



BANTING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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PARENT / GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The report card your student is bringing home today is intended to provide an early indication of the progress your son or daughter is making at this stage of the school year. The combination of each teacher's comment, your student's attendance record and the assessment of learning skills, as observed in each of the courses he/she is taking this semester, helps provide an opportunity for students to review his/her performance and set goals for success.

Please remember that report cards are one way to report student progress and achievement to parents and students. In addition to interview night on October 19th (5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.) teachers are available throughout the school year for parent – student – teacher conferences, and interviews either in person, or by telephone. It is my hope that each student in our school will experience success both inside and outside the classroom. I sincerely wish each student a happy and successful school year.

— Jo Shako

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews are on **Thursday, October 19th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**
Parents/Guardians may request appointments with teachers by using the request form on the back of the progress report.

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Responsibility

Cooperation

Caring

Respect

Optimism

Honesty

Empathy

Courage

Inclusiveness

Dear SCHOOL Families,

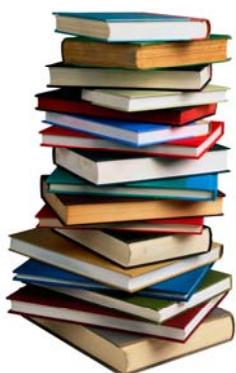
A public meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 at Alliston Union Public School regarding a potential replacement school for Banting Memorial High School.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- share information about how the Ministry of Education funds new and replacement schools
- share information about options for a replacement school
- gather feedback from the local community

For those who were unable to attend, the presentation is available on the Simcoe County District School Board website www.scdsb.on.ca by clicking 'Board', then 'Capital Planning' and 'Other Planning/Reviews'.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Parents!

Should you discover **library books** (Banting Memorial High School barcode) in your home, please ask your child whether the book needs to be returned to the library. We appreciate any help you can give us in retrieving missing books.

IMPORTANT DATES

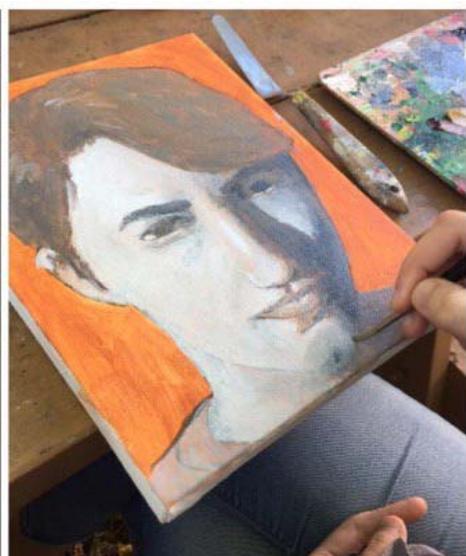
October 16	Progress Reports
October 19	Parent/Guardian/Teacher Night
October 20	PA Day
October 26	Certamen (Latin Competition)
October 30	Picture Re-take Day
November 1	Gr. 9 'Take Your Kid to Work' Day
November 2	Night of Excellence 6:30pm
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly Per.2
November 17	PA Day
November 20	Midterm Report Cards



UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

“Surfacing”: Grade 12 students are busy preparing artwork for their upcoming exhibition, “Surfacing”, at the Gibson Centre in Alliston. The show runs from January 13 to February 24. All are invited to attend the Opening Reception on Saturday, January 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there to help celebrate the achievement of this very talented group of students!

Innisfil Studio Tour: Banting students from all grades will be represented at the Youth Art Show, as part of the Innisfil Studio Tour. Work will be on display at the Innisfil Public Library on November 4 (10am-5pm) and November 5 (1pm-4pm).



Canadian Mental Health Association: starting this fall, student artwork from all grades will be showcased in the Alliston office of the Canadian Mental Health Association, located at 35 Victoria Street East, Unit 1.

MacLaren Art Centre: Grade 12 students can look forward to exhibiting their work in the annual “Portfolio” exhibition at the MacLaren Art Centre in Barrie in the spring (specific dates TBA).

Fine Arts Night: All Visual Arts students will have their work displayed at Banting’s annual Fine Arts Night on Thursday, May 17th.

Contests: OSSTF's Student Achievement Awards 2018 In Honour of Marion Drysdale is a contest that is open to all students in all grades and levels. Students are invited to submit creative work exploring this year's theme, "What's Your Superpower?". Students can address the theme through prose, poetry, film, animation, digital and visual art. There is a separate category for French poetry/prose. Students can enter work for more than one category (up to 4 categories are applicable for most students). Each provincial winner of the eight categories receives \$1000. Students are presented with their awards and the cash prize at a ceremony in Toronto in March. Additionally, prior to the event, OSSTF dispatches a professional film crew to interview the winners which is then shown at the awards ceremony. Interested students should speak to Mrs. Evans for more details.

