



# SHARON P.S. FLYER

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## ADMIN. MESSAGE

Dear Sharon PS Families,

On behalf of the Sharon Public School staff, we would like to welcome our students and their families to the 2018-2019 school year! We are very excited about getting started, and we know that staff and students are eager to get back to school to see those they have missed over the summer. The start of a new school year is always exciting! We look forward to meeting you all at our Meet the Staff evening on Thursday, September 27th (5:30pm - 7:30pm). More details regarding this evening will be shared with families soon.

We would like to warmly welcome the following staff members to SPS this year: Mrs. Allison Baxter (Gr. 6/7), Mrs. Patricia Caetano (Secretary), Ms. Kristin Chaisson (Library/Prep), Mr. Kevin Collins (Lead Caretaker), Ms. Michelle Dumont (French), Mrs. Brett Finlay (LTO for Mrs. Winch), Ms. Stephanie Findlay (Prep), Ms. Carrie Gillis (Reading Recovery), Ms. Michelle Lewis (ADH), Ms. Madelene Martin (EA), and Ms. Ruth Wagner (CYW).

Our goal is to create a school environment where our students are engaged and supported academically, emotionally and socially, and where families and students feel included, welcome and safe. Parents are invited to get involved in the school by volunteering or becoming part of our School Council.

The first meeting for our School Council this year will be on October 1st at 7:00 p.m., in the Learning Commons (Library). All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend our School Council meeting! If you are unable to be a part of the School Council, there are still many opportunities to be involved with the school through volunteering for lunch programs, snack programs, classroom volunteering, etc.

We hope that all students, parents and teachers have a positive and productive school year.

Looking forward to working with you this year,

**Stephanie Gilbert**

Principal

**Nina Keosongseng**

Vice-Principal

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

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

## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE - LORALEA CARRUTHERS

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.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



### UPCOMING DATES

- **Sept. 21st** - Terry Fox Run (pm)
- **Sept. 24th**: P.A. Day
- **Sept. 24-28**: Safety Awareness Week (Emergency Drills will be practiced this week - Fire, Lockdown, Hold and Secure)
- **Sept. 26th**: School Bus Safety
- **Sept. 27th**: Picture Day
- **Sept. 27th**: Meet the Staff Evening (5:30-7:30 pm)



### Save the Date: Meet the Staff

SPS will be holding a Meet the Staff evening on **Thursday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity for you to visit the staff in the building and get to know routines and curriculum expectations for the year.

An opportunity for student-led conferences will be scheduled closer to the progress reports. You may also contact staff at any time to make arrangements to meet and discuss questions and/or concerns throughout the year.

# The Sharon P.S. Staff would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning families to Sharon Public School!

## SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF, 2018-2019

JK/SK	Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lyons (DECE)	Room 103
JK/SK	Ms. Kolkman	Room 101
Grade 1	Mrs. Brown	Room 127
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Diakos	Room 125
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Bick	Room 126
Grade 4	Ms. Pitkin	Room 111
Grade 5	Mrs. Cooper	Room 124
Grade 5/6	Mrs. S. Martin	Room 123
Grade 6/7	Ms. Baxter	Room 118
Grade 7/8	Mr. Baxter	Room 119
Grade 8	Mr. Ballantine	Room 120
Community Class - MID	Ms. B. Finlay, Ms. M. Martin (EA), Ms. Wagner (CYW)	Room 107
Community Class - ASD	Mrs. Patenaude, Mrs. Tatton (ADH), Ms. Lewis (ADH)	Room 122
Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)	Ms. Motiar	Room 134
Student Support Centre (SSC) and Music	Mrs. Nagy	Room 117
Library & Literacy	Ms. Chaisson	Room 132
French, Prep	Ms. Dumont (French), Ms. S. Findlay	Room 113
Reading Recovery	Ms. Gillis	Room 110
Classroom Support	Ms. Snitman (CYW), Ms. Guitard (Sp. Ed. Asst)	Room 113
Main Office	Mrs. McPhail (Admin. Asst.), Mrs. Caetano (Secretary)	150 / 151
Caretaking	Mr. Collins (Lead Caretaker), Ms. LaFleur	Room 133
Administration	Mrs. Gilbert (P) & Mrs. Keosongseng (VP)	Room 128

# Helpful Tips and Information

## Hotmail and YRDSB Issues

Please be advised that over the course of the last several months we have been experiencing some difficulty with mass communications to our community. This affects all “hotmail” addresses, particularly when a mass mailing is involved. For those affected, please provide the office with a new email address so that you will be in receipt of future mail with important reminders and information. The York Region District School Board is working on resolving this issue.

