



Sharon Flyer



A Message From The Admin. Team

Dear Families,

The month of November has flown by and we are quickly approaching the Winter Break. All staff and students have been working hard to demonstrate their personal best to themselves and others. We want to take this opportunity to thank you at home for cheering your child/ren on; supporting them with their learning, and enriching their learning at school with follow-up activities at home. The triad of student, parent, teacher working together and supporting each other, is what helps to increase student achievement. We look forward to our continued journey together in the new year.

Our School Council has done a great job of fundraising through magazine sales and the upcoming Elf Day. The proceeds from these fundraising efforts go to enhancing programs within the school. Our thanks go out to all families and friends who have supported our school through fundraising. Everyone showed great Sharon Spirit at the East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade in November. Way to go Sharon PS!

We want to remind all parents about our safe arrival and dismissal of students. Please follow the safety guidelines when driving to drop off or pick up your children. We also want to remind parents to please call in when their child is going to be absent or late. Our Safe Arrival system only runs smoothly when we have notice from parents of absences and lates. It is a safety issue when we cannot account for a child's absence and we must contact police when this occurs.

At this time of year, it is important to reflect on the many wonderful things in our lives and community. We encourage all of you to spend time with your friends and family and to celebrate the privileges we all enjoy as Canadians. Keeping this in mind, we are collecting donations for the food bank, as well as, mittens and unwrapped new toys for those in need. Our giving tree will be set up in the front hall. We appreciate any and all donations!

On behalf of the Sharon PS staff and students, we wish you and yours a safe and joyful holiday.

Sincerely,

S. White and S. Gilbert



December, 2014

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Upcoming

- Dec. 6 Elf Day
- Dec. 10 7:00pm School Council meeting
- Dec. 11 6:30-7:30 Primary Concert
- Dec. 17 & 18 Gingerbread Shop
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 Winter Break
- January 5, 2015 School Resumes



Character Matters!

December's Character Trait is: *Compassion/Empathy*

We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others, to "stand in their shoes." We demonstrate appreciation of and concern for their feelings. We try to understand issues from their perspectives even though we may not agree with them personally.



Remembrance Day

Our school held a very solemn and beautiful Remembrance Day assembly. Many students participated by sharing poems and readings about this important occasion. It was stressed that we should always be thankful to the men and women who fought for our freedom, and not just recognize them for one day a year. All of our students were very respectful throughout the assembly. Thank you to Mrs. Claxton for organizing the assembly.



Student Leadership Council

Sharon PS is teaming up with the York Regional Police to support their annual Holiday Heroes Toy and Clothing Drive. We will be collecting unwrapped toys and new warm clothing (hats, mittens, coats) from Wednesday, November 19th to Wednesday, December 10th. We apologize, but no items will be accepted after this date.



Sharon Public School

ELF DAY

Saturday December 6th, 2014

9 am - 2 pm

18532 Leslie St.

LET OUR ELVES 'WRAP UP' YOUR HOLIDAYS!

GIFT WRAPPING, VENDORS, CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!



Primary Concert



Thursday December 11, 2014

6:30p.m.

All primary students (Grades 1-3) will be participating in the concert. Students are to meet their teachers in their classrooms at 6:15

Please mark your calendars

Cold Weather Wear

We wish to remind students and parents at Sharon P.S. that we believe that children learn better when they receive regular intervals of exercise and fresh air. We send the children out for either a full or a shortened recess in everything but the **most** inclement weather. We keep a close eye on all conditions, including wind chill before making our decisions which are based on parameters set out by our Board. When conditions necessitate, we may decide that students remain inside for recess.

Conditions may vary from school to school, so it's important that we continue to make decisions based on conditions at our school. We ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather: warm hat, gloves, scarf, coat, pants and boots at this time of year. **Please send extra socks, mitts and pants in your child's backpack in case these items become wet during the recess breaks. We have no way to dry these items.**

If any family is in need of a ski jacket or snow pants, hats or mitts, please let us know.



Kindergarten and French Immersion Registrations Begin January 16, 2015



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, 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 Sharon Public School.

French Immersion Information Night at all FI Schools is on Thursday, January 15th.

The French Immersion school for Sharon PS is Poplar Bank PS. The information session will begin at 7pm in the School Gymnasium at Poplar Bank PS. It is strongly recommended that all parents interested in the program attend the information meeting as new registration information will be shared.

Registration begins on Friday, January 16, 2015.



The SPS Giving Tree

We will be accepting unwrapped donations of new mittens, new hats, new scarves; new unwrapped toys, Walmart Gift Cards, and gently used winter coats, snow pants and winter boots for our Giving Tree up until December 10th.



Healthy Schools Update



HOW MUCH ACTIVITY IS ENOUGH?

Canada's Physical Activity Guides recommend that children and youth be active for at least 90 minutes everyday: at least 30 minutes at a vigorous pace (running, cross-country skiing) and 60 minutes at a moderate pace (walking, skating). Adults should try to be active for at least 30 minutes a day at a moderate pace. Although 90 minutes of activity seems like a lot and may be difficult to include (given the other time demands such as homework, school, after school activities etc...) there are many ways to include activity each and every day.