Hand-made Bookmarks for Grade 3 Students: As an extension of their own art activities and interest in reading, Visual Art students in Grades 10 and 11 are making hand-crafted bookmarks for Grade 3 students at our feeder schools. The bookmarks will consist of original line designs that younger students can colour in and will include positive messages about reading.



Schools Are Available For Community Use!

Through our Community Use of Schools program, almost all of our schools are available outside of school hours for not-for-profit community groups. Our gyms, fields, auditoriums and classrooms are available for your sporting events, concerts, recitals and more.

You can apply online by going to the Community Use of Schools page on the Simcoe County District School Board website or by clicking [here](#). A Permit Clerk will process the application and advise if the facility is available at the requested time. Once an application is approved, a rental contract will be issued and the applicant will be invoiced.





BMHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



Full Disclosure Policy

The "Full Disclosure Policy" which became effective in September 1999, affects all students taking senior (Grade 11 and 12) courses.

- If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or Grade 12 course on or before 5 school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will not be recorded on the transcript.
- If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or Grade 12 course more than 5 school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will be listed on the transcript showing the student's marks at that time, as well as an indicator that the student withdrew from the course.

The Full Disclosure date for Semester 1 courses is Friday, November 27th, 2017.



Applications to College and University

The College Information Sessions at Banting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, during Periods 1 and 2 in the back of the Library. Students can apply using the on-line application available on The Ontario College Application Services website: www.ontariocolleges.ca.

College applicants must submit their application by February 1st, 2018 for equal consideration.

University PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) should arrive at Banting during the week of November 20th-24th. The application information sessions for students will be held on Thursday, November 16th during lunch. Students may begin to apply on-line once they have received their PIN.

University applicants must submit their applications by January 17th, 2018 if their applications are to receive equal consideration with all other applicants.

It is recommended that College and University applicants apply as early as possible (before the winter break), as the stress on OCAS and OUAC computer resources increases closer to the deadline date.

Grade 8 Information Night

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? Curriculum Information Nights give an overview of high school curriculum as well as requirements for graduation. Guidance teachers will be visiting our elementary schools in early January to explain the high school program. Dates and times for these evenings will be made available to parents by elementary schools at a later date. In addition, Banting's Grade 8 Open House will take place on Thursday, February 8th, 2018, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the high school. Please save the date and accompany your student that evening; it is a valuable experience to see the many opportunities we offer, tour the school, and ask questions.

Advanced Placement: Students Can Earn a University Credit While Still in High School

Grade 11 and 12 students at twelve Simcoe County District School Board high schools have the option to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses are designed to cover the Ontario Curriculum, while providing accelerated and advanced level programming to prepare students to write American College Board examinations. Students can earn a university credit while still in high school, gain admission to university or both, depending on the university. For more information on AP courses available this school year, visit SCDSB's website at:

www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Pages/Advanced-Placement.aspx
or contact your Guidance Department.

The AP exams for the 2017 school year will be administered over two weeks in May 2018 and fees are due by January.

Reminder From The Health Unit: School Grounds Are Smoke Free 24/7

Protect yourself and your children from the health hazards of secondhand smoke. Remember, it is against the law to smoke ANYWHERE on school property at ANY TIME. This includes smoking in your vehicle while picking up or dropping off students. It is also against the law to smoke or hold lit tobacco in a vehicle carrying anyone under age 16. The *minimum* fine is \$305 for smoking on school property. Repeat offences result in a higher fine.



For more information contact the
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit
www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.





Banting's Breakfast Club is up and running. Students are fed free nutritious meals in the morning in the Hospitality room. For this program, students are encouraged to come to Room 165, grab breakfast and then are able to get to class before the bell rings. Last year, we fed over 35,000 students.

Parents, student council, the community, as well as local businesses and the Eat Well to Excel program, are instrumental for Banting keeping this exceptional program going.

However, it is costly. Donations are very welcome. If you have extra jam,

spreads (nut free), cereal bars (nut free), fresh yogurt, cheese, small milk cartons, fresh fruit or vegetables, serviettes as well as cash that you would like to donate please let us know. We will gladly accept it.

Any questions can be referred to Kathy Hacon-Belcourt at 705-436-6288 ext. 40039 or voice mail ext. 55837.

MATH SUPPORT

Extra Math help is being offered

(subject to enrollment)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

3:00pm - 5:00pm in room 237

Go to the Banting website—

<http://ban.scdsb.on.ca>

Under the What's New section, follow the link to download and print the registration form.



