



Hello Banting Families,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

It's been a bustling start to the school year here at Banting, and I've had the pleasure of getting acquainted with many of our students, parents, and dedicated staff members. I look forward to meeting even more of you in the days ahead.

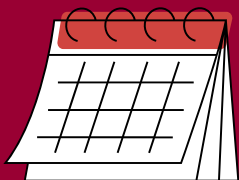
November 9th marked a special occasion for us, our Night of Excellence. We gathered to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students who had excelled academically, whether by achieving an impressive 80% or higher, earning the top spot in a specific course, securing the highest average in their grade, or receiving a well-deserved character award. It was a successful night and we are proud of all of our award recipients.

As we approach the midpoint of this term, it's time to reflect on our progress. Midterm report cards will be distributed on Thursday, November 23rd. This is a crucial moment for your child to assess their performance in each course and make any necessary adjustments to ensure success in the coming months. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to share our upcoming December fundraising and community outreach initiative, aimed at supporting local families. Our Leadership class and Link Crew Leaders have been hard at work planning a Week of Giving, beginning on December 4th. We invite you to participate by donating non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys. These items can be brought in by your child to contribute to the homeroom challenge. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all families in advance for your generous contributions.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Rob Poissant
Principal



Important Dates ...

WHATS HAPPENING

BMHS Upcoming Events

November 21

- Photo Retake Day - Library

November 22

- School Council Meeting -6pm Cafe

November 23

- Midterm Report Cards

November 27- December 8

- Green Industries Plant Sale

December 4 - 8

- Week of Giving - Toy & Food Drive

December 7 - 18

- Graduation Photos - Appointment only in Library

December 25th - January 5th

- Winter Break - School Closed

GREEN INDUSTRIES PLANT SALE

OPEN ON
SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE
Nov 27th to Dec 8th
PICK-UP
Dec 11th to 14th

Cyclamen
Jade Trees
Aloe Vera



Seasons Greetings!

Welcome the festive season and support the Green Industries programs at Banting Memorial High School. We are selling white or red Cyclamen, as a holiday feature. We are also selling Jade trees, and Aloe Vera plants. Plants are sold in 5" plastic pots.

Quantities are limited.

Dates and Pick up

Nov 27th-Dec 8th - Sale available on School Cash Online

Dec 11th-14th - Plant Pick-Up in school

WEEK OF GIVING

Homeroom Challenge: bring in new unwrapped toys and/or non-perishable food items to help support our local community. Items accumulated during the week will be distributed to the Alliston Lions Club, Good Sheppard Food Bank and the Tottenham Food Bank to support our local families in need. A monetary donation option is available on School Cash Online. All items make a difference!

BOOK YOUR *Grad* PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION



Grad Photos will be held in the back of the Banting Library from December 7th-18th, 2023. The photographer provides a borrowed Gown, V-stole, and Cap for your photo sitting. Please wear a white blouse or collared shirt for under your gown. Appointments are now available with the QR Code.



Department News ...

MAIN OFFICE

Student Attendance

To report your child's absence, we have a few options for you to select from, please note, email is preferred!

Email to: banattendance@scdsb.on.ca

NEW! Phone **1-888-885-8065** -24 hour Automated Attendance Line.

Absences are no longer reported to the Banting Main Office phone line. All attendance calls will be redirected to the new attendance phone number. Please include the date of absence(s), student's full name, parent/guardian name and a phone number where we may contact a parent/guardian.

School Cash Online

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy way to pay for your student's school fees., check history of purchases and sign permission forms.

- Step One: Go to <https://ban.scdsb.on.ca/>
- Step Two: Click Forms & Payments
- Step Three: Register



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the BMHS main office 705-435-6288

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Attire

Athletic attire is required for physical education classes. Students are requested to bring a change of clothes (athletic attire— including proper footwear) for their gym classes.

If desired, students can purchase Banting Phys Ed T-Shirts or Shorts from Boulton's Replay Sports online at boultonsreplaysports.com. Boulton's is located at 40 Victoria St E, Alliston.



BMHS P.E. SHIRT
\$12.99



BMHS P.E. SHORTS
\$12.99



Student Activity Fees, Permissions & Acknowledgement forms must be completed & Paid in full (\$25) on School Cash Online to participate in team sports and events.



Department News ...

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Did you know we have a section on our school website dedicated to Mental Health Supports? Check it out by clicking the link below or by choosing Departments > Guidance & Student Success > Mental Health Supports.



WEBSITE



Pine River Institute Learning Virtual Series for Parents and Teens

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and Pine River Institute (PRI) have committed to work together to support student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families, staff, and within its school communities. As part of the partnership, the Centre for Family Initiatives is once again providing virtual webinars focused on supporting student mental health and well-being to SCDSB families. Each session will take place from 7 to 8 PM.

