



CELTICS SNIPPETS

DECEMBER 8 – 12, 2025

Commitment to Learning

Overview

In this issue of **Celtics Snippets**, please find snippets of information to support student learning, as well as a look ahead to upcoming key dates.

Attendance

Any student absent for up to 14 consecutive days (e.g. vacation) may be provided with a program of study and remain on the enrolment register. Any student absent for 15 consecutive days or longer will be removed from the enrolment register and may re-register upon return to school.

Please note, if travelling abroad, a DDSB issued device cannot connect to the DDSB network for security reasons. If your child(ren) will be absent from school for a long duration of time, please have your child(ren) pick up a "Temporary Excusal of Attendance" from the main office, notify your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s) to discuss missed coursework, and/or contact the appropriate alpha Vice Principal to discuss.

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Credit Endanger Communication

Communication about achievement will be shared with students/parents/caregivers on December 8th. The purpose of this early intervention strategy is to encourage students who are at risk of not earning credits this semester to connect with teachers and/or seek out supports to catch up in courses prior to the end of the semester. Please reach out to teachers if you have questions or concerns.

Department Spotlight

SHSM Sport/Health and Wellness

In addition to participating in a variety of events and training sessions designed to promote and instill health and wellness among students in Mr. Whent and Ms. Palmer's Grade 11 SHSM Sport/Health and Wellness classes, these classes are busy creating a Winter Wellness Carousel for Celtics students and staff. Kudos to our SHSM students for thinking of our well-being during a such a busy time of year!



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Department Spotlight

Inclusive Student Services

Our ISS department encompasses a rich program that services diverse classes and student needs. Our ISS staff work hard to provide opportunities for integration into the larger Sinclair community and beyond.

Not only are our PLP classes participating in school-based programming to strengthen social and personal skills, but they are also participating in community-based programming. Experiences range from running a Tea and Coffee cart each week to Special Olympics events with other high schools.

New to Sinclair this year, we have students enrolled in the Transition to Work Program (TWP). In addition to participating in co-op placements within the community, TWP students also plan and execute school-based events, such as a Winter Holiday Wishes initiative created to spread some holiday cheer!

Clubs/Teams News

DECA

DECA is a popular student organization, which focuses on business, marketing, finance, hospitality and entrepreneurship. This year, DECA will have 47 competitors and 7 leadership students attending Provincials in February. If you are interested in judging a business case study on February 6th, at the Sheridan Hotel in Toronto, please email Kristie Lee, Curriculum Lead of Business at Sinclair, at kristie.lee@ddsb.ca for more information.

Arts Council

Arts Council helps to foster creativity in students in a variety of disciplines including Dramatic Arts, Music, Visual Arts, and Fashion. This December, Arts Council is working on two massive productions giving students the chance to showcase their creativity and talents. We are looking forward to this year's holiday assembly!

A special shoutout to Caleb Ajao – a Sinclair alum currently starring in the Toronto production of *We Will Rock You*. Check out the show!



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Reminders

Prayer Information

Students will not be let out of class to pray during morning classes. Our prayer space is available afternoons only. Students should see our clerical staff to receive a prayer pass. The sign in/out binder records all who enter/exit the space and must be used to ensure safety. Students should not exceed the 10-15 minute prayer limit and must return to class on time.

Cellphone Use in Class

Cellphones are not to be used in class during instructional time unless a teacher or administrator has given permission, as part of the learning. Students may face consequences if they use cellphones inappropriately.

Use of Scents

If students are wearing or spraying anything that has a strong scent in a classroom or hallway, students will be removed from the environment for the safety of those who have allergies to scents.

Upcoming Events

- **December 8th – 15th: Grad Photos** (Portable 17)
- **December 15th:** Girls Hockey @ Port Perry (12:55 pm dismissal)
- **December 15th – 19th: Winter Holiday Wishes**
- **December 16th:** Celtics Winter Classic Boys Hockey Tournament @ McKinney (all day)
- **December 18th: Winter Wellness Carousel** (lunch, Gyms)

Upcoming Events

- **December 18th:** Wrestling @ Maxwell (all day)
- **December 19th: Winter Break Assembly**
- **January 15th – 16th: Gr. 9 Math EQAO**
- **January 21st – 27th: Semester 1 Final Summative Period**
- **January 29th: Semester 2 Begins**

Sinclair S.S.

Principal – Dave Sasseville

Vice Principals – Denise Bratincevic (Surnames A-G)
Kavita Kanavalli (Surnames H-N)
Sue Neblett (Surnames O-Z)

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