



VIKING VISIONS

Barrie North Collegiate Institute



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Summer Office Hours:

July 4—July 7 7:30 - 3:30
July 8 - Aug 26 CLOSED
August 29 & on 7:30 - 3:30



Construction at Barrie North Collegiate

Construction on the Barrie North addition and renovated areas is well underway. The footings for the new cafeteria, library and classrooms have already been poured. The building will also have a refresh as most of the windows at the front of the school will be replaced with the exception of the gym panels. The gym window panels will be replaced next summer. The portables have all been moved back to provide for additional parking spaces. Come September we should see an additional fifty parking spots for the school. The field construction will begin in the spring of 2017. If construction is uninterrupted then the new addition and classrooms should be ready for the fall of 2017.

2016-2017 school year calendar is now available

The calendar for the next school year has been approved and can be found on the Simcoe County District School Board's website at www.scdsb.on.ca under 'Schools' - 'School Year Calendars.'

Key Dates :

- Students start school on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. All Junior Kindergarten students will begin school on Thursday, September 8 and will attend continuously from this time.
- The holiday break is December 26—January 6.
- March Break is March 13 to 17, 2017.

Principal's Message:

In June we celebrated the end of another successful school year with the annual Athletic Banquet, Musical Concert, Graduation BBQ, Northfest, and Commencement. Barrie North also hosted a successful tour in early June for students transitioning from Central. As we bid congratulations to all our graduating students we look forward to helping our new Barrie North Vikings transition successfully this coming fall.

Barrie North Collegiate has also worked hard to continue to provide a safe and caring high school environment and to develop an inclusive school culture. The Positive School Climate Committee continues to work on lunch time activities for students as well as addressing student and staff voice with respect to school environment.

We are also wishing goodbye to a number of staff. Mr. Wolf, Vice Principal, is transitioning to Banting Memorial High School. We thank him for his service at Barrie North and wish him well. I will be heading off into retirement. It has been a privilege to be part of the Barrie North community. I will definitely miss the coffee houses, athletic events and the daily interactions with students.

Replacing Mr. Wolf as Vice Principal will be Ms. Julie Underhill from Banting Memorial High School. Your new Principal is a colleague of mine coming from Barrie Central. Greg Brucker will be moving in over the summer as Principal and will continue to provide and expand on the great opportunities we all want for our students in this growing and exciting school community. Please welcome both when you see them in September.

On behalf of the staff and administration of Barrie North we thank all our families for supporting Barrie North and look forward to serving you again in the coming school year. I extend to each of our families the sincerest of gratitude and wish each of you a wonderful, restful summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dana Barakauskas

Principal

Summer school filling fast—Register today!

Summer school options include a Grade 7,8 and 9 math preparation program and math, science and English credit recovery courses for students in Grade 9 and 10. Grade 10 to 12 full credit courses are offered in a traditional classroom or online. The courses are available at locations throughout Simcoe County. Students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program or experience camp at the YMCA's Geneva Park location while earning leadership credits.

Sumer school program details and locations can be found on The Learning Centres website: www.thlearningcentres.com. Students can also get information from the school or from any of the SCDSB's Learning Centres. Online registration for current SCDSB students is available.



Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:

Stay Safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe this summer:

- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- Apply the sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions. Make sure to apply it to any exposed areas of skin—nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc. Reapply every 2-3 hours and after swimming.
- Wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- If possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Harmful sun rays are most intense at this time.
- When you're outside, look for shade, stay under a tree or use an umbrella.

For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or Health Connections at 725-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

Attention High School Parents

It's time to update your child's immunization record. As parents, you must update the health unit any time your child receives a new immunization—like their 14–16 year booster. If your child is not immunized, you will need to provide the health unit with a current medical exemption or affidavit to keep on the file. **The health unit can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date and who do not have an affidavit or medical exemption on file.** Before the summer holidays, take a few moments to make sure your child's record is updated.

Here's how :

1. *Check:* Your child's yellow immunization card.
2. *Contact:* Your child's family physician or healthcare provider to obtain records or to get missing vaccinations.
3. *Share:* Visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org (click on "Topics:- Immunization") to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962.

Every student must have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit—it's the law. For more information, or to speak with a nurse on the health unit's immunization team, call 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.