



CELTICS SNIPPETS

DECEMBER 15 – 19, 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.

Support Spaces

With the end of the semester fast-approaching, many students are working hard to ensure they are readying for the upcoming summatives (final exams) in January. To assist students as they prepare, there are a few support spaces available to students before school, during school, at lunch, and after school.

For students with an IEP and who are affiliated to Inclusive Student Services (ISS), Academic Resource (AR) is available to assist students with a variety of services including organization and academic support. Please have your child(ren) connect with classroom teachers, Ms. Lee, and/or Ms. Suhr for help.

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For students without an IEP, Student Success is available to assist students with a variety of services including course catch-up and academic support. Please have your child(ren) connect with classroom teachers, Ms. Palmer, and/or Mr. Haynes for help.

For all students, the library is available to assist students with a variety of services including resource support and quiet study. Please have your child(ren) connect with Mr. McLaren or Mr. McCormick for help.

Department Spotlight

Canadian World Studies (CWS)

Field trips are a valuable part of a department's curriculum, as they enrich the learning for students. This week Mr. Amenta, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Kuchirka, and Mr. Long will be taking their classes to see the film *Argo* to help students cement concepts being taught in History class.



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Social Sciences and Humanities

As part of the Human Growth and Development (HHG4M) course, students complete a Brain Fair each term, which focuses on psychology and brain development.

The purpose of the Brain Fair is to raise awareness within the Sinclair community about key topics related to human growth, development, and the brain. Students will showcase the research and knowledge the students have gained through engaging, student-designed presentations. Classes will visit the library to rotate through several brief presentations on a variety of topics.

This department is also home to the Food and Culture course. This week Ms. Cachia's students will be participating in a Cookie Competition where the students' creativity and baking skills will be put to the test. What a delicious and fun way to practice skills they learned in class!

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Business SHSM

A huge shoutout to Ms. Routledge and her Business SHSM class for a wonderful week of jam-packed events. From the semi-formal to the raffles and everything in between, fun was had by all. A special thank you to Mme. Richardson, Ms. Horseman, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Grenon for graciously agreeing to be pied in the face for a great cause, as well as our custodial staff for clean-up. Money raised this week will benefit Doctors Without Borders. Way to go, Celtics!

Clubs/Teams News

Student Parliament

Student Parliament is excited to celebrate the last week of school before winter break with their Polar Express Spirit Week. All week, members of Student Parliament have planned festive spirit days and events for our students and staff. Please see the *Upcoming Events* section of the newsletter for more details.



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Reminders

Safe Arrival

If you know that your child(ren) will be absent from school due to illness, appointment, etc., please record the absence on Parent Portal or contact our clerical staff in the main office to report the absence.

Inclement Weather

Winter weather has arrived. Please ensure that you check the DTS website, the DDSB website or an alternative news source to ensure school busses are running.

Slips, Trips, and Falls

Our custodial staff do their best to ensure that walkways, stairs, and the parking lot areas are clear and salted. However, with snow, slush, and ice comes the need to be cautious when navigating our school environment. Please encourage your child(ren) to report slips, trips, or falls to the main office.

From our Sinclair family to yours, enjoy the holiday season and Winter Break!

Upcoming Events

- **December 15th: Spirit Week – Plaid Day / Winter Trivia** (lunch, cafeteria)
- **December 16th: Spirit Week – Grade Colour Day** (gr. 9 – green, gr. 10 – red, gr.11 – blue, gr.12 – white) / **Gingerbread decorating** (3:30 pm, cafeteria)
- **December 17th: Spirit Week – Jersey Day / Cold Carol Karaoke** (lunch, cafeteria)
- **December 18th: Spirit Week – Festive/Character Day / Movie and Hot Chocolate** (3:30 pm, cafeteria)

Upcoming Events

- **December 19th: Spirit Week – Comfy Day / Last day of classes**
- **December 22nd – January 2nd: School closed for Winter Break**
- **January 5th: First day back from Winter Break**
- **January 15th – 16th: Gr. 9 Math EQAO**
- **January 21st – 27th: Semester 1 Final Summative Period**
- **January 29th: Semester 2 Begins**

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