



Oscar Peterson P.S

September Character Trait: Respect

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Calendar

Sept 10 Day 5	Rosh Hashanah
Sept 11 Day 1	Rosh Hashanah Lunch Lady begins today
Sept 12 Day 2	
Sept 13 Day 3	
Sept 14 Day 4	Pizza Lunch begins today

Photo Gallery



We were ready to begin!

At a Glance Information

Greetings from Our Trustee: I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

Parking: We ask for all parents to please co-operate with our request to refrain from parking their vehicles in our parking lot when dropping off and picking up students. Please use adjacent or neighbouring side streets to park your child and walk to the entry door to pick up your child. Thank you for co-operation.

Medication/Epi Pen: Remember if your child requires Medication or has an Epi Pen or has other Health concerns please submit notice to the office **ASAP**. There are additional forms that are needed to be filled out and are available in the office. ****If your child requires an Epi Pen, it needs to be worn on their person (i.e. in a pouch) and an extra one must be provided to the office.

Start-up Package and Important Forms: The start-up package went home this week. Please remember to read through it and fill in the important forms and return to the office **ASAP**. The Student Verification form was also sent home, please make any changes then sign and return the form to your child's teacher **ASAP**.

Agendas: If your child's class is using agendas please go to School Cash Online to make your payment of \$5.

Garden Club: The Garden Club is back and will be starting next week. Students should listen to the announcements or see Ms. Warrener for details.

Sr. Boys Volleyball: After tryouts Sr. Boy Volleyball will practice at the following times: Monday & Tuesday morning (7:40 to 8:35) Thursday and Friday after school (3:30 to 5:00). Please see Mr. Prieur for details.

Co-ed Flag Football: Mr. Whiton began Flag Football today. Stay tuned for more information.

Primary Dismissal: Parents of Primary Students should meet their child by the southeast doors. There is a teacher on duty here to assist with dismissal.

Upcoming Dates:

School Council Meeting: Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.

Terry Fox Run: Friday, September 21

PA Day: Monday, September 24 (no school)



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September 5, 2018

Dear Families,

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning families. We hope that everyone is having a great start to the school year.

This time of year brings with it new beginnings, new routines and new opportunities for growth. As we kick off the 2018-19 school year, we are excited to share with you information regarding our Board's new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#).

Last year, we held Town Hall meetings throughout York Region. Over 2,000 responses were collected from students, families, staff and community members. Thank you to everyone who provided valuable insights and feedback that helped inform the new direction of our Board.

Based on your responses, the Board of Trustees developed a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan with four main priorities. The four priorities are:

- **Foster Well-Being and Mental Health**
 - We create safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments.
- **Champion Equity and Inclusivity**
 - We develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to remove barriers in support of all learners.
- **Build Collaborative Relationships**
 - We build trusting relationships based on respectful and responsive communication.
- **Empower Ethical Leadership**
 - We lead ethically by focusing on students and upholding our values.

These four priorities are designed to help all of our students succeed this upcoming year and enrich their learning experiences.

As parents, and our most important partners in education, we hope that you will join us in our work to support all students in reaching their full potential.

All the best for 2018-19!

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko

Corrie McBain

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED FIRE ROUTES

Any designated Fire Route needs to be clear of vehicles and ready for use by emergency vehicles.

In an emergency (fire, medical, lock down etc.) time is of the essence and emergency vehicles need access.



Fire Routes are signed "No Parking." What does that mean?

Park or any derivative thereof, shall mean when prohibited, the standing or stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, the loading or unloading goods, wares, merchandise or passengers. "

In 2017, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville adopted a zero tolerance approach to vehicles parked in designated Fire Routes. By-law Officers, Parking Officers, and Fire Prevention Officers will be issuing tickets when infractions are witnessed, to ensure the safety of all those using our schools and other buildings within the Municipality.

If you have questions or concerns please contact:

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire & Emergency Services at 905-640-9595

OR

By-Law Department at 905-640-1900 Ext. 2448



Oscar Peterson P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

PLEASE NOTE: Your purchases will appear on your statement as "School Cash Online – YRDSB"

Step 1: Register

- Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://oscarpeterson.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the "Get Started Today" button.

- Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

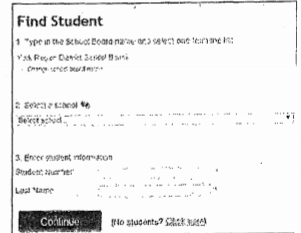
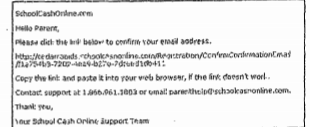
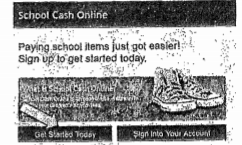
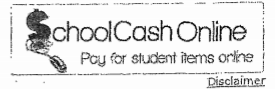
Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.



