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UPCOMING DATES

- **Dec. 3:** - School Council Meeting @ 7pm in the library- all parents/guardians of SPS students welcome!
- **Dec.3 to 14th:** - Annual Toy Drive on behalf of the Town of East Gwillimbury.
- **Dec. 8:** - Elf Day Fundraiser
- **Dec.12 & 13:-** Auditions for Pirates the Musical (1:10p.m) in the music room.
- **Dec. 20:** - Dental Screenings (Grades: K, 2, 4, 6, 8)
- **Dec. 24 to Jan.4:** - Winter Break

VOLLEYBALL



The Intermediate Volleyball season has ended. The Girls Area tournament was held on November 7th and the Boys Volleyball was held on November 13th. We are proud of our Skyhawks for their sportsmanship and for nearly making it into the top 3! We would also like to thank our coaches Mr. Baxter and Mrs. Bick.

LITTLE JAMMERS

Thank you to all the students who participated in Little Jammers. It was a successful program with about 50 participants, and we are proud of our students for their hard work while learning to play the guitar with their instructors. Well done!



LEARNING COMMONS CORNER



It has been another busy month in the Learning Commons at Sharon P.S. Students in Grades K-3 had the exciting opportunity to have an author visit them. The author's name was Kari-Lynn Winters and she shared some of her books and how she thinks of the ideas for her stories. We added several of her books to our library. This visit was sponsored by the East Gwillimbury Public Library, so a big thank you to them.

Four students from grades 4-8 had the opportunity to attend the York Region District School Board's Quest conference earlier this month and participate in a maker challenge. The students designed and created garden containers that would be able to survive without having to be cared for over weekends and holiday breaks. The students did a great job.

Our library collection continues to be used regularly. From October 23-November 23 we have had the following checked out in our system.

385 Fiction Books (including Graphic Novels and Early Chapter books)

71 Picture Books

85 Non Fiction

All the new books that were purchased through book fair money are now available to students and staff and have been read and enjoyed by many of the students already.

Overdue notes will be sent home the first week of December. If your child have a book that is overdue/missing, please have a look at home and return it to the school library. We will also check at the library in case it missed being checked in. If the book is not able to be located - there is a replacement cost that will be listed on the note. Students can always come and have a conversation with Mrs. Chaisson if they have lost or damaged a book and other accomodations can be made on a case by case basis.

Digital Tools

This month's digital tool we are highlighting is **OverDrive** which is an online ebook borrowing service. Even when the school is closed over the winter holiday break, students can still access great books to read online. They can be read on any device including mobile devices such as tablets, phones, chromebooks, laptops and desktop computers. They do not require a special app and can be read directly from the internet web browser



Name of Tool: OverDrive

Approx. Age : Kindergarten-Adult

How to access: OverDrive can be accessed on the Sharon P.S. Library page or can also be accessed at the following URL:

<https://yorkregionca.libraryreserve.com> . Students will be required to put in their student number with a "zero" in front of their student number. They can then select up to 2 books to sign out at one time. The books are automatically returned after a two week loan period. Students can return them earlier if they wish.

POPCORN SALES FOR GRAD!



Have your children keep listening to announcements for details on Friday treats sales to benefit the 2019 SPS Grads! Popcorn has been on sale as well as raffle tickets, and will be on sale this Friday, Nov. 2: \$2.50 for a bag of popcorn, \$3.00 for raffle tickets, OR get one of each for \$5.00 total!

For more details on the items being raffled off, please email the school or listen to the announcements! Good luck!

SAVE THE DATE: ELF DAY – DECEMBER 8TH!!

SPS will be holding our 9th Annual 'Elf Day' Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 8th. More information will be sent out at a later date.





Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This 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 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

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.



SKATE SAFE WITH ECSS FIREFIGHTERS

DECEMBER 9

EG SPORTS COMPLEX, ATLAS EAST PAD

12:30 TO 1:20 P.M.