Stay Updated, Get Information About Your School And School Board

Want to ensure you are receiving up-to-date, accurate information about what's going on at your school and our school board? Here's how:

- You can subscribe to our school's website by clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of our school website: <http://ban.scdsb.on.ca/>
- You can sign-up to receive emails about school news updates and information during emergency situations. When you fill out your email and click Subscribe, an email 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.
- For Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) media releases and event information, visit the 'News' section under 'About Us' at the SCDSB's website: www.scdsb.on.ca. You can also subscribe to receive board media releases, event information and/or job postings via email by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca and clicking on 'Subscribe' at the top of the page.
- Follow the SCDSB on Twitter (@SCDSB_Schools), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram (instagram.com/scdsb) and follow our school on Twitter @BantingGuidance or @jo_shako.
- Check out our *Sharing Simcoe* blog (www.sharingsimcoe.com), where we share stories of our amazing students, staff and community members.
- For school bus transportation information, visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)'s website at: main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. And remember to bookmark the school bus information page at: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days. Notifications of bus delays can be emailed to families and students that subscribe

Safety reminder from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)

A reminder to drivers as children return to school this fall, and school buses are back on the roads:

- Take caution – be extra cautious in the vicinity of school buses and around school bus loading and unloading zones
- Pay attention – Watch for school buses' distinctive chrome yellow colouring, flashing red lights and stoparms. **Drivers travelling in both directions on a road without a median must stop for a stopped school bus** that has its upper red lights flashing
- Know the repercussions – Any driver that fails to stop for a school bus with its lights flashing is subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and six demerit points for a first time offence
- Be empowered – Anyone who witnesses a driver failing to stop for a school bus can report the incident to the police



Visit the SCSTC web site at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Home' button then the 'Safety' tab for more details.



PARENT PORTAL

Sign up today!

Pay for field trips, lunch days, etc. with School Cash Online. If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up for School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for all school fundraising including lunch days and field trips. School Cash Online allows you to pay with your debit or credit card. Follow these steps to get started: 1. Go to simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com or from our school website click on "Pay Fees"

2. Register and add your child to the newly created account
3. View and purchase items through echeck or credit card

The School Cash Parent Helpdesk is available 24/7 to help you with registration, password recoveries or any other payment issues. Call the helpdesk at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information. The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.

The price for BMHS yearbooks will be raised on January 1, 2018 to \$45.00. Until then, the price of \$35.00 can't be beat! Please purchase online or see Ms. Meadows in Room 182.

got yearbook?

Student Accident Insurance Available For Extra-Curricular Activities & Trips

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the school board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can happen. It is essential that all students participating in extra-curricular activities have adequate insurance coverage. The SCDSB has selected *Insure My Kids* as an option for parents to consider. The coverage is for 24 hours a day and offers a variety of plans at reasonable prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.

Student Medical Plans

A completed Student Medical Form (FORM A1420-1) is required each school year, or when a medical need is identified, or when the student transfers to another school, in order to authorize the administration of prescribed medication to students who require it during school hours, or when the medication and/or dosage requirements change.

Specific to asthma, every student is now permitted to carry his or her asthma medication if the student has his or her parent's or guardian's permission.



Parents/guardians and adult students are responsible for ensuring that a current, completed Student Medical Form is signed by a physician and on file at the school.

Some students may experience severe life-threatening allergic reactions to bee, hornet, wasp or other flying insect stings or to certain foods or food ingredients such as peanuts. For students with life-threatening allergies, it is recommended that two doses of an epinephrine auto-injector are available on site at school.

Forms are available on the Banting website under the What's New section. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions you may have.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

The student activity fee this year is \$15 and can be paid anytime on School Cash Online or in the Main Office during lunch.

Every student must pay this activity fee in order to be eligible to participate in ANY school activity including dances, sports, clubs, etc.



Introducing:

BMHS Video Billboard YouTube Channel!



Marauder TV is hoping to go live starting on Monday, October 24th and will broadcast **daily** to Youtube at 9:15am.



The team has put QR codes up around the school building to take you to the Youtube channel where they will be stream-broadcasting. Scan the QR code with your ios11 iphone camera app to be taken directly to the Marauder TV youtube channel (*Android users download a QR Code Scanner App*). You do not need the QR code to find your way to the stream.

You can just launch Youtube and then search for "Marauder TV" and look for the logo (bottom right), or click [here](#).

The shows will be dated and stored on Youtube for at least one week after the event. You will always want to look for the word "LIVE" to ensure you are watching the present day's announcements!



did you know?



The MOBYSS RV, a youth walk-in clinic, is here at Banting every Friday from 10am-2pm outside the cafeteria.

Students can drop in or book an appointment any time. More information available at www.mobyss.ca



Are you concerned about birth control, STDs or pregnancy? Feeling down, anxious or coping with drugs and alcohol? Maybe you have a sore throat or another injury. Whatever your concerns, we are here to help. Services are free and geared for youth aged 12 – 25. The team includes health care from a Nurse Practitioner, specialized youth mental health worker, and peer support specialist.

Traveling throughout York Region and South Simcoe providing confidential medical, sexual and mental health services

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