www.pineriverinstitute.com).

## SCDSB Census

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In early 2021 the SCDSB held its first student and workforce censuses. We had almost 27,000 students and over 3,700 staff participate! In October 2021 the initial data from the censuses was released, along with some next steps and areas of focus for the SCDSB. To learn more, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/census](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/census).

## Clothing Drive Fundraiser

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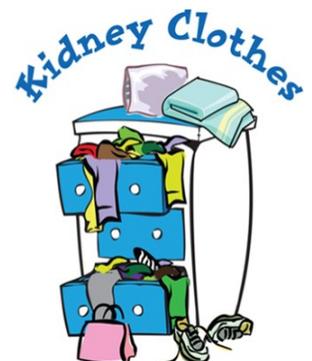
Baxter Central is once again teaming up with the Kidney Foundation of Canada for a 'Kidney Clothes' clothing drive.

THIS IS A SELF DELIVERY CLOTHING DRIVE. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CLOSED GARBAGE BAGS LABELED BAXTER CENTRAL P.S. TO THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION at 570 BRYNE DRIVE BARRIE BETWEEN 11-3 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

Kidney Clothes invites you to donate ALL cloth-based items including:

New or used clothing	Footwear and outerwear
Belts, ties, and purses	Yarn, fabric and patterns
Blankets, bedding and linens	Draperies, luggage and sleeping bags

See more at: [Kidney Clothes](#) |



# 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 November:

November is a significant month for the Albanian community. People of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence and Liberation Day, the day that Albania was liberated from Nazi Germany forces, this month. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16a29>.

**Hindu Heritage Month** Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16h35>.

**Treaties Recognition Week** - Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 by the province to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It is recognized during the first week of November every year. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties#section-4>.

**Veteran's Week (November 5 - 11)** The people of Ontario must never forget the extraordinary courage and profound sacrifice made by the men and women who bravely and unselfishly gave their lives for Canada in wars and in peace support operations. As a gesture of respect for those who bravely and unselfishly gave their lives for Canada in wars and in peace support operations, the week preceding

**Remembrance Day** each year is recognized as Veteran's Week. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16r21>. **Remembrance Day (November 11)** Remembrance Day commemorates the armistice signed to end the First World War at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, being the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of that year. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. For more information, visit <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/a-day-of-remembrance>.

**Holodomor Memorial Day (fourth Saturday in November)** The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932 to 1933. The day provides an opportunity to reflect on and to educate the public about the enduring lessons of the Holodomor and other crimes against humanity. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/09h07>.

**National Child Day (November 20)** Celebrating National Child Day is about celebrating children as active participants in their own lives and in communities, as active citizens who can and should meaningfully contribute to decision-making. For more information, visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncd-jnc/index-eng.php>.

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (November 25-December 10)** The 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence begin on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25) and end on International Human Rights Day (December 10). For more information, visit <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/index-en.html>.



- 1** All Saints Day  
Christianity
- 1** Samhain ends  
Wicca
- 4** Diwali/Deepavali  
Hinduism/Jainism
- 4** Bandi Chhor Divas  
Sikhism
- 5** Hindu New Year  
Hinduism
- 6** Birth of the Báb  
Bahá'í
- 7** Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh  
Bahá'í
- 7** Inuit Day  
Indigenous World View
- 8** Gyan Panchami  
Jainism
- 11** Remembrance Day  
Canadian Observance
- 15** Nativity Fast begins (40 days) (J)  
Christianity
- 16** Louis Riel Day  
Indigenous World View
- 18** Dev Diwali  
Jainism
- 19** Birth of Guru Nanak  
Sikhism
- 24** Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur  
Sikhism
- 25** Day of the Covenant  
Bahá'í
- 27** Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
Bahá'í
- 28** First Day of Advent  
Christianity
- 28** Chanukah begins  
Judaism



**BAXTER CENTRAL PS**  
**SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
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 Phone: 705-424-9992  
 Safe Arrival Line - EXT # 1  
 Email: Baxtercentral@scdsb.on.ca

***Be The Best You Can Be!***

**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

## November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Report cards</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>School Council Meeting</i>	9	10 <i>Picture day</i>	11	12 <i>PD day</i>	13
	** Parent teacher conferences **					
14	15	16 <i>High-school info</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

November	Financial Literacy Month
November	November
Nov. 1-7	Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Nov. 1-5	Treaties Recognition Week
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 13	World Kindness Day
Nov. 15-19	Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 20	Trans Day of Remembrance

## Treaties Recognition Week - Nov. 1 to 5

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 1 to 5. This

annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and

nurture these relationships. Take some time Nov. 1 to 5 to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties).