



# Cameron Street Public School Newsletter

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Vice Principal- Jennifer Case  
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## School Hours

8:50: Supervision begins  
9:05: Entry Bell  
10:45-11:25: 1st Break  
1:05 -1:45: 2nd Break  
3:15: Kinder dismissal  
3:20: Bus dismissal  
3:25: Dismissal

## SCDSB schools are mask-friendly environments

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, staff and visitors are not required to wear masks in schools, school board offices and on student transportation. SCDSB schools will continue to be mask-friendly environments. Masks will be available to students and staff who choose to continue to wear them while in schools. Please encourage your child(ren) to be respectful and understanding of everyone's choice with respect to masking so that SCDSB schools remain the safe, inclusive and welcoming teaching and learning environments they are meant to be for all.

For more information visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at [simcoemuskokahealth.ca](http://simcoemuskokahealth.ca).



## Self-assessment

All students and staff are encouraged to complete the daily COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool prior to entering SCDSB schools and buildings and follow the direction of the screening tool. The COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool can be accessed here: [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

## Yard Reminders

1. Arrival Time and duty coverage is between 8:50 and 9:05am. We ask that students not arrive before supervision begins.
2. Please avoid walking through our parking lot and bus loop at arrival and dismissal times. Please use the sidewalks.
3. We love our furry friends as much as you, but we ask that you keep them off of school property. If you choose to walk with your dog be sure to say your good-byes before coming onto the grounds! Our smallest



## A reminder about Safe Arrival:

The Safe Arrival program is an automated system that schools in the Simcoe County District School Board use to ensure that students arrive to school safely and to reduce the risk of students being missing. It is our responsibility to ensure that the Safe Arrival calls go out in a timely manner and to encourage consistency with regards to families reporting student absences to our Safe Arrival phone line.

This year we will be sending out our Safe Arrival phone calls at 9:45 am sharp every day. We ask that families report their student absences prior to 9:45 am. This includes students who will be late or those who need to be picked up early. We ask that families **do not call the main office line to report student absences or lates.**

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### **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:

1. Subscribe to our school's website by visiting the 'What's New' section at <http://cam.scdsb.on.ca>. You can sign up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. It's easy to subscribe – visit our website and click the 'Subscribe' link at the very top of the page. Provide your email and click 'Subscribe'; a message will be sent to your inbox with a link to click to confirm that you want to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of each email.
2. Sign up to receive SCDSB media releases by clicking the 'Subscribe' button at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca).
3. Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB\_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB), Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb), Instagram @cameron\_street\_comets, Twitter

@CameronStPS.



For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium'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.

### **September PA Day**

Please note that Monday, Sept. 26 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information: [https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar).



### **School council nominations for 2022-23 school year**

School council is a committee made up of elected parents/guardians, community representatives, staff, and sometimes students that help to provide the community voice and guardian perspective on important school topics. School council is a good way for parents/guardians to get involved in their child/children's education while playing an important role in the partnership between home and school.

School council nominations take place every fall. If you are interested, please watch your email for upcoming communication and for more information visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/school\\_councils](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/parent/school_councils).



### **Character Trait for the Month of September:**

Caring - we show kindness towards each other. More information about character education can be found here: [www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character\\_education](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education)



## Outdoor Learning Reminder:

Here at Cameron Street we learn and play outdoors everyday so it's very important students come to school dressed to be outside. An extra set of clothing tucked into a backpack helps too, (don't forget the socks)!

### **SNACK SHACK :**

Our snack shack is up and running throughout the school day and will provide students with fresh fruit, vegetables and healthy proteins while at school.



### **FOOD PANTRY:**

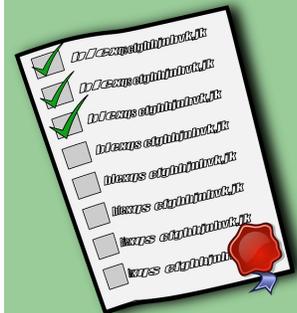
New this year : For families who need a little bit of help with pantry basics like milk, eggs, bread, cereal, fresh produce etc. we will have our pantry open during drop off and pick up hours to help yourself to what you may need. We are up and ready when you are so stop in today! We will have a limited number of shopping bags available so please bring your own bag!

