



Spring 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

At last, Spring has arrived – well, some days, that is! Since our last reporting period and newsletter, we had a very busy first half of Semester 2, with school sports and extra-curriculars in full swing; our second open mic “Coffee House” evening; an in-school Spirit Week; Parents’ Night/Meet the Teacher; and everyone finding ways to enjoy March Break while working part-time, finding moments to relax and unwind, or enjoying a holiday with friends, family, or school staff (see details and photos of some very happy Sabres inside!).

As you’ll notice in the enclosed “Looking Ahead at SCS” section, May and June are absolutely jam-packed with a wide variety of events and activities for students and Sabre families to enjoy as we conclude yet another school year. As we move into the final stretch, please be sure to reach out to your youth’s teachers, school support staff, and/or myself and VP Mr. Malcolm, should you have questions or concerns about progress. As I hope you know, the SCS team is always willing to offer support to our Sabre families. Happy Spring!

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Vice-principal's Message

Hello Sabre Families. The last few months of every school year go by quickly; as you’ll see in these pages, there’s lots going on at SCS right now, with much more planned now that the warmer weather has arrived!

A reminder about absences, please: if students know they are going to be absent, they should connect with teachers ahead of time to plan for any material they may miss. Likewise, if students are returning from an unexpected absence, they should liaison with staff to find out what was missed to ensure they stay on track. Parents and guardians, please notify our attendance secretaries in the main office in the event of ANY absence for their student so we have accurate records. All Sabres are expected to be on time for classes, so they do not miss important announcements and direct instruction.

I wish everyone all the best as we approach the end of the year. We are always available in the office for any support or assistance you may require.

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From SCS Student Services

Norfolk has a very generous community that offers a wide variety of awards for our graduating students. Graduating Grade 12s should check their Grand Erie email account to get all the information they need to apply for these awards.

Community Career and Employment Services of Simcoe offers many supports for our job-seeking students. They offer help finding summer employment, part-time employment, and they also support students looking for employment directly after graduation. For more information go to www.employmentservicesnorfolk.com or make an appointment to see your Guidance Counsellor.

To receive weekly student job postings emailed directly to you go to cces@fanshawec.ca and sign up.

Summer school applications will be available soon. Please check www.granderie.ca for the online Summer School application forms in the middle of May.

New York City Trip

Mrs. Busk, Mr. Oosting and Mr. Ernst are currently leading 42 Sabres on a trip to New York City, having left Thursday, April 27. They have a packed agenda: Rockefeller Centre, the Statue of Liberty, 911 Museum & Memorial, seeing “Aladdin” on Broadway, touring Chinatown and various other neighbourhoods in Manhattan, and doing the new RISE New York: A Virtual Reality Flight Experience. What fun!

Students interested in a similar “Big City U.S.A.” bus trip next school year should see Mrs. Busk by the end of Semester 1.



March Break Trip Opportunities

Mrs. deMontfort, Mr. Dale & Madame Defreyne took two-dozen students on an “Italian Highlights” tour of Venice, Verona, Florence & Rome during March Break. They rode in gondolas, saw spectacular art, wandered the ancient Colosseum, stared awe-struck at the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel ceiling, snapped hundreds of beautiful photos, and ate LOTS of gelato!

Next year’s March Break 2024 trip with Mr. Dale and Monsieur Pelland is already sold out. Students will spend 5 days in Paris & 3 days in Rome, seeing and experiencing many of the historic, artistic and cultural highlights of each world-class city while adding a rural daytrip to each itinerary. Ooh la la! A first meeting for student travelers on this tour (and parents / guardians!) will take place in June, date to follow.

An in-school meeting about the proposed March 2025 “Adventures in Spain, Gibraltar & Morocco” trip will happen soon. The plan for March 2026 is Paris-Vimy-Flanders-Amsterdam.

Note: As spaces are limited, international trips typically fill a year or more in advance. Please contact Mr. Dale at Jason.dale@granderie.ca or see him at school for more information about these overseas teacher-guided, educational & unforgettable “trips of a lifetime” offered at SCS.



SCS Music Department's Upcoming Events

May 15 – Concert Band playing at Nationals Musicfest

May 31 – Spring Concert for the public in the gym;
6:30pm start, doors open at 6; \$7.50, free 12 & under

June 13 – All-Bands trip to Canada's Wonderland



Looking Ahead at SCS

May 2 – Track & Field Day (rain date May 4)

May 4 – Drama Club play: "Seussification of Romeo & Juliet"; 6:30 pm in the Cafetorium; \$10/adult, \$5 child; tickets at the door OR via School Cash Online now

May 13 – Spring Plants Plus sale & Auto Show at the back of SCS, 9 am – 2 pm

May 16 – Student Support Day (students attend if invited by teacher(s) as necessary to enter passing range)

May 17 – GEDSB's all-schools Rainbow Ball at Waterford District High School, 6:30-9:30 pm

May 22 – Victoria Day holiday

May 26 – SCS Prom in the gym, 7 – 10 pm

June 9 – Athletic Awards (during school day)

June 23 – last day before exams: year-end assembly, BBQ lunch, yet-to-be-determined afternoon event

June 26-28 – Exam days (depending on grade/courses)

June 29 – P.A. Day



Students' Council Update

This year's Students' Council Election campaign is almost here. Candidates running for election to Council must bring a completed yellow Nomination form to the *mandatory all-candidates meeting in the Drama Room at the start of lunch on Monday, May 1st*. Please see Mr. Dale in the library to get a nomination form asap or speak to a current Council member.

The in-school Election Campaign runs Mon. May 8 – Thursday May 11. Students will vote for their preferred Council candidates in homeroom on Thursday May 11 (the official Election Day).

Best wishes to all candidates and thanks in advance for seeking leadership opportunities through the SCS Students' Council!



To stay updated on SCS events, students and parents are encouraged to follow our school's social media pages: Instagram (*scssabres* & *scs_studentco*); Facebook (*Simcoe Composite Excalibur* & *Simcoe Composite School Parent Community*); and Twitter (*@SimcoeSabres*, *@SCSStuCo*, *@ScSguidance*).