**Kickoff the holiday season with a free skate with
Emergency and Community Safety Services!**

**Space is limited*



**Donations are being accepted for
the Town's Annual Toy and Food Drive.**



Helmets are strongly recommended.



Town of
East Gwillimbury



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/hrco.



Answer this question and your child will be entered in a raffle to win a prize from the office:

How many layers of tops and bottoms should your child wear in extreme cold weather?

THREE WAYS TO ENTER:

1. Paper entry - write the answer and your child's info on any paper and submit to the office!
2. Email - send your answer and your child's information to sharon.ps@yrdsb.ca
3. Phone - call us at 905-478-4952 with your answer and your child's info. 3 winners will be drawn!

Draw will take place on Friday, December 14, 2018

Child's name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____



Thank you to all the parents for participating in our meet the teachers conference. Communication is encouraged throughout the year, so please contact your child's teacher via email or telephone to let them know if you would like to meet.



The Town of East Gwillimbury is once again hosting their Annual Toy Drive for the 2018 holiday season.

Sharon Public School will support this event from Monday Dec. 3rd to Friday Dec. 14th. Please drop off donations in the front hall of the school. We will NOT be collecting food.



REMEMBRANCE DAY AT SHARON PS

A big thanks to Ms. Motiar and her team of students who demonstrated the support and respect of the Sharon PS Community towards our veterans, and for the men and women in service of our country and our freedom. We will never forget!



Our Winter Break starts on December 24, 2018 and our first day back will be January 7, 2019.

Sharon Public School is excited to be putting on a
Spring performance of

"Pirates! the Musical"...

- Students in grades 3-8 are invited to attend open auditions in the Music Room at 1:10 on December
- 12 & 13.

Stay tuned for more details!

Several non-performance opportunities will also be available.





Winter Math

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
- Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
- Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
- Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)
- Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*. You can access this information at

<https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



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Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
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Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

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 School Bus City and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

EAST GWILLIMBURY SAFETY BULLETIN

“IF YOU DRIVE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, OUR STUDENTS’ SAFETY COULD BE IN YOUR HANDS”

Serious safety concerns created by some parents who drive their children to school continue to occur in the vicinity of numerous schools throughout the Town of East Gwillimbury.

Drivers often park or stop in “No Parking” or “No Stopping” areas, double park, make “U” turns, block driveways, park in the school bus loading zone and park facing wrong way on the street. Of particular concern are those drivers who stop in signed “No Stopping” areas, to drop off or pick up students. This action not only is contrary to the Town’s Parking By-law but it also creates a very unsafe situation as students must often walk across the street and through moving traffic to reach the school grounds.

Drivers committing these violations are not simply disobeying the law, but are placing school children at risk of injury. To ensure the safety of our students and minimize the potential for conflict with cars, specific parking regulations are provided in the vicinity of schools within the Town of East Gwillimbury.

Due to the serious nature of the concerns noted above, please be aware that Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will continue their enforcement of the parking and stopping regulations in the vicinity of schools.

To advise you where you may park when driving your child to school, the following information is provided:

No Stopping Area



- **May not** be used for the purpose of picking-up or dropping off of school children.
- Are established in a limited number of locations, where the stopping of a vehicle will create a traffic hazard, congestion or interfere with the use of a school crossing.
- **Minimum fine** is \$30.00.

No Parking Area



- May be used for the pick up or drop-off of school children, provided this action is actually occurring.
- **Do not permit** a vehicle to be parked while drivers wait for their children.
- **Minimum fine** is \$30.00.

School Crossing Zones



- You cannot stop or park within this zone for any reason including the pick-up or drop-off of students.
- Sightlines for crossing guards must be maintained. Drivers who stop within a school crossing create serious hazards for both the children and the crossing guard.



School Bus Loading Zones



- Used for the exclusive use of School Buses or vehicles under contract to Student Transportation Services of York Region.
- You cannot stop or park within this zone for any reason including the pick-up or drop-off of students.
- **Minimum fine** is \$30.00.