Contact Jennifer Case at the school (705) 445-2902 ext. 21603

### **Student Permission and Acknowledgement Forms:**

Student Permission and Acknowledgement Forms are now online at [www.simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com) If you have not already done so, please register for the service as soon as possible so that you are ready to use it for your child's next trip/event.

If you have any questions, as always, you can contact us at the school or you can use the School Cash Parent Help Desk listed below: School Cash Online –Parent Help Desk, 1 -866-961-1803, [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)



### **A Note Regarding Forest School and the Safe Arrival Program**

For families who have children attending a Forest School program, moving forward the office can no longer mark students absent in advance for longer than one month due to its affect on attendance reports. The Simcoe County District School Board does not recognize Forest School as alternative programming and, therefore, families will be asked to contact the school monthly with regards to these absences. We ask that you contact the main office and indicate which days your child will be attending Forest School. Families also have the option of opting out of the Safe Arrival program should they no longer wish to be contacted in the event of an unknown absence. We thank all our families for their help with keeping Cameron Street students safe and accounted for.



## Welcoming Volunteers back to school for 2022-23

Volunteers are an important part of what makes our schools great places to learn and grow. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is pleased to welcome back volunteers in our schools for the 2022-23 school year. Volunteers can fill various roles at our schools including school council members, hot lunch organizers, field trip supervisors, and classroom helpers. The requirements for all volunteers prior to starting/returning to your school of choice in September are as follows:

### Volunteers must:

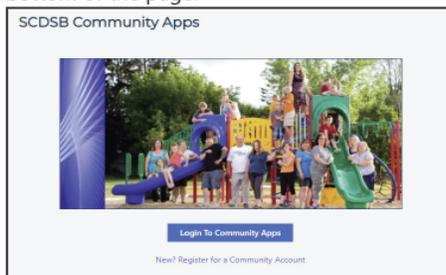
-Agree to submit a copy of a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) executed within the last six months and register and complete all required steps through the [SCDSB Community Apps](#) link (see image below) prior to beginning volunteer duties.

### How to access the Volunteer Portal

Click this [SCDSB Community Apps](#) link or find the link on the volunteer page of your schools website, under the Parents menu.

If you have previously registered a Community Account, click the **Login To Community Apps** button, and login with your username and password.

If you do **not** have an account, click the **New? Register for new Community Account** link at the bottom of the page.



REMINDER: Each volunteer will have to have their own community apps account. Each community apps account is created with a separate email address.

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- Complete an annual offence declaration through the SCDSB Community Apps – Volunteers page for up to four years to continue volunteering.
  - Submit a new VSC at the beginning of the fifth year.
  - Be responsible for the cost of the VSC.
  - Be responsible to the principal and work under the supervision of teaching staff.
  - Work co-operatively as part of a team to support and supplement school programs.
  - Respect the confidentiality of the relationship to the school, ensuring that staff issues and student work and behaviour issues are held in confidence.
  - Adhere to established SCDSB and school procedures.
  - Communicate regularly with staff.
  - Complete the COVID-19 screening tool prior to each school visit.
  - Be prompt, dependable and regular in attendance, and give advance notice to teachers when unable to attend.



## Mailing Address

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We're on the web!  
[www.cam.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.cam.scdsb.on.ca)



## Procedures help keep our school safe

We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents/guardians should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

- **Shelter in place** is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off temporarily.
- A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all exterior doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.
- A **lockdown** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Interior doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents/guardians do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites ([www.facebook.com/SCDSB](https://www.facebook.com/SCDSB) and [www.twitter.com/SCDSB\\_Schools](https://www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)) and website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)), through local police and local media.

All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents/guardians will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.

When parents/guardians are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire, and/or emergency personnel. Parents/guardians may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent/guardian care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.

### **Please note the following:**

- Elementary school main doors are locked during the school day. Visitors must use the **intercom system** and wait for assistance. **Staff may not be available to answer the door immediately, so please be patient.**
- Staff must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.
- We ask parents/guardians to contact us when their child will be absent from school as part of our **safe arrival** program. When we don't hear from a parent/guardian and a student is absent, we will call home to find out the reason for the absence.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in **first aid and CPR**. All SCDSB schools have **automated external defibrillators (AEDs)**.

**Student dress code**

Students are expected to respect the guidelines when dressing for school. Our school is a safe space. We work to be equitable and inclusive, and understand that students may choose to express themselves through their clothing choices. Student clothing cannot pose a safety concern or conceal identity. Exceptions are granted to students who wear head coverings or other garments/objects for the purposes of religious observance, medical or sensory needs, or other reasons protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The SCDSB dress code is available in the student agenda and online at [www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress\\_code](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/dress_code). If you have questions about the dress code, you can contact your school principal.

**School bus 'Bus Tag' program helps students get to and from school safely**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's Bus Tag program supports safety for JK/SK and other school-identified students. The program helps match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identifies that they must be met by a parent/guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides a colour coded bus tag with the assigned p.m. route number, to be attached to the student's backpack, and a colour-coded route card with route number in the windows of the school bus that the bus tag is matched to. The program can also provide tags for students who are walkers and/or who remain at an on-site childcare centre to make sure they don't get on a bus in error.

**Join us! A learning series for parents/guardians with Pine River Institute**

Mental health and well-being continues to be a key strategic priority within the SCDSB. We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Centre for Family Initiatives at Pine River Institute (CFI@PRI) to provide several curated learning sessions 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, guardians and other caregivers during this school year.

Oct. 20, 2022	Screen Time 2.0
Dec. 8, 2022	How to Manage Another's Anxiety
Feb. 9, 2023	Guide to Attuned Limit Setting
March 2, 2023	Emotional Regulation for Kids and Adults
April 27, 2023	The Biology of Stress

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 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.

### **Free access to community-based tutoring for students**

For all students to achieve success, schools, families, and community partners must work collaboratively to increase access to resources, supports, and broader learning experiences. The SCDSB offers a wide variety of tutoring programs to support students and their families in accessing needed supports.

From Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, the SCDSB has funds available to cover costs associated with these tutoring services, when provided by a SCDSB-approved organization. SCDSB families accessing these services are not required to pay the service provider directly.

For a list of approved organizations and to learn more about how you can access these services, visit [scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring\\_programs](https://scdsb.on.ca/elementary/tutoring_programs).



### **Home support for math learners**

Are you looking for ideas on how to help your child achieve their best in math this year? The virtual workshops for parents/caregivers that were offered earlier this year have been recorded and are now available.

#### **Making math connections @Home**

This session explored where we find numbers, patterns, measures, and shapes in our daily lives. Participants learned about practical ways to help their child notice and wonder about the math in their world. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWJ-aMzSIh4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWJ-aMzSIh4) to watch the workshop.

#### **Problem solving**

This session explored how to be active thinkers and math and around the house. Participants learned about how solving problems at home can help their children solve problems in math class. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFh-5t40XzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFh-5t40XzM) to watch the workshop.

#### **@Home**

how to encourage children problem solvers, both in and out of school. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F316gC1GaE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F316gC1GaE) to watch the workshop.

#### **Practicing math facts @Home**

This session explored practical, intentional, and fun ways to practice math facts at home. Participants left with ideas, games, and activities to support their child with becoming fluent with their math facts. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F316gC1GaE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F316gC1GaE) to watch the workshop.



Thanks for being an important part of your child's math education!

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## Welcome to the Georgian Good Food Box Program!

The Georgian Good Food Box is a non-profit buying club that purchases fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution in Southern Georgian Bay monthly. Because we purchase the produce wholesale, the cost and quality are far better than that which you would purchase in a traditional grocery store. In the winter months, our large box is worth about \$25 retail, and you get it for \$19!!

Orders are due the first Wednesday of the month. For more information please see <https://ggfb.ca/>



# Georgian Good Food Box