



CELTICS SNIPPETS

JANUARY 12 - 16, 2026

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.

Exam Support

Students from all grades are invited to attend the "Exam Strategies and Stress Reduction" activities in the library at lunch on Friday, January 16th hosted by our Ambassadors Club. Learn how to set up a study schedule; learn various study techniques; learn how to reduce procrastination; learn about community mental health resources from our public health nurse; and participate in stress reduction activities such as rock painting and design, bracelet making, make your own stress relief ball, complete art therapy activities, and have a visit with our popular therapy dogs!

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Grade 9 Information Night

Please note a change in the date/time for the Welcome to Grade 9 Information Night, which will now be held on Thursday, February 5th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Attendance

With 7 days left of regular classes before final summatives (final exams) begin, please encourage your child(ren) to attend classes regularly. Completion and review of coursework ahead of final summatives will continue to take place this week.

Department Spotlight

Guidance

Honour Roll and Subject Award Certificates for the 2025-2025 school year will be released in homerooms the week of January 12th -16th. Congratulations Celtics on your achievement!



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Department Spotlight

Arts

Any students interested in joining music ensembles for the second half of the school year are encouraged to join now before the exam break begins. All ensembles are starting new music, so it's the perfect time for students to join with their friends. Senior Band meets Tuesday morning at 8:15; Guitar Ensemble meets Friday morning at 8:30; and Choir rehearses Friday after school. All rehearsals are in the music room.

There are a limited number of tickets left to see Sinclair Alumnus Brandon Antonio perform in the hit musical *Juliet* on February 18th. Tickets are \$80 and will include a Q&A with the cast after the show. Anyone interested is encouraged to reach out to their Arts teacher for more information.

Clubs/Teams News

Ambassadors Club

Ambassadors completed an Exam Information workshop with Grade 9 homeroom classes the week of January 5th - 9th. Thank you ambassadors for supporting Grade 9 students with their first set of high school exams!

Indigenous Student Circle

Sinclair will be continuing to host our Indigenous Student Circle into 2026 on Thursdays at Lunch. Students will be learning more about Indigenous histories, culture, music, language, land based learning, and stories.

Badminton Team

The Sinclair Badminton team is gearing up for another fantastic season with try-outs happening at the beginning of Semester 2. Contact Coach Murray or Coach Long for more information.



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Reminders

Youth in Policing Initiative

If your child(ren) is interested in the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIP), please see the flyer below. The deadline to apply is January 30th. Students may also access this information on the Grade 10 – 12 Guidance Google Classrooms.



Administrative Team

Please welcome Maureen Verhoog (currently Vice Principal at Maxwell Heights) who will be joining the Sinclair team as VP effective January 29, 2026.

Sue Neblett will be leaving the Sinclair Team and joining the Eastdale CVI team as VP. Although her time at Sinclair was short in tenure here, her positive contributions to the school and its community were extremely impactful. Best wishes moving forward!

Upcoming Events

- **January 13th:** Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's (Jr. 2 pm, Sr. 3:30 pm)
- **January 14th:** Girls Hockey @ McKinney vs. Dunbarton (12:55 pm dismissal) / Jr. and Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Ajax (2 pm) / Gr. 10 Dance Summative Showcase (4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, theatre)
- **January 15th:** Grade 9 Math EQAO / Boys Basketball @ Notre Dame (Jr. 2 pm, Sr. 3:30 pm)
- **January 16th:** Grade 9 Math EQAO

Upcoming Events

- **January 21st – 27th :** Semester 1 Final Summative Period (Final Exams)
- **January 28th:** Summative/Exam Review and Credit Completion
- **January 29th:** Semester 2 begins
- **February 10th:** OCAS/OUAS (Ontario Colleges and Ontario Universities' Application Centre) – **last day to make changes**
- **February 11th:** Final Report Cards distributed on Parent Portal

Sinclair S.S.

Principal – Dave Sasseville
Vice Principals – Denise Bratincevic (Surnames A-G)
Kavita Kanavalli (Surnames H-N)
Sue Neblett (Surnames O-Z)
Superintendent – Andrea McAuley
School Trustees – Michelle Areseneault, Tracy Brown, and Christine Thatcher