Please scan the QR below for more information or to register.

- Helping parents align - Nov. 30, 2023
- Sleep hygiene - Jan. 11, 2024
- Self regulation for kids - Feb. 8, 2024
- Self regulation for teens - Feb. 22, 2024
- Building parents' resiliency - March 28, 2024
- Vaping, weed, and alcohol - April 18, 2024



REGISTER

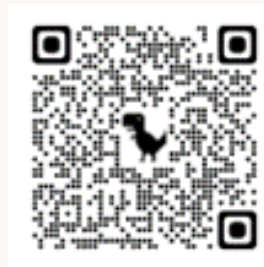


VAPING AWARENESS WEEK

BMHS and The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit will be teaming up from Nov 27-Dec 1 to address the growing concern of vaping in our schools. Public health nurses will be on site to provide information, support and cessation options for teens and young adults within our community. They have provided some great resources for students and teens that can be found on their website.

Learn more at: <https://www.notanexperiment.ca/>

Or scan the QR codes below:





Department News ...

CO-OP NEWS



For students considering an apprenticeship in a skilled trade, there will be an information night held in February (date TBD). Stay tuned for more information! Meet with Banting's co-op department and guidance team to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR
- you are the parent/guardian of a grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Banting's Co-op team,
Ms. McGitchie
Mr. Morrison
Mr. Smith
Ms. Kramer
Mr. Weldon

[OYAP WEBSITE](#)



COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Shaping the workforce of the future

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION NEWS

Banting's Co-operative Education Program provides Grade 11 and 12 students with valuable hands-on work experience while they are earning credits towards their diploma. It is an opportunity to test drive a career or get started in a skilled trade.

Banting offers a wide variety of placement options including construction, welding, automotive, retail, law, machining, office administration, health care, elementary school/daycare, military and animal care. Students registered for Semester 2 Co-op at Banting are asked to complete their placement request forms NOW. Some placements are competitive, so be sure to get your requests in ASAP!

Placement Request Form with the QR code below:



[REQUEST FORM](#)



SCDSB NEWS

Please refer to the 2023-24 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:
www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar.

Inclement weather and bus cancellation information

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 SOUTH ZONE. When buses are cancelled, schools remain open for student learning, unless otherwise noted. School staff update 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>.

ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT AND OPT OUT OPTIONS

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

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.



GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Parents' Guide to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Learn to navigate the world of assessment, evaluation, and reporting with this new guide for parents/guardians. Created to support parents'/guardians' understanding of assessment, this guide was designed to effectively empower you to actively engage in your child's educational journey. The guide has been posted to the Simcoe County District School Board's website and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/2urcm2tm>.

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, Jan. 29, 2024. The period from Tuesday, Jan. 30 to Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 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.

Nov. 28 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 and increasing food costs have 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.



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Looking for Employment? Join Our Team!

Curious about what employment opportunities are available at the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB)? The SCDSB is hosting several job fairs throughout Simcoe County during the month of November; come by and speak with one of our representatives at any of the following events! YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka Employment Services (Midland)

Agilec Employment Services (Orillia)
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023
12 to 5 p.m.

[Employment Services - Agilec](#)

For more information about employment opportunities at the SCDSB, visit:
www.scdsb.on.ca/joinourteam.

Dental screening and services for kids ages 0-17

Good dental health is an important part of your child's general health. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Oral Health Community Program offers free dental screenings in daycares, schools, and health unit offices for children and youth aged 0 - 17 years. Dental screening can identify and inform families that their child has a dental concern.

Health unit staff can also help children/youth and their families access free preventive services and treatment through the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) Program. For more information regarding these services visit:
www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Dental.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Supporting oral language development at home

Within the revised language curriculum, there is a focus on supporting students to acquire the knowledge and skills relating to the foundations of language. Oral and non-verbal communication are foundational components of language skills. Over the years, students develop their listening and speaking abilities using a variety of strategies and skills, including word choice and syntax, to become effective communicators.

Here are some ways you can support oral language development at home:

- Engage your child in conversations about things that interest them
- Talk to your child and listen responsively
- Ask and answer questions
- Share oral stories
- Read aloud to your child
- Talk about the books you read together
- Singing and playing together

Knowledgehook math tool

Knowledgehook is a digital math assessment and practice tool that has been purchased for all K-10 SCDSB classrooms. This tool is accessible to students at home so that they can practice math skills, either assigned by their teacher or on their own. Ask your child about how they use Knowledgehook in class and learn more at:
www.knowledgehook.com.



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