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Upcoming Dates At A Glance

December

1st - Skating (Gr $\frac{3}{4}$ - $\frac{5}{6}$)
6th - Cookie Dough order pick up
9th - Elf Day
12th - Jr. Boys Area Volleyball
13th - Gingerbread Shop (all day)
14th - Gingerbread Shop (am only)
14th - Jr. Girls Area Volleyball
23rd - Jan 7 - Christmas/Winter
Break

January

8th - Return to school
19th - P.A. Day - no school
24th - Jump Rope kick off
25th - Jr. Co-Ed Area Volleyball

Future newsletters will not be sent home in print copy. Please visit the school website:

<https://sharon.ps.yrdsb.ca>

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Per the French Immersion Procedure, Corporate Communications will select and communicate the dates of information sessions and the French Immersion registration period. The sample newsletter insert below will be updated each year to reflect the dates for that year and will be sent to all schools to be inserted in school newsletters

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018

(<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Student Absences

Please **DO NOT** email absence notes to the teacher.. Please inform the office by phone at 905-478-4952. (You can leave a voicemail on our attendance line 24 hours a day), or by email at sharon.ps@yrdsb.ca. We will notify the teacher. Please include child's first and last name, teacher, reason and anticipated return to school date.

Bussing

1. Per Student Transportation Services policy, students may not ride on any bus that they are not already assigned to.
2. STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report

<http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>

Spirit Committee

2018 is quickly approaching and everyone at Sharon PS is getting into the Holiday Spirit! Some fun events taking place are.....

1. On December 5th, 6th and 7th, Spirit Committee will be selling Candy Cane Grams for 25 cents. All money will be donated to our Angel Fund.
2. On Friday December 15th is Holiday Sweater or Red and Green Spirit Day.
3. Friday December 22nd is Onsie or Pyjama Spirit Day.
4. Toy Drive - Friday December 1st to Thursday December 14th. Please donate new, unwrapped toy (NO FOOD PLEASE!) to support the Town Of East Gwillimbury's Annual Toy Drive. Toys will be delivered on Friday December 15th.

华人家长互助及交流小组(PEN)

讲座将由约克区教育局老师主讲(语言: 普通话及廣東話)。

请选择以下组别其中一个:

小学 - 「如何通过了解您孩子的成绩单来支持您孩子的学习」(请带同孩子最新的学校成绩单出席)

中学 - 「如何帮助您的孩子计划毕业后的出路和申请大学或大专」(请带同孩子的学分计算单出席)

特殊教育小班课程(小学及中学) - 「如何通过了解您孩子的个人教育计划(IEP)来支持您孩子的学习」(请带同孩子的 IEP 出席)

日期及时间: 12 月 7 日 (星期四) 晚上 6 时半至 8 时半

地點: Unionville 中学 (201 Town Centre Blvd)

由于名额有限, 有意参加者请尽早报名: [网上报名](#)

电话报名(请注明您参加的组别): 王姑娘 (安居辅导员) 416-662-5416

电邮报名(请注明您参加的组别): 吴老师 cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca or 邓老师 joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

The workshops will be presented by educators from the York Region District School Board (Language: Mandarin and Cantonese).

Please choose one of the following sessions:

Elementary: How To Use Your Child's Most Recent Report Card to Support Learning (Please bring your child's latest Report Card)

Secondary: How To Support Your Child's Post-Secondary Planning and Application Process (Please bring your child's Credit Counselling Summary)

Community Classes (Elementary and Secondary): How To Use Your Child's IEP to Reinforce Learning at Home (Please bring your child's latest IEP)

Date & Time: Thursday December 7th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School (201 Town Centre Blvd., Markham)

Space is limited. Please RSVP: [Online Registration](#)

Phone registration (please indicate the session you are attending): Jean Wang 416-662-5416

Email registration: Cathy Ng cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca or Joanne Tang joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca



December 8, 2017

Hello Sharon Parents/Guardians:

22nd Sharon Public School Gingerbread Shop

The Holidays will soon be upon us. The 22nd Annual Gingerbread Shop will be held on December 13th (all day) and 14th (AM only). This Annual event is a chance for children to purchase gifts for family members at a reasonable cost. Most items are priced below \$6 (lots of items are \$1 or \$2). This event allows for a chance to learn about budgeting and gift giving.

Children will be called to the library by class to have a chance to buy for individuals on their shopping list. Children will be asked to buy for only 6 people on December 13th to allow for everyone a chance to shop. Children will have a chance to come again on the morning of December 14th if they still have people to buy for.

