



BANTING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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PARENT / GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The report card your student brought home 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 17th (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.

— Alberto Bernardi

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews are on **Thursday, October 17th 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 or find teacher email addresses and phone extensions at ban.scdsb.on.ca/departments/staff-list

Integrity

Responsibility

Cooperation

Caring

Respect

Optimism

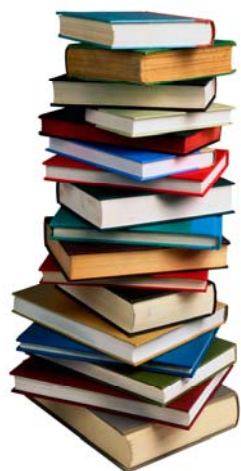
Honesty

Empathy

Courage

Inclusiveness

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

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| October 15 | Progress Reports Sent Home |
| October 17 | Parent/Guardian/Teacher Night |
| October 22 | MOBYSS RV @ Banting |
| October 24 | BMHS Coffee House |
| October 30 | Blood Donor Clinic |
| November 5 | MOBYSS RV @ Banting |
| November 6 | Gr. 9 'Take Your Kid to Work' Day |
| November 8 | School Picture Re-take Day |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Nov 11 - 21 | Grad Photos |
| November 15 | Day of Excellence Assembly (8am) |
| November 15 | Midterm Report Cards Sent Home |
| November 19 | MOBYSS RV @ Banting |
| November 22 | PA Day |
| November 18-20 | Birdie Bash |

Important Parent/Student Safety Announcement:

THE ONLY area for drop-off and pick-up is the east side of the school by the cafeteria & student parking lot.

You can access the pick-up zone from Victoria Street and exit onto East Avenue.

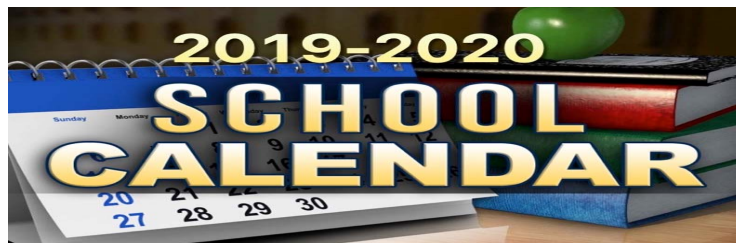


Do not use the staff parking lot by the main office or the school bus loading zones.

School Year Calendar The school year calendar can be found on the SCDSB's website at www.scdsb.on.ca at the bottom of the website home page, under 'helpful links' - School Year Calendars.

2019-2020 Highlights:

- Winter Break: December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
- Family Day: February 17, 2020
- March Break: March 16 to 20, 2020
- Good Friday: April 10, 2020
- Easter Monday: April 13, 2020
- Victoria Day: May 18, 2020
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 24, 2020



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:

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/secondary/program_options/advanced_placement

or contact your Guidance Department.

The AP exams for the 2019 school year will be administered over two weeks in May 2020 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.

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.

https://www.scdsb.on.ca/community/community_use_of_schools



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.

- a) 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.
- b) 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 Monday, November 25, 2019.

Applications to College and University

The College Information Sessions at Banting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 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, 2020 for equal consideration.

University PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) should arrive at Banting during the week of November 11-15. The application information sessions for students will be held on Thursday, November 14th during lunch. Students may begin to apply on-line once they have received their PIN.

University applicants must submit their applications by January 15, 2020 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 January 8, 2020 at the high school. Please watch for more information on the Banting website and newsletters and plan to accompany your student that evening; it is a valuable experience to see the many opportunities we offer, tour the school, and ask questions.

Dear Parents —

Please ensure your email address is on file and up to date with the main office! Should your email address require updating throughout the year, please email Julie Burek at jburek@scdsb.on.ca.

We try to send electronic communications wherever possible, to save paper. All newsletters are sent via email, as well as posted on the Banting website.

This is the perfect opportunity to make sure you don't miss any important announcements or communication from the school office or administration.

— *Thank-you, Main Office*



Community Service Hours forms can be downloaded on our Banting website, under the guidance/volunteer tabs.