Some ways to increase your daily activity:

- Use active transportation (e.g., walking to the store) whenever possible
- Decrease inactive time by 30 minutes and increase active time by 30 minutes
- Involve your children in housekeeping activities such as shovelling, vacuuming, and sweeping
- Plan for activities before and after dinner and on the weekends Make activity fun.

Take small steps towards the larger goal and don't be discouraged by roadblocks along the way!



The Sharon Public School Eco Skyhawks

We received some exciting news from the Ontario Eco Schools Committee.

We are 1 of only 5 schools in all of York Region that have been selected to apply for early Platinum Eco Certification. The usual criteria for Platinum certification is that you have to be a Gold school for 5 consecutive years. Due to the hard work and creative ideas that we have come up with over the last 3 years, we have been granted this great opportunity.

We had Melanie Logan (one of our parents) come in to do a workshop with the Energy Conservation team. They learned the difference in the power consumption between regular incandescent light bulbs and fluorescent bulbs. Melanie will be doing more workshops with some of the other committee's in the future.

The Cook Book of Healthy Food Choices will be available to purchase at Sharon P.S. Annual Elf Day. It would be a great gift idea for the holiday season. All of the money raised will go toward the purchase and installation of a Water Bottle Filling Station.

We are looking at the possibility of selling stainless steel water bottles with the school's logo. All of the money raised will go toward the purchase and installation of a Water Bottle Filling Station.

We are going to start planning for our Spring ECO Science Fair for our students and families.

We continue monitor our "NO IDLING AT SHARON P.S. Campaign".

We are brainstorming ideas to improve our school yard greening.

Ms. Bechberger and Mrs. Logan have continued to work hard on the AVIVA Community Fund Grant to help with the purchase and installation of a Water Bottle Filling station for our school.

East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade

Sharon Public School helped celebrate the East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade. Several volunteers assembled for the parade at the Fletcher's house. On Sunday, November 17th, many students, parents and teachers from the school walked and sang very loudly! It was a fabulous day and everyone had fun. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Bountas and Mrs. Nagy for organizing the event.



Sharon Public School Hydration Station

Well we made it through to the semi-finals of the AVIVA Community Fund Grant. New voting will start on Monday December 1st so please register if you have not already done so and start voting for the Sharon P.S. Hydration Station. There will only be 10 days of voting this round so we need to vote daily so we do not lag behind. Please help support our idea.

Please follow the link to vote <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf21244>



For Facebook users, please like us at
[facebook.com/sharonhydrationstation](https://www.facebook.com/sharonhydrationstation).

Holiday Food Drive

Thank you to all the Families that supported our Holiday Food Drive in October!

Thank you Ms. Motiar for organizing the Food Drive!





School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time 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 is not 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.
- 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 in the morning will require the same transportation home at 3:30 pm.**

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:

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

OUR VOLUNTEERS ...

Our volunteers are seldom paid,
not because they are worthless,
because they are **priceless!!**



Thank you to all the Parent Volunteers
who helped during
Scientist in the Classroom visits in November!

Need a last minute holiday gift idea?

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING!

***Order a magazine subscription for someone special
this holiday season!***



Simply go to www.QSP.ca and start shopping.

Use the Account Finder to find our Group Online ID to support our school and children.
Remember, you can order a magazine for anyone who lives in Canada. It's cheaper than wrapping and mailing a gift and it lasts all year long!

Many magazines purchased through our recent fundraiser will begin to arrive in the next several weeks, but some subscriptions due to publishing schedules may take longer to start. If you have questions, please contact

QSP Customer Service at

1-800-667-253

100% Satisfaction Guarantee!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!



Sharon P.S. Staff

**Wish our families a wonderful Holiday Season! Enjoy
your time together, and return safely in 2015!**

**Holidays Start Monday, December 22nd
and**

School Resumes on Monday, January 5th, 2015!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gr. 6 VIP Lunch Lady	2 Safety Village Gr. 5 & 6 Pizza	3 Subway	4 Lunch Lady	5	6 Elf Day 9:00 am-2:00 pm 
	8 Gr. 6 VIP Lunch Lady	9 Pizza	10 Gr. 1, 1/2, 2, 3 to Casa Loma Gr. 7/8 9:30 Gym Skills Presentation 7:00 pm School Council Meeting Subway	11 Meningitis & HPV Vaccinations Primary Concert 6:30-7:30 Lunch Lady	12 Gr. 7 & 8 Casa Loma Enrichment Band 10:30 JK-Gr. 6 Hot Diggity Dog Lunch	13
14	15 Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr. 2, 8 Gr. 6 VIP Lunch Lady	16 Sharing Assembly pm Pizza	17 Gingerbread Shop  Subway	18 Gingerbread Shop  Lunch Lady	19 Pajama Day	20 
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Happy Holidays						