## Student Absences

Please note that the office manages absences, and we ask that you inform the office of all student absences and late arrivals. We will relay your messages to the teacher if necessary. You may reach us by phone at 905-478-4952, where you can leave a voicemail on our attendance line 24 hours a day, or by email at [sharon.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sharon.ps@yrdsb.ca). 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>



Student Transportation Services of York Region  
320 Bloomington Road West  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1  
905-713-2535  
FAX: 905-713-2533  
Web site: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

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## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

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Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. **As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number.** Please confirm bus information for September by checking [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) as of August 20. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *10 minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times

### Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. **Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.**

#### **Eligibility JK- Grade 8**

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

#### **Eligibility Grade 9-12**

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 who live within a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Find Your Bus Stop tab at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) . Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) or phone 1-866-668-3978.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

## School Council Meetings

The first School Council meeting for the 2018-19 year will be held late on October 1st. The first meeting will be to establish an Executive for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for a School Council Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and voting members. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please refer to the information included in the package of information sent home with all students on the first day of school.. Please plan to join us – there are so many ways to get involved – with your ideas, your time, or just to come out and meet other families and help us to continue to build an inclusive, mentally healthy and engaging learning environment for students and families.



## SAVE THE DATE: ELF DAY – DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!!

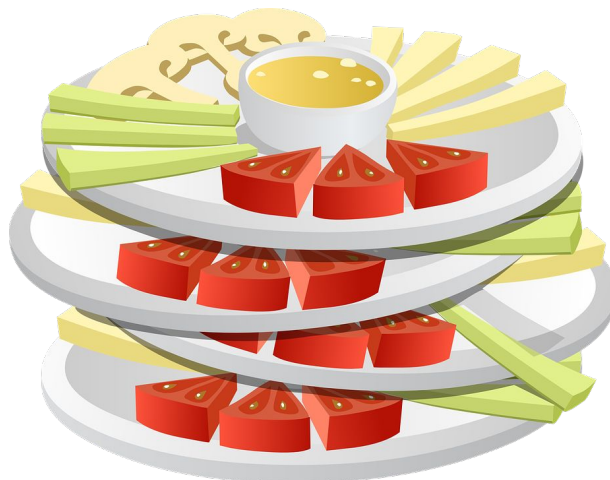
SPS will be holding our 9th Annual 'Elf Day' Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 8th. More information will be sent out at a later date.

## STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Student Nutrition program is looking for volunteers to assist in the 2018-19 school year.

The goal of the Student Nutrition program is to provide healthy dairy, grains, and fruits and vegetables to maximize every child's learning potential and energy throughout the day. If you are able to help with either food prep weekly one morning per week (at 8:30 a.m.) or loading the bins one day a week before school starts, please inform the office.

Thank you.



# SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

September 24th to 28th, 2018

During safety awareness week, students and staff will be practicing several emergency drills:

- ❖ **Fire Drill**
- ❖ **Lockdown Drill** - A Lockdown is initiated immediately if there is a major incident or threat of violence within a school. All exterior doors remain locked and students, staff and building occupants follow Lockdown procedures as per training/practice to remain quiet and out of site within the school. No one is permitted entrance into the building during this time. Once Police arrive, they are in charge
- ❖ **Hold and Secure Drill** - A Hold and Secure is initiated when the school is advised by Police that there is an adverse condition or a possible threat in the area outside of a school (i.e. in the general vicinity/community). During a Hold and Secure no one may leave or enter the building. Classes that are outside are brought inside the school. Students, staff and building occupants continue regular routines within the school. A Hold and Secure remains in place until Police/other official confirms the emergency is over.

Students and staff review emergency procedures throughout the school year. In addition, we hold scheduled practices of emergency drills throughout the school year:

- Six Fire Drill practices (three during Term 1 and three during Term 2)
- Two Lockdown practice drills (one during each Term)
- One Hold and Secure drill (during Term 1)

In the case of an **Emergency Evacuation** of the school Sharon Public School has **two reunification locations** (sites where parents can meet with their children after an incident has been resolved by Police, but the building is still under their control) that we would like parents to be aware of:

**Primary Reunification Site:**

Sharon United Church  
18648 Leslie Street  
Sharon, Ontario  
L0G 1V0

**Secondary Reunification Site:**

Glen Cedar Public School  
915 Wayne Drive  
Newmarket, Ontario  
L3Y 5W1

