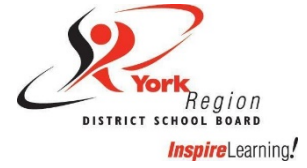




# *Devins Drive P.S.*



70 Devins Drive, Aurora Ontario, L4G-2Z4  
905-727-2022

**Principal:** *Rosanna Totino*  
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**Superintendent:** *Neil Gunathunge*  
**Trustee:** *Bob McRoberts*

*February, 2022*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Safety rules and expectations for indoor and outdoor play are clearly identified for students and repeated frequently on the morning announcements. Common expectations include walking in the classrooms/hallways, keeping hands to self, speaking respectfully to one another, using snow for building structures rather than for throwing at others. Students are reminded they are responsible for their own behaviour to ensure safety for self and others.

Student behaviour is monitored by staff assigned to specific areas in the school and/or schoolyard.

When students are involved in conflicts we engage in restorative conversations. Behaviour is a matter of choice. Consequences which may range from writing a reflection sheet, to withdrawing privileges, to formal suspension from school are issued depending on the severity of the behaviour. As always, we involve parents, as partners, in reinforcing positive behaviour at school.

The development of good character is a shared responsibility among students, staff, and families. When we take opportunities to teach, promote and celebrate good character, we are working on supporting learning and working environments that are caring and respectful.

To promote good character, throughout the school year, we focus on ten character attributes. During the month of February, we will be focusing on the attribute of initiative. Initiative is about acting without being prompted by others. We do what needs to get done without having to be prompted to do it, working towards the achievement of a goal.

Wishing everyone a happy Family Day long weekend!

Yours in partnership,  
R. Totino  
Principal

## *End of Day Dismissal*

In terms of bus safety expectations while on school property, parents are reminded to not walk in between parked busses but rather use the designated crosswalk. Please avoid parking on Devins Drive right in front of the school when coming to pick up your child as this prevents our busses from safely entering and exiting from school property. Please use side streets for parking your vehicle. Additionally, the office has been very busy responding to parent calls about end of day dismissal changes for their child. If you need to pick up your child prior to end of day, please ensure to contact the school office no later than 3 p.m. in order to ensure that this last minute change is addressed. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## *Assessment and Evaluation-Important Understandings for Parents*

Research shows that students need to learn more than just facts if they want to succeed in post-secondary education and the world of work. Students are also learning to take initiative, work independently, be self-reliant and work in a team. The Ministry Provincial report cards reflect this and emphasize the importance of learning skills and work habits in your child's progress.

When evaluating subject areas, teachers look at assignments, tests, presentations, and projects for evidence that your child is learning the curriculum. This learning means more than just knowing the facts. Students must also show an understanding of what they are studying by showing their thinking, communicating and applying what they have learned. As well as looking at tests or assignments, teachers also talk to and observe your child in the classroom to gather as much information as possible.

A report card is a checkpoint in your child's learning. There is always room to grow and opportunity to learn. The communication of achievement, next steps, and learning for your child is always a partnership between school and home. Set goals together and always ensure that your child is part of the conversation. Term one report cards will be distributed electronically between February 23-25.

### *Are you Moving?*

This is the time of year when we begin planning for the next school year. In order to assist us with this process, if you know that you are moving out of the area or that your child(ren) will not be returning to Devins Drive PS in September, kindly inform the school office at **905-727-2022**.

Thank you.



### *Important Dates*

- February 4: P.A. Day – No school
- February 21: Family Day – No school
- February 23: Grad and Absentee Photo Day
- February 23-25: Term 1 Report Cards – Distributed electronically


### *Inclement Weather Days*

For the 2021-2022 school year when an IW Day is announced, information is communicated through local media outlets, the Student Transportation Services website, School Transportation Hotline at 1-877-330-3001, the Board's website and Twitter account and on the Board and school's voicemail recording. Please ensure to have alternate childcare arrangements planned for IW days when schools are closed to students.


## Winter Walking

Don't let the cold temperatures keep you from walking this winter. Walking in the winter can be especially good for your health. It is refreshing to your senses, beneficial to your mind and just plain old FUN! Being outside more often allows children to develop a stronger immune system and a resistance to allergies. **It's SNOWY...**walking to school and playing outside in the winter gives children the opportunity to develop and strengthen their overall muscular system. Walking in the snow encourages balancing and using new muscles that are often not used. Just be sure to bundle up! So dress warm and get your walk on!





### Course Selection, Transitions and Pathways - from Grade 8 to Grade 9 Community Information Evenings



York Region District School Board is hosting virtual information evenings for families of children in grade 7 or 8 about school course selection and pathway planning. Learn more about secondary school options and choosing courses. There will also be time for families to ask questions about courses and pathways.

There are several different sessions being offered for different community groups. Translators will be provided on the February 9th and 15th sessions if needed and as available.

For more information and to register, please visit: [bit.ly/pathwaysevent22](https://bit.ly/pathwaysevent22). All sessions will be held virtually from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

These evening sessions are complementary to the information sessions offered at individual schools.

Date	Community Group
February 7	General Session - Open to all parents and families of Grade 8 Students
February 7	Session for Families of Black Students
February 7	Session for Families of Indigenous Students
February 7	Session for Families of 2SLGBTQ+ Students
February 9	Session for Families of South Asian Students
February 9	Session for Families of East and South-East Asian Students
February 15	Session for Families of Turkish, Iranian, Afghan and Yazidi Students
February 15	Session for Families of LatinX Students
February 15	Session for Families of Jewish Students

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