



Silver Pines public school

A Message from Administration...

Dear Families,

We would like to send Ms. Palmer off with a sincere thank you from all of us here at Silver Pines for her commitment and hard work as our school Principal over the past few months. She will be missed!

We would like to welcome Mr. Jeff Laughlin to our school as our new Principal effective January 1st 2021. He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and we look forward to an easy transition and continued success under his leadership.

Please ensure that you follow the Public Health guidelines that are also included on page 3 of this newsletter, upon your return to school in January.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday and hope to see everyone back on January 4th.

Happy New Year!

Yours in education,

Shauna Small



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Would you enjoy Collaboratively learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades **four or five** you may apply for the arts@baythorn program, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a cooperative learning environment.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening hosted virtually by Baythorn arts staff on:
Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Please visit bit.ly/baythorn_arts_info to add your name to our arts information list.

On line application process will open on January 14th and close on February 5th
We will email you with updates about our Information Night and admissions process.



If you require further information, please email us at baythorn.arts@gmail.com
or call us at
Baythorn Public School
(905) 889-7992.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

Please support our fundraising efforts:

“Invest in Students” donation program – Make a one-time **tax-deductible donation** (tax receipt issued for donations of \$25 or more) to the school. Please contribute through **School Cash Online**.

“FlipGive” – Support our school by shopping online. Our school will earn cash with every purchase! Brands on FlipGive pay us a commission whenever you shop on the FlipGive app or website. You can even send electronic gift cards. Simply download the app or go to www.flipgive.com create a user account. Join our Team using the **Team code LZ4TRQ**.

Health and safety over the winter break

The holidays are going to look somewhat different this year. We understand that there may be challenges as the winter break approaches but we encourage all families to consider what we can all do to make the holidays and the return to school in January 2021 as safe as possible. During the holidays, it is important for everyone to adhere to [the public health measures](#) in our communities. By [following public health advice](#), we can all have a safe and fun holiday season. You can check the government's [holiday web page](#) for more direct and up-to-date guidance on how individuals and families can plan for a safe holiday season, including suggestions for safer holiday activities for children and families. Anyone [travelling outside of Canada](#) must follow the Government of Canada's mandatory 14 day quarantine.

York Region District School Board continues to work closely with York Region Public Health (YRPH) to review our school operational procedures as our context continues to change and evolve. There are two new health and safety measures that YRPH has requested York Region schools implement.

While the Ministry of Education has not announced an extension to the winter break and we expect all students to return on January 4, 2021, it is important that everyone bring home their belongings. Please remind your child to take tech devices, coats and any other belongings that may be needed.

Two-layer masks

YRPH has recommended that students now wear a two-layer mask, as opposed to the previous recommendation of any kind of face covering. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a two-layer personal face covering to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. **A two-layer face mask is now recommended as per Provincial direction.**



Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year starts on Friday, January 15th 2021.

Families can register using the following options:

1. Online Edsby by following this [link](#).
2. Fillable PDF [Elementary School Registration](#) Form on the YRDSB website. Families email the completed registration form to the school's email address found on the school website .



Diversity is our Strength!

