



# CELTICS SNIPPETS

FEBRUARY 17 - 20, 2026

## Commitment to Learning

### Overview

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

### Celtic Carousel

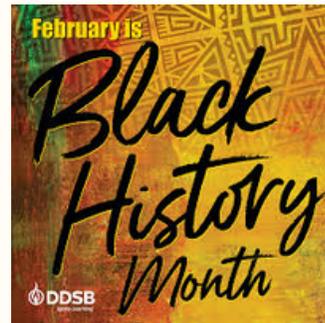
The course carousel is now taking place on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> during Period 1.

### BeMe Symposium

Sinclair is having the DDSB Black Excellence Made Evident group at Sinclair on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. BeMe is designed to amplify the voices and experiences of students who identify as Black.

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The DBEN Black History Month Celebration took place on February 9<sup>th</sup> at J. Clarke Richardson. Two of our Sinclair students displayed their art at this important event showcasing their creativity.



## Department Spotlight

### Inclusive Student Services

Our Small Class Placement Students had a wonderful time at a Dance on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Donald A. Wilson.





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## Department Spotlight

### Guidance

- Course Selection and Summer School Registration has now opened. Course Selection on myBluePrint will close on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. The Course Carousel will be on **February 19<sup>th</sup>** during Period 1.
- Course Selection and Course Applications (SHSM/Coop/Outdoor Pursuits) are due on **February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm**

### Inclusive Student Services

The Inclusive Culinary Competition will be taking place at Uxbridge S.S. from 10am to 2pm on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish our students the best of luck and lots of fun as they participate in this activity!



## Clubs/Teams News

### Clubs/Teams Update

DECA:

This past weekend, Sinclair DECA traveled to Toronto to compete in the Provincial DECA Competition. Alongside some fun team activities like ping pong and mini putt, our students showed incredible dedication and preparation throughout the weekend. We're proud to share that 58 Sinclair students competed, and 14 students walked across the big stage. A special congratulations goes out to our Provincial Champions and our Virtual Business Champions. We are incredibly proud of all our DECA members!

Model UN:

Model UN will be taking place at the DDSB Education Centre from 9am to 3:30pm on February 19<sup>th</sup>



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## Reminders

### Community Connection:

We are sharing important information from the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) about online safety and current online risks affecting children and youth.

Why this matters

DRPS has released updated information for parents and caregivers about online safety including how harmful online networks may target young people, what warning signs to watch for, and steps to take if you have concerns.

These resources include:

- Emerging online threats: Information about groups known as “The Com” that may use gaming and social platforms to groom, manipulate, or exploit young people.
- Warning signs to look for: Changes such as secretive online behaviour, new online contacts your child(ren) seem overly connected to, or sudden emotional shifts connected to digital activity.
- Practical safety tips: Suggestions for having open conversations about online use, reviewing apps and privacy settings, and supporting healthy digital habits.
- How to report concerns: Guidance on when and how to contact DRPS if you believe an issue may be serious.

We encourage all families to visit the DRPS online safety page for full details: [Online Safety Resources from DRPS](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** is our **BeMe Symposium at Sinclair**
- **February 17<sup>th</sup>** – **SCC meeting at 7 pm online**
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** is the new date for our **Course Carousel**
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** **Model UN at DDSB Ed Centre**

## Upcoming Events

- **February 24<sup>th</sup>**: **Course Selection closes on myBluePrint**
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**: **OSSLT practice test**
- **March 5<sup>th</sup>**: **Semester 2 Progress Reports**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>**: **Parent Teacher Interviews (5 – 7 pm)**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>**: **OSSLT Test**

## Sinclair S.S.

Principal – Dave Sasseville

Vice Principals – Denise Bratincevic (Surnames A-G)  
Kavita Kanavalli (Surnames H-N)  
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