

Twin Lakes Secondary School

Thunderbird News June 2023

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Feedback, Recovery, Improvement Days and Final Culminating Tasks Days

Culminating tasks (which could include a performance, an examination, an essay, or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content) occur towards the end of a course. Culminating tasks have been shifted to occur earlier than the last week of the semester so that students are provided with that feedback before the end of the semester, and to ensure that they have an opportunity to improve on their learning, and potentially their grades.

Last semester we did not have a focused schedule and we found that students did find the end of the semester challenging. In response, we have developed a schedule to help students and staff ensure that multiple culminating tasks are not occurring on the same day, and still provide enough time for the students to receive feedback and recommendations for next steps. There will still be assessments occurring until the end of the semester, and projects, portfolios, tests, etc. will continue to happen. The end of the semester is always a busy time for students as they wrap up course material and assignments. We continue to work with our students on all the important skills they need for their future success.

Here are some key dates:

June 5th: Period 1 Culminating Tasks

June 6th: Period 2 Culminating Tasks

June 7th: Period 3 Culminating Tasks

June 8th: Period 4 Culminating Tasks

June 9th: Period 1 Culminating Tasks

June 12th: Period 2 Culminating Tasks

June 13th: Period 3 Culminating Tasks

June 14th: Period 4 Culminating Tasks

All classes have a Desire2Learn (D2L) online course content platform which will contain key dates for your child. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher.

The last day of regular instruction for students in semester two is Friday, June 23. The period from Monday, June 26 to Wednesday, June 28 is reserved for students to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit, or to improve on an area of missed expectations. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend.

There will be no new instruction these days. Feedback, recovery, and improvement days are an opportunity for students to work closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery, or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

Thunderbird Athletics

Another spring sports season is wrapping up with Track and Field Athletes busy representing us at OFSAA regionals, with two students moving on to OFSAA next week. The Girls Slo-pitch Team advanced to the SCAA Tier 1 semi-finals, Jr Boys Golfers advanced to the GB meet, Mountain Bikers advanced to the GB meet on June 6th at Hardwood Hills and Ultimate Frisbee Tier 2 Team played in their final tournament on June 1st.

Twin has had another stellar season of results. The Boys Baseball Team gave the first place team a run for their money losing in extra innings by one run in their second round playoff game. The Girl's Soccer Team lost their SCAA semi-final to GBD 1-0. The Co-ed Volleyball team has one more tournament next week at Bear Creek and are hoping to come away as the champs.

The Tier 1 Ultimate Frisbee Team advanced to the semi-finals but lost to a very tenacious Innisdale team. Our best result so far in the history of our team.

We are very proud of our accomplishments this year in sports and we want to wish our graduating athletes good luck in the future!

TLSS Athletic Banquet

Athletic Council would like to recognize all the amazing athletic accomplishments this year at Twin.

Festivities will take place on Thursday June 15th at 1:15 in the cafeteria and will include door prizes, snacks, awards and a slideshow.

Tickets will be for sale at the start of lunch for \$5 or available to purchase on School Cash Online. Hope to see you there!

Co-Ed Volleyball

Congratulations to the Twin Lakes Co-ed Volleyball team who were finalists in the St. Joan of Arc tournament on May 23rd and Champions in the OSS tournament on May 5th.



Grade 9 EQAO Math Tests

Will take place Monday, June 19th and Tuesday, June 20th for students enrolled in MTH1W1 this semester. This is a regular class day. The EQAO assessments will be written on Chromebooks and extra time is available for all students. For additional information, visit eqao.com.

LINK Crew

We wrapped up our 16th successful year of LINK. Thanks to all of our Leaders and A-teamers for their commitment and to our Grade 9's! Congratulations to our new LINK Leaders and A-Teamers who were selected for the 2023-24 school year. Training is on Monday August 28th and Tuesday August 29th 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. at the school. No transportation will be provided. Complete details about this and Grade 9 Orientation Day will be mailed out in August to our Leaders and A-Teamers. Please email Mrs. Kerrie Pellarin kpellarin@scdsb.on.ca if you have questions.

Thanks again to all our outgoing and incoming Leaders and their families for supporting this school-wide initiative.

Student Accident Insurance 2023-2024

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out of province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen.

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected the Insure my kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.

Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage.

Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students in September.



Guidance News

Draft Timetables

2023-24 draft timetables will be viewable in the Student Portal in PowerSchool as of June 12, 2023. If students would like to discuss timetable changes with their guidance counsellor, please fill in the form at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CQW00IupkB1L5JUhgNGsWd0ZtXKEYmmMeJcF3R1PCo/edit?ts=646ce5cf>

Students will be emailed the link as well. Official timetables will be given to each student on September 5th.

