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A Message From Administration

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the 2016 calendar year, we take time to reflect upon the many ways our students, staff and families have been directly involved in contributing positively to our school learning environment. We are grateful for the dedication and continuous support of all!

Our students have had a successful block of learning, and are well on their way to completing the first term of this school year. We would like to thank families for attending the Student Led Conferences held in November and engaging in thoughtful conversations about their children's learning. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in your child's education and the time you have spent communicating with staff.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas/Winter break spent with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday, January 9, 2017.**

Sincerely,

Stephanie Gilbert
Principal

Heather Stevens
Vice-Principal

Upcoming Dates:

DECEMBER

- **Dec 1 - 15** Holiday Heroes Toy Drive
- **Dec 10** Elf Day
- **Dec 13** Jr. Girls Volleyball
- **Dec 15** Jr. Boys Volleyball
- **Dec 15/16** Gingerbread Shop
- **Dec 19-21** Candy Cane-O'Gram Sales
- **Dec 23** P.J. Day/Spirit Day
- **Dec 24 - January 8 - Winter Break**

JANUARY 2017

- **Jan 9** Back To School
- **Jan 16** Gr 7 Meningitis Vaccination
- **Jan 17** Jr. Co-ed Volleyball
- **Jan 20** P.A. Day

Future newsletters will not be sent home in print copy. Please visit the school website:
<https://sharon.ps.yrdsb.ca>

A Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

A Fond Farewell

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A Warm Welcome

We would like to wish Mr. O'Neil all the best in his new position as YRDSB courier.

We would also like to welcome Caretaker Mrs. Sutton, who joins us from Holland Landing Public School.



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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.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. 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.



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Elf Day

December 10, 2016
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Take a stroll through the Candy Cane Forest and over the sea of swirly twirly gum drops to meet Santa for a photo! **4 x 6 print with card for \$5.**



**Silent Auction, Poinsettia Sale, Basket Door Prizes,
Crafts for kids, Free Gift Wrapping
Over 55 Vendors including:**

Arbonne, Art Art Baby, Avon, Crafts By Anne, Epicure,
Grandma Bea's Creations, House of Fudge, Juice Plus, Just for Fun,
KC Bead Designs, Niemi Family Farm, Quilted Treasures,
Scentsy, Steeped Tea, Stone House Burgundy Door,
The Bead Boy, The Little Red Shed, The Pampered Chef,
The Pickle Lady, Tupperware, Thirty One

and many more.

November 28, 2016

Norovirus illness is common at this time of year

Over the past few days, media has reported a number of norovirus-like outbreaks with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and nausea. Norovirus, often referred to as the “stomach flu”, is a very contagious viral illness that is usually not severe, comes on quickly and normally resolves in 24 to 48 hours.

York Region Public Health can confirm that two York Region schools, one in the Town of East Gwillimbury and one in the City of Markham, have tested positive for norovirus. York Region Public Health actively works with facilities experiencing outbreaks to implement control measures, such as increased cleaning and disinfection.

As seen with Thornhill Woods Public School, these control measures effectively reduced student absenteeism by 50 per cent over a few days.

To lower the spread of norovirus within our communities:

- Anyone experiencing symptoms should continue to stay home for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop
- Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water, especially after using the toilet or changing diapers and before preparing, handling and eating food
- Wear gloves when cleaning up vomit or diarrhea. Contaminated surfaces must first be scrubbed using detergent and water and then disinfected. To disinfect a contaminated surface, create a chlorine bleach solution by mixing one cup (250 ml) of bleach in nine cups (2.25L) of water
- Remove and wash clothes and linens that may be contaminated with vomit or feces
- Keep sick individuals out of areas where food is being handled or prepared
- Anyone who is sick should not handle or prepare food for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop



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York Region Health Connection

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Norovirus and influenza are different

Norovirus is not related to influenza, or “the flu”, a respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus which commonly starts circulating during the fall and into spring.

Symptoms of influenza include:

- Sudden onset of headache
- Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Runny nose
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Cough

Most people recover from the flu within a week to 10 days, but some people, including those 65 years of age or older, healthy pregnant women and adults and children with chronic health conditions are at greater risk of becoming ill and developing severe health problems such as pneumonia.

You and your family can reduce your chances of getting the flu by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Handwashing is especially important after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- Coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand and throwing away used tissues immediately
- Getting the seasonal flu shot for anyone six months of age or older. It is especially important for people 65 years of age or older, healthy pregnant women and adults and children with chronic health conditions
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Not touching your face
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting common surfaces

For more information, please read York Region’s [norovirus](#) and [flu](#) fact sheets.

Should you have any questions, please contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588.

A Message From Spirit Committee

November....



On November 11th, Sharon PS remembered. Each student in our school made a Canadian Flag. Our Spirit Committee lined Leslie Street with these flags. Our grade 8 students stood outside in silence holding large Canadian Flags. Please see a note from a Community Member below:

"I wanted to commend Sharon Public School on their wonderful display of thanks outside of the school this morning. Seeing the children lined up waving the Canadian flag in appreciation of the efforts and sacrifices of our armed forces was a touching start to the morning that set the mood for the day. As a family member of a fallen soldier, it was heartening to see his sacrifice is still noticed and acknowledged by today's youth. Thank you!"

~ *Anonymous message, Nov. 11, 2016.*



On November 24th, Sharon PS students wore a mustache to raise awareness about Men's health.



December....

December 1 - 15th, Sharon PS will be having a Holiday Heroes Toy Drive to support our local families. All toys will be picked up and distributed by the York Regional Police.

This year we are also asking families who are able, to donate Walmart, Loblaws or Super Centre gift cards.



December 19, 20 and 21, our Spirit Committee will be selling Candy-Cane-O'Grams for 50 cents.

December 23 is our Pajama/Spirit Day





Christmas/Winter Break (Return to school on January 9, 2017)