<http://bantingguidance.weebly.com/volunteer.html>

*You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram ([@BMHSVolunteer](https://twitter.com/BMHSVolunteer)) and join our Google Classroom ([btl8qz](https://classroom.google.com/join/btl8qz))

BMHS Concussion Protocol

Any hit on the head can cause concussion and serious long-lasting symptoms if not treated carefully. Concussions are invisible injuries, so it's important to treat every hit on the head with caution. If your child hits their head, watch for symptoms, such as trouble remembering, low energy, headaches, sensitivity to light and noise or being more emotional than usual. If you see any of these, stop play and take them to a doctor right away. **Remember to tell their Vice Principal, teachers, coaches and the Main Office about any head injuries that happen outside of school.** Depending on the injury, your child may need a personalized plan, time off from school work, sports or other activities to help them fully recover.

- **Concussion protocol forms (to be completed by your medical practitioner) are available at the Main Office or online at ban.scdsb.on.ca.**
- If you have any questions or require further information, or if you have completed protocol forms to send in, please contact/forward to Julie Burek in the Main Office at jburek@scdsb.on.ca

Keep connected with our school and with the SCDSB

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: ban.scdsb.on.ca.
- ◆ Follow our school on Twitter [@BMarauders](https://twitter.com/BMarauders) and [@BantingGuidance](https://twitter.com/BantingGuidance), [@BMHSVolunteer](https://twitter.com/BMHSVolunteer)
- ◆ Follow us on Instagram [@bmhsvolunteer](https://www.instagram.com/bmhsvolunteer) and [@BantingMarauders](https://www.instagram.com/BantingMarauders)



- ◆ Follow the SCDSB on Twitter ([@SCDSB_Schools](https://twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools)), Facebook (facebook.com/SCDSB) and Instagram ([instagram.com/scdsb](https://www.instagram.com/scdsb)). 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 bookmark the school bus information page for bus delay and cancellation information on inclement weather days. You can subscribe at <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/>. **Banting is in the SOUTH ZONE.** Follow them on twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus)

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.

The price for BMHS yearbooks will be raised on January 1, 2020 to \$40.00.

Until then, the price of **\$35.00** can't be beat! Please purchase online or see Ms. Meadows in Room 182.

got yearbook?

BMHS Breakfast Club

Banting's Breakfast Club fed approximately 50,000+ students from September to June this past school year.

As we start another school year **we rely on donations in order to give our students a healthy start to the day.** If you are able to give juice, milk, cereal, nut-free cereal bars, fresh fruit, yogurt or cash, please know that all of your help is very much appreciated.

Contact Alana Cowl at acowl@scdsb.on.ca for more information.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2019-2020

Student injuries at school during school events and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips, are not covered by the SCDSB or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen.

The SCDSB has selected the "insure my kids" program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com.

Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage.

Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

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

To receive the student card, students must pay this activity fee which makes them eligible to participate in ANY school activity including dances, sports, clubs, prom, ping pong, intramurals, etc.



PARENT PORTAL

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 can be provided by the main office after verifying your identity.



The **School Cash Online** program is available and encouraged to be used at our school. Parents can pay online for field trips, yearbooks, student fees, locks, spirit wear, gym uniforms and other items.

This is a great way to keep track of your purchase history. Parents who sign-up will receive a notification when a new item becomes available for purchase.

Parents use a secure online account to process payments and can either make a one-time payment for each item as it occurs, or load money to carry a balance in the online account to make payments in the future.

To create an online account, go to simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com

School Cash Online

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?

School cash online is an easy way to pay for your student's school fees.

Step One:

Go to the Banting Website: ban.scdsb.on.ca

Step Two:

Click on 'pay fees' icon in the Quick Access List



Step Three:

Click 'Get Started Today'



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

BMHS Video Billboard YouTube Channel!

At Banting we have a communications technology class which broadcasts our **daily announcements** via Youtube at 9:15am. Visit Youtube and search for "[Marauder TV](#)" and look for the Marauder TV logo to subscribe to the channel! 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 other Tuesday from 9:30am-1pm at the back of the school by the tech wing.

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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