OSAP

The OSAP site to apply for post-secondary funding is now open. Application is online and is encouraged to be submitted by June 2023. Follow this link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

Character Attribute for the Month of June

Responsibility - we are accountable for our actions and we follow through on commitments.



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

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>



Complete your Diploma and Get a Head Start on your Career in Healthcare in the SCDSB's PSW Program!

Did you know that the SCDSB's Learning Centres offer an accredited Personal Support Worker (PSW) program? Individuals interested in a career in healthcare can earn 7.5 credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a PSW certificate upon completion of the program!



The online application portal for PSW programs beginning in September 2023 in Barrie, North Simcoe (Midland), and Orillia is now open. To apply, visit the-learningcentres.com and watch the mandatory virtual information session video. This video includes important information about the PSW program and the application process. Applicants will also be required to complete an online PSW Literacy Assessment. Register for the assessment using the 'Assessment Registration Form'.

Registration for September 2023 closes July 7 at 12 p.m. Have questions or need more information? Contact the Learning Centres at psw@scdsb.on.ca.

Gratitude Moment Coping Strategy

Well-being is a Strategic Priority in the Simcoe County District School Board, and our mental health and well-being department provides monthly strategies to support student and family well-being.

This month's strategy is gratitude moment. Viewing the world and relationships through a lens of gratitude can help children and youth intentionally notice the positive elements in their day and shift the balance towards optimism, even when facing a challenge. To practice gratitude moment at home, model to your child/youth how to express gratitude. Explain what it means to be grateful or thankful. Share something you are thankful /grateful for as an example and in turn, have your child share something they are thankful/grateful for. Repeat this practice as often as you would like. Practicing gratitude moment can be done at any time of the day, or at regular times such as at mealtime or before bed. Consider writing down the ideas and posting them in your home or creating a gratitude jar.

Find more easy and fun mental health activities to do at home here: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/easy-and-fun-mental-health-activities-for-home/>

Follow the Mental Health and Well-being social media accounts (@SCDSB_MHWP) to see how well-being is being supported in our schools.



Online Learning Graduation Requirement and Opt Out Options

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year.



The online learning graduation requirement also applies to adult learners that will be entering the Ontario secondary school system starting in the 2023-24 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with learning and working in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that they will need for success after secondary school, including in post-secondary education and the workplace.

Opting out

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their children out of the mandatory online learning credits required for graduation. To opt out, a parent/guardian must submit the [Secondary Online Learning Graduation Requirement Opt-out Form](#). Exemption from the online learning graduation requirements may be requested by:

- the parent/guardian of the secondary student
- students who are 18 years of age or older
- students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control

Check with your local school if you have questions regarding the registration or opt-out process.

Adult English as a Second Language Program

Looking to improve your English skills? Join our Adult English as a Second Language Program (ESL) classes to improve your listening and speaking skills through class discussions and presentations. Develop your English skills to advance in your current job or open the door to new employment opportunities. Learn more about your local community and explore Canadian culture and history. Adult ESL classes are offered year-round with a continuous intake.

To register for the program, please contact the Barrie Learning Centre at 705-725-8360 ext. 45151, or email ganderson@scdsb.on.ca.

**Please note all students starting ESL for the first time must be assessed prior to starting the class. Fees apply for visitors to Canada and work/study permit holders.*



Keep Connected With Our School and With the SCDSB

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:

- Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at [scdsb.on.ca](https://www.scdsb.on.ca).
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb).
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- Follow TLSS on Twitter (@TwinLakes_S.S.)
- Follow Guidance on Twitter (@TLSSguidance)



Significant Days, Holy Days, Holidays and Heritage Recognition Occurring in the Month of June

For information regarding holy days and holidays, visit the SCDSB website here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion/holy_days_and_holidays_calendar

For more information on heritage days, visit the SCDSB website here:

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/equity_and_inclusion/heritage_recognition



- 3** Posen
Buddhism
- 4** Pentecost (J)
Christianity
- 11** All Saints Day (J)
Christianity
- 16** Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi
Lodro Anniversary
Buddhism
- 16** Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
Sikhism
- 21** **National Indigenous Peoples Day**
Indigenous World View
- 21** **Litha/Summer Solstice**
(may be observed June 19-23)
Wicca
- 27** Waqfatu'Arafat
Islam
- 28** **Eid-ul-Adha**
Islam

