

Twin Lakes Secondary School

Thunderbird News November 2022

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OSSLT

Students in Grade 10 (along with eligible students in Grades 11 and 12) will have the opportunity to attempt the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on November 29th, 30th or December 1st. Students will be notified of the specific day and location of their scheduled assessment in the near future. If successful, this will count towards satisfying the literacy requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The normal school day schedule will be unaffected and will continue as normal. We believe that students, working with their teachers, parents/guardians and administrators, can be successful on the OSSLT. Additional information and materials about the OSSLT are posted on the EQAO web site at <https://www.eqao.com/> or access additional review material and an online practice test on our website: <http://twi.scdsb.on.ca>

High School Information Events for Grade 8 students

We are excited to begin the transition to Twin Lakes with the grade 8 students in our family of schools. To ensure this process promotes a smooth transition and successful start to high school, a number of events are planned (and more to follow):

- December 5 – Grade 8 day at Twin (11:45am – 2:00pm) – elementary schools will share details
- First week of January 2023 – TLSS guidance staff visit grade 8 classes to discuss grade 9 course selections
- January 18, 2023 – Grade 8 Open House for students and families (6:00pm – 7:30pm)

Please contact the guidance office if you have questions. We look forward to welcoming our newest Thunderbirds!

Cooperative Education & Other Forms of Experiential Learning

Co-op students are continuing to earn secondary school credits while completing work placements in our community through the mentorship of our amazing employers. The goal of all co-op experiences is to ensure a mutually beneficial partnership between the training supervisor, the teacher, and the student. We are always seeking new opportunities to partner with the business community for student co-op placements.

Our Co-op teachers Jodi Kerr and Robyn LaChapelle invite you to contact the Co-operative Education office (Room 303) at 705-325-1318, Ext. 43212 or 43178, if you want to get more information, develop a placement description, or become connected with today's future employees.

Sports



The Thunderbirds fall seasons are ramping up for playoffs at the end of the month. If you are interested in playing sports, but may require some help with fees, the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations is offering some subsidies.

The one for students is up to \$200. Paperwork does need to be submitted but it is minimal.

<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/ofsaa-offering-two-subsidies-click-here/>

[OFSAA Offering Two Subsidies \(Click Here\) - OFSAA](#)

The OFSAA Student-Athlete Sports Subsidy Participation in school sport is important and students learn many life skills, so we want all students to have equal opportunity to experience school sport. OFSAA is offering grants for students who have difficulty finding the monies to pay their athletic fee for league competition. The current application form can [...]

www.ofsaa.on.ca

Thunderbird Winter Sports

Winter sports are getting started at Twin with meetings and tryouts underway.

The swim team is open to all Twin Lakes students. Training takes place on Sunday mornings at the MURF and fitness practice Tuesday's at lunch. Other sports including: girls and boys hockey, Jr. and Sr. girls volleyball, Jr. and Sr. boys basketball, nordic and alpine skiing, and wrestling will begin soon.

Please listen to the announcements for tryout times and information. A winter sport fee will apply to those who make a winter team. This fee helps pay for bussing, referees for games, and equipment for our teams. Other fees may apply relating to tournaments, practicing offsite (hockey and skiing) or team wear. For any additional information, please speak with Mrs. Hendry.

Character Attribute for the Month of November

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



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

The SCDSB officially recognizes a variety of observances as detailed in the SCDSB Holy Days and Holidays Calendar. <https://bit.ly/3Ln2Mfb>



- 1** All Saints Day
Christianity
- 6** Dev Diwali
Jainism
- 7** Inuit Day
Indigenous World View
- 8** Birth of Guru Nanak
Sikhism
- 11** Remembrance Day
Canadian Observance
- 16** Louis Riel Day
Indigenous World View
- 24** Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur
Sikhism
- 26** Day of the Covenant
Bahá'í
- 27** First Day of Advent
Christianity
- 28** Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Bahá'í
- 28** Nativity Fast begins (40 days) (J)
Christianity

Parents/Guardians and Students Invited to Learn About Planning for the Skilled Trades at Virtual Event on Dec. 1.

Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is. On Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m., participants in *What our School Families Need to Know About Skilled Trades Careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school. Parents/guardians and Grade 7 to 12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of surveying 500 parents/guardians.



This interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegher, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and a question-and-answer segment. Participants can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/K1fHeartoGYnDd3u8>.

More information regarding the event will be shared in the coming weeks on the SCDSB's website scdsb.on.ca and social media accounts.

Communication to Families Regarding Inclement Weather Days



Please note that APM A3020 – Inclement Weather, 3.1.2 states that “parents/guardians are to be reminded, in writing at appropriate times (October and January) each school year, that it is their responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.”

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>.

Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Days

At the end of each semester, all secondary schools will run feedback, recovery and improvement days for students. Culminating assessments such as portfolios, essays, examinations, and interviews will take place during instructional days and will be returned to students with feedback.



The last day of regular instruction for students in semester one is Monday, January 30, 2023. The period from Tuesday, January 31 to Thursday, February 2, 2023 is reserved for students who require an opportunity 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.

November 29 is Eat Well to Excel Day in Simcoe County

Eat Well to Excel is a Simcoe County non-profit community partnership that supports our school's student nutrition program. The funding provided by Eat Well to Excel allows us to supply students with access to healthy snacks during the school day.



The pandemic has caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that 1 in 3 kids in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry. Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

You can make a donation by visiting eatwelltoexcel.ca. You can either support the county-wide program or direct your donation to our school. Please include our school name in the comment box to ensure the donation goes directly to our program. A tax receipt will be emailed to you.

For more information about Eat Well to Excel visit eatwelltoexcel.ca.

Treaties Recognition Week Takes Place November 6 to 12

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 November 6 to 12. 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 November 6 to 12 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.



Ventilation

The Ministry of Education ventilation strategy is one strategy that was implemented in schools to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support healthier and safer learning environments. The SCDSB has fully functioning mechanical ventilation systems at all schools. [Learn more on our website.](#)

Extra Mathematics Support for Grades 4 to 12

Are you looking for extra mathematics support for your Grade 4 to 12 student? TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4 to 12 math tutoring to students enrolled in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools. Features include an interactive whiteboard, as well as voice and text chat to make it easy to upload a math question and figure it out with the support of a math tutor, at a time that works for you.

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. Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

All SCDSB students from Grades 4 to 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.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.

November PA Day

Please note that Friday, November 18 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:



www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar



Twin Lakes Spirit Wear

Deadline to place an order is November 20, and orders should be in before the winter break.

<https://tlss-2022.itemorder.com/>















Twin Lakes Secondary School Spirit Wear - Winter Holidays

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://tlss-2022.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday November 20th, 2022 (11:59pm EST)

<p>Embroidered Clique Stockholm Sweatpant</p>  <p>3 Colors \$38.00</p>	<p>Logo 1 - Printed Stockholm Pullover Hoodie</p>  <p>4 Colors \$40.00</p>	<p>Logo 1 - Printed Threadfast Unisex Triblend 3/4 Sleeve Raglan</p>  <p>\$25.00</p>	<p>Logo 1 - Printed Gildan Adult Softstyle 4.5 oz. T-Shirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$16.00</p>	<p>Champion Washed Twill Dad Cap</p>  <p>3 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Embroidered Champion Double Dry Eco Crewneck Sweatshirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$60.00</p>
<p>Embroidered Champion S700 Double Dry Eco Hooded Sweatshirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$70.00</p>	<p>Champion Double Dry Eco® Quarter-Zip Pullover</p>  <p>2 Colors \$50.00</p>	<p>Sportsman Adult Bucket Cap</p>  <p>3 Colors \$18.00</p>	<p>Logo 2 - Printed Stockholm Pullover Hoodie</p>  <p>4 Colors \$43.00</p>	<p>Logo 2 - Printed Threadfast Unisex Triblend 3/4 Sleeve Raglan</p>  <p>\$28.00</p>	<p>Logo 2 - Printed Gildan Adult Softstyle 4.5 oz. T-Shirt</p>  <p>3 Colors \$19.00</p>
<p>Team 365 Ladies' Zone Performance Short</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Team 365 Mens Zone Performance Short</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>				

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