To Provide for the Safest Movement of Our Children Please Consider the Following:

- Walk and wheel your children to and from school whenever possible.
- If driving, park in areas where you can legally park and walk to school. This will decrease vehicle congestion around school sites.
- Follow school instructions for the Kiss and Ride (i.e. no parking, children must exit on the right with back packs with them, etc.)
- Do not use private driveways for vehicle turn around or student drop off/pickup purposes.
- Organize carpools or walk in groups with other children.
- Obey all traffic signs and slow down.
- Obey school bus flashers.
- Obey crossing guard.
- For those who are eligible, choose to ride the bus.
- Most importantly, be aware of children when you are driving in a school area.



Help a child succeed by planning for their education after high school.

Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of Canada can help you save for a child's post-secondary education.

Registered Education Savings Plan

An RESP is a savings account registered by the Government of Canada. Anyone can open an RESP to save for a child's education after high school.

With an RESP, the child could receive:

- the Canada Learning Bond;
- the Canada Education Savings Grant; and
- provincial education savings incentives.

Canada Learning Bond

The Canada Learning Bond is money that the Government of Canada adds to an RESP for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later.

The Canada Learning Bond provides an initial payment of \$500 into an RESP, as well as additional payments of \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

No personal contributions are required to receive the Canada Learning Bond for a child.

Canada Education Savings Grant

The Canada Education Savings Grant provides 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to an RESP, for a maximum of \$500 per year. Children from middle- and low-income families may be eligible for an additional 10% or 20%, respectively, on the first \$500 in annual personal contributions. The lifetime maximum (including additional amounts) is \$7,200.

Later, the child can use the education savings incentives to pay for full-time or part-time studies in:

- an apprenticeship program
- CEGEP
- college
- trade school or
- university

How to open an RESP and request the Canada Learning Bond for an eligible child

- You and the child need a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to open an RESP. For more information, go to Canada.ca/social-insurance-number or call 1-800-622-6232.
- Make an appointment with a participating RESP promoter. For a complete list of organizations that offer RESPs, go to: canada.ca/list-resp-promoters.
- Bring the SINs for you and your child to an RESP promoter and say: "I want to open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and request the Canada Learning Bond and the Canada Education Savings Grant for my child."

Choose the RESP that is right for you

You can open an RESP at a participating organization, such as a bank, credit union, or group plan dealer. These organizations are called "RESP promoters."

An RESP promoter can help you choose the type of RESP that is right for you.

There are two types of RESPs:

- **Family plans** – for saving for more than one child in the same family.
- **Individual plans** (which include group plans) – for saving for a single child.
 - **Group plans** – a collection of individual RESPs administered for a group of beneficiaries born in the same year.

Take the time to learn the terms and conditions of the plan you choose.

Choosing an RESP promoter

Choose an RESP promoter that best suits your needs.

Ask the promoter:

- ▶ Do you offer the Canada Learning Bond and the Canada Education Savings Grant?
- ▶ Is there a provincial education savings incentive available?
- ▶ What types of RESPs do you offer (family or individual, including group)?
- ▶ Do I have to pay fees for:
 - opening an RESP?
 - withdrawing money from an RESP?
 - managing my RESP?
 - services and commissions?
- ▶ What will happen if I can no longer make regular payments into the RESP? (Remember, for the child to receive the Canada Learning Bond you do not need to contribute any money into the RESP.)
- ▶ What will happen if the child does not continue education after high school?
- ▶ If I have to close my RESP account early, will I:
 - have to pay fees or penalties?
 - get back the money that I contributed to the plan?
 - be able to transfer the money to another type of RESP?

For more information



Visit canada.ca/education-savings
Visit canada.ca/social-insurance-number
Visit canada.ca/list-resp-promoters



Call **1 800 0-Canada** (1-800-622-6232)
TTY **1-800-926-9105**



Visit a **Service Canada Centre** near you.

Canada Revenue Agency

Individual income tax enquiries: 1-800-959-8281
or visit: canada.ca/en/revenue-agency

Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

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canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency

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