Continuing this year will be the opportunity for your children to have **ALL** their purchases gift-wrapped at a low price of \$2.00; regardless of the number of gifts.

Please feel free to participate. An envelope is included to help you and your child create a budget for those students in grades JK-4.

Happy Holidays and Happy Shopping!

Nishka Potter and Amanda Bell, Gingerbread Shop Coordinators 2017



School Council News

QSP

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We had an incredible year for this event and further information will follow shortly regarding funds raised and announcing our SPS Prize Winners. Some of our students did such a great job at fundraising for our school, they were able to win tickets to see the Marlies play at the ACC on Saturday, November 25th and will take a VIP Tour of the Air Canada Centre in the New Year! Well done to those students! The Coops proved ever popular amongst our students too and some of them got to collect all 12! Well done to everyone who participated and thank you to our SPS families for their support!



ELF DAY – DECEMBER 9TH!!

On December 9th, SPS will become a Winter Wonderland full of Christmas Cheer when we open our doors to our 8th Annual Elf Day Event. So far, we have over 70 vendors, many of whom have been with us since we started 8 years ago, so make sure you mark your calendars for this wonderful community event. There's plenty of things to see, do and buy for all ages including our Elf Day Prize Lotto, Basket Door Prizes, Photos with Santa (only \$5!), Kids Craft Room, Santa Surprise, Lions Club BBQ, and much, much more! Doors open at 9am, we look forward to seeing you there!

East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade - “And the winner is...”

Sharon Public School



“Best Effort By A School” 2017 Award

Thank you Mack, for accepting the award on behalf of Sharon Public School.

Congratulations to our SPS Staff, Council, Students and Community who came out to participate and support the Santa Claus Parade!

Breakfast Bin

The volunteers and coordinators of the Breakfast Bin program would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to the community for their generous donations this term! Our program wouldn't be as much of a success without your caring support

We are looking for a few amazing volunteers to help with our Breakfast Program.

Some facts about the program:

- 130 servings of fruits/veggies, dairy and healthy grains are served to all classrooms, 5 days per week
- This program is funded exclusively by grants from the Ministry, volunteer donations and Parent Council funding.

The help we need:

- A few volunteers, one morning each week before 9am (as early as 7:45am) to distribute food for each class (already prepared for you – just needs to be counted and placed in the baskets). This should take approximately 15 minutes. Many parents bring their school-aged children in to help.
- If you're able to help but mornings don't work, please reach out as we can look at different options ie/ coming in one afternoon per week, etc.

We are staffed entirely by our amazing volunteers who give so much of their time, their creative ideas to keep the program fun and their hard work. We'd love to have you join us!
Please email us at cherylbreckenridge@outlook.com or fill out the form below and return.

A heartfelt thank you.

My Name & Contact Info: _____



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Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

To: School Principals, Vice Principals
From: Joe Guchardi, Manager, STSYR
RE: School Bus Cancellation Notice

On occasion service cancellation due to inclement weather conditions may be required.

To ensure all education partners (staff, parents and students) understand how they can be informed of any service cancellation, please take the appropriate steps to distribute the attached **School Bus Cancellation Notice**.

Suggestions for sharing the information include but are not limited to:

- Sending copies home with students;
- Sending copies home in Report Card envelopes;
- Including notice in school newsletters and/or websites.

A decision to cancel school bus transportation will be **region-wide** meaning all buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that **school bus charters will not operate when regular home to school service is cancelled.**

Student Transportation Services thanks you for your efforts to distribute this information.



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School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu

WOULD YOU ENJOY **COLLABORATIVELY** LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH **THE ARTS?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Applications will be available at **bit.ly/arts_application2018**
online after the January 18th, 2018 info night.

If you require further information, please call us at
Baythorn Public School
(905) 889-7992.

Kate Kurek
Principal

The Arts Team

Meytal Daniels
Vice Principal





Sunday ▾	Monday ▾	Tuesday ▾	Wednesday ▾	Thursday ▾	Friday ▾	Saturday ▾
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					Skating Grades 3/4, 4, 5, 5/6 	
3	4	5	6  Cookie Dough Pick up 2-4pm	7	8	9 Elf Day 
10	11	12 Jr. Boys Area Volleyball	13 Gingerbread Shop 	14 Gingerbread Shop AM  Jr. Girls Area Volleyball	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Last day of classes	23 Christmas/ Winter Break Begins
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31 New Year's Eve						