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Sharon P.S. Flyer

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Admin. Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Sharon Public School staff, we would like to welcome our students and their families to the 2017-2018 school year! We are very excited about starting the new school year, 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 28th (5:30-7:30). More details regarding this evening will be shared with families soon.

We are fortunate to have three new staff members at SPS this year. Ms. Kate Pitkin is teaching Grade 4, Mr. Lee Foster is teaching French, and Ms. Patricia Lafleur has joined our Caretaking team. Please join us in welcoming these three staff members to the Sharon School Community.

Our goal is to create a school environment where our students are challenged 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 2nd at 7:00 p.m., in the Learning Commons (Library). All parents and guardians are welcome 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 volunteer, etc.

We want to thank the Town of East Gwillimbury and Mayor's Youth Initiative Fund for donating funds to SPS for creating inclusive, mentally healthy spaces in our school. We look forward to co-creating these spaces with input from students, families and staff. We hope you will join us for our Family Wellness Evening planned for later in October. More information to come on that.

There are many exciting things ready to go at SPS including Intermediate Band (with Glee club/choir and Junior/Intermediate choir coming soon!), Cross Country starting next week, Junior boy's and girl's 3-Pitch, Intermediate Co-Ed. Flag Football, student leadership opportunities and lots of important classroom learning!!!

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

Heather Stevens

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

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

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

Loralea Carruthers

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 15: School Bus Safety
- Sept. 25: P.A. Day
- Sept. 28: Picture Day, Meet the Staff Evening
- Sept. 29: Mrs. Godden's "Big Cut" for Cancer Passion Project

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 **DO NOT** email the teacher absence notes. Please inform the office by phone (905-478-4952), you can leave a voicemail on our attendance line 24 hours a day, or by email 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>

Important Transportation Notice for Sharon PS Students

Student Transportation Services of York Region is responsible for ensuring all students receive transportation service in accordance with Board Policy.

Due to the re-location of Our Lady of Good Council CES **all** routes servicing Sharon PS will require adjustment.

Please note that existing stop locations will remain the same, however route numbers and/or school bus operators may change.

Stop times are approximate and can vary during the first 2 weeks of school, please have your child at the bus stop a minimum of 10 minutes before the stop time.

Please visit our website at www.schoolbuscity.com on or after August 14th, 2017 to obtain your new busing information.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this service revision and best wishes for a continued safe and successful school year.



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Helpful Student Transportation Tips for Parents/Guardians

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

- Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.
- Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus
- Ensure your grade JK-1 child has a Safe Rider sticker affixed to their backpack to help ensure they are dropped-off at the correct bus stop location.
- JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.
- Keep current phone numbers and emergency contact details with the school office.
- Record the bus company name and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.
- Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe, efficient transportation for students.



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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

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 as of August 21. 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. Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.

School Council News

QSP – September/October

SPS will again be offering magazines for sale at this time. Don't forget to renew your subscriptions or change it up and purchase something different. For those of you with a sweet tooth, QSP cookie dough will be offered for sale in November for collection at Elf Day! We will also be looking for a new QSP Co-ordinator to oversee this event so if you are interested in applying, please contact the school. Full training will be provided.

Fresh from the Farm – October

Organic Fresh vegetables straight from the farm will be available to purchase. More information will be sent out at a later date.

SAVE THE DATE!! ELF DAY – DECEMBER 9TH!!

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

School Council Meetings

The first School Council meeting for the 2017-18 year will be held late in September/early October. Information regarding the 2017-18 School Council meeting will be sent home shortly. 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 make our school even better.

Breakfast Bin Program - volunteers needed

The Breakfast Bin program is looking for parent and student volunteers to assist in the 2017-18 school year.

The goal of the Breakfast Bin 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 on Monday mornings (at 8:30 a.m.) or loading the bins one day a week before school starts, please contact Jennifer Daxon at jennidaxon@gmail.com

Thank you,
Jennifer Daxon

Are You Interested In Donating Your Hair To Cancer?

As part of a Passion Project assignment for Mrs. Godden's grade 8 class this year, Mrs. Godden has created her own Passion Project. Mrs. Godden lost her Sister-in-Law to Cancer two years ago this September. In memory of her Sister-in-Law and Mother-in-Law who both lost their battles to Cancer, as well as so many others, Mrs. Godden is planning a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. She will also be donating her hair for the cause. The hair donated will be used to make wigs for people battling cancer. The date of the "Big Cut" will be on **Friday, September 29th** and Mrs. Godden is looking for others to join her on that day that wish to donate their hair. What she would like to do is have all people interested attend an assembly where there will be a mass cut of hair at the same time.

The rules for hair donations to the Canadian Cancer Society are as follows:

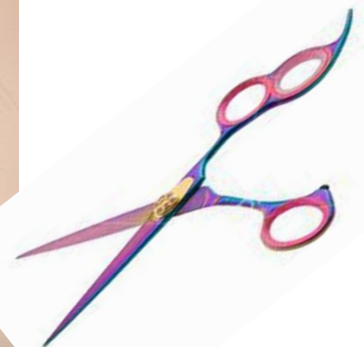
Hair must be a minimum 8 inches in length

Hair must be clean, dry and not swept off the floor

Donations to British Columbia are accepted for chemically treated hair or gray hair.

Members of Mrs. Godden's family have already agreed to join her on that day but if there are students or parents or anyone else that you know that would like to donate their hair please contact Mrs. Godden at

coretta.godden@yrdsb.ca. **Mrs. Godden is also looking for hairdressers that would be interested in volunteering their time to help on that day.**



York Region Public Health Information

In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to **Grade 7** students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.