From School Council

PIZZA AND SUBWAY ORDERS

It's a start of another School year and packing lunches just got easier again!

The first orders for Sub Wednesdays and Pizza Fridays, will be online by Thursday/Friday, September 6th / 7th. If you have not done so already, please sign up for School Cash online to receive order forms. The deadline for the orders is Wednesday, September 12th. No paper orders will be accepted.

Pizza will be a slice of cheese pizza from Pizza Nova. The prices will be \$2.75 per slice.

Subs are from Subway and offer a variety of choices. The price for the sub combo which includes a drink and a side is \$6.25

If you have any questions, please email oppspizza@gmail.com

PIZZA AND SUB VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The pizza and sub lunch fundraisers require volunteers to run smoothly. Orders are coordinated in advance and the volunteer role on the day involves helping to distribute lunches to the students. Volunteers are required for 1 to 1.5 hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents can commit to as little as once a month or more often if desired. Training is provided. Please send a message at oppspizza@gmail.com if interested.

Kiran and Julie
OPPS Parent Council (Pizza and Sub coordinators)

I HAVE A CONCERN. WHO DO I CONTACT?

Most situations can be resolved with dialogue and cooperation at the local school level. If you have a concern, please follow these steps:

For school matters:

1. Arrange a meeting with the appropriate school staff member.
2. If further assistance is required, the school principal or designate may be contacted to review the matter, mediate and help facilitate the process.
3. Contact the superintendent for your school if the matter remains unresolved.

For non-school or non-student related matters, contact the appropriate department. Contact information can be found on the back of this guide.

We are committed to addressing concerns in a fair, equitable and timely manner.

If you have a human rights related concern and/or complaint, the first step is to engage with the school or the school superintendent. Following a review of the matter, a determination is made on whether or not the issue should be referred to the Board's Human Rights Commissioner's Office. For more information, see the section on Human Rights Commissioner's Office in this guide.

Walking or Cycling to School



As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.

Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.

Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.

Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!

Library Learning Commons News



LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS CORNER

Welcome Back! Hope all the OPPS Families enjoyed a restful summer! Here in the Library we are excited to welcome all our students back. We have added to and renovated our Makerspace and it's ready for September STEM activities. We have put on display our new Kindergarten/Primary Non-Fiction books to help promote outdoor education and inquiry. Finally, we have streamlined our sign in/sign out system to make taking books out so much easier! Come take a look!

VOLUNTEERS! We are on the hunt for any Parent/Guardian Volunteers available to help in the Library from 9-10 everyday. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the Library.



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Edsby

Dear OPPS Families,

Exciting news! Beginning on **Monday, April 9th** you can notify the school of your child's absence using the **EDSBY** application.

The staff at Oscar Peterson Public School have been using online attendance in classrooms since February ---- Parents/guardians can use the "**Report an Absence**" feature in **EDSBY** to notify the school of any absences.

Attendance is important to student success. However, if your child is going to be absent, it is important to let the school know as soon as possible for the safety and security of your child. [Learn more about using Edsby to report an absence.](#) **Please note that use of the EDSBY system is optional for families.** You are still welcome to call the school, leave a message and/or write a note to the school.

Reporting an absence online is available through **EDSBY**. If you have activated your **EDSBY** account, you can login to **EDSBY** and report your child's absence online. If you have not activated your **EDSBY** account, you will need to do so before you will be able to use this online feature.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. It is important that students, families and school staff work together to ensure regular attendance. You are expected to notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be absent or late.

How to Report Planned Absences Quick Tips Below:

How Parents Submit Planned Absences

If parents are invited into Edsby, they can report Planned Absences for their child(ren). Reported planned absences appear in the Planned Absences List until they are acknowledged/approved by the Office Staff.

Absent Today

1. Parent clicks Absent Today and a form opens.
2. Parent selects a Reason and clicks Send to School Office. When the School Office approves the planned absence request, a notification is added to the Recent Activity screen on the parent's account.

Future Dates

1. Parent clicks Schedule Absence and a form opens.
2. For all day absences, the parent selects All Day and enters the dates of the absences. For partial day absences, the parent specifies a Start and End Time.
3. Parent selects a Reason and clicks Send to School Office.