

## *Silver Pines PS Contact Information*

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### **Upcoming Dates**

April 7 - School Council @ 6:30pm

April 9 - Food Allergy Presentation for Students – see info below

April 9 - Great-Big Crunch

April 9 - Last day to order hot lunch for session 3

April 10 - Chess Tournament

April 10 - Intermediate Math Olympics

April 13 - Passover

April 14 - Vaisakhi

April 15 - 16 - Tribal Dance Vision Presentation – see info below

April 17 - Spring Dance-a-Thon

April 18 - Good Friday – No School

April 20 - Ridvan

April 21 - Easter Monday – No School

April 22 - Earth Day

April 22 - Junior Boys Basketball Tournament

**April 23 - Family Fun and Wellness Night – New Date**

April 24 - Earth Rangers Assembly – see info below

April 28 - Federal Election – Polling Station at Silver Pines

April 29 - Junior Girls Basketball Tournament



April Showers bring May flowers! We welcome the month of April and hope that it brings sunshine and warmer temperatures.

### **HOT LUNCH SESSION 3**

Our lunch programs for Session 2 will be ending next week. Our Session 3 lunch programs will begin the week of April 14th. Please see details below:

Our Session 3 will be as follows:

Mr. Greek – Mondays - April 14 to June 16

Subway – Thursdays – April 17 to June 19

Pizza – Fridays – April 25 to June 20

Deadline to order is Apr 9th – please go to [school cash online](#) to place your order



### **FAMILY FUN AND WELLNESS NIGHT – NEW DATE – WEDNESDAY APRIL 23**

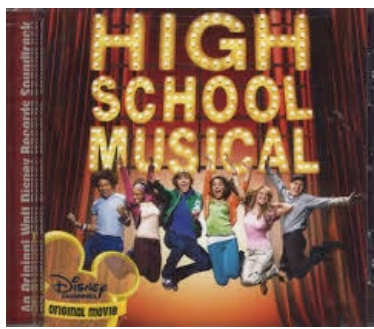
#### **Don't Miss Out on the Fun!**

Silver Pines PS is excited to invite you to our **Family Fun and Wellness Night** on **Wednesday April 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** It will be an evening packed with excitement and learning!

#### **What's in Store?**

- **Community Partner Booths**
- **Wellness & Mental Health Tips & Info**
- **Activity Rooms**
- **Inspiring Guest Speaker:** Youth Speak about *Understanding Youth Mental Health*.
- **Raffle Prizes:** You will have a chance to win **Blue Jays tickets, gift cards, and movie passes.**

**Bring your family and friends, and let's make unforgettable memories together!**



### **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – WEDNESDAY MAY 14**

**Disney's High School Musical Jr.** is playing at Silver Pines on Wednesday on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025! There will be two performances that day – one at 9 a.m., and one at 7 p.m.

The fun-filled 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 2006 Disney Channel Original Movie and the subsequent National Tour. Our Grade 6-8 cast and crew includes more than 40 students led by a team of dedicated staff members.

#### **Tickets will be available for \$2.00 each**

Before each performance, we will also be having a special VIP seating draw! Purchase your VIP tickets at the show for an additional \$2.00 each. If your ticket is drawn, you will have access to front row comfortable couch seats to watch the show! Refreshments will also be on sale.

### **FOOD ALLERGY PRESENTATION – APRIL 9**

Food Allergy Canada will be educating students on food allergy and how to stay safe. During this presentation, they will explain what food allergy is, the science behind it and what happens during an anaphylactic reaction. Students will learn how epinephrine works to treat anaphylaxis and how to properly use an auto-injector through a live demonstration using a trainer. Food Allergy Canada will also discuss ways students can be food allergy allies and help keep their friends safe from potential allergic reactions. The assembly will end with a Q&A, giving students the opportunity to ask questions and deepen their understanding.

### **PASSOVER – APRIL 13 – 20**

Passover, also known as Pesach, is the eight-day Jewish Festival that commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Passover observances include avoiding leaven and are highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and the most important aspect of Passover, the teaching of the story of the Exodus to our children. Passover begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the eighth day. Passover is celebrated by many Jews across all denominations because it is so essentially and uniquely a family holiday. Wishing all of our students, families and staff celebrating a Happy Passover. Chag Sameach!

### **VAISAKHI - APRIL 14**

For Sikhs, Vaisakhi celebrates the birth of the Panth Khalsa order (the Order of the Pure Ones) established by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. Vaisakhi is celebrated in April every year. Vaisakhi is celebrated in different parts of India and all around the world.

### **TRIBAL DANCE VISION PRESENTATION - APRIL 15 - 16**

On April 15 and 16 we are excited to welcome Tribal Dance Vision to Silver Pines Public School! Students will explore First Nations history and traditions in Tribal Vision's high-energy performance! The artist will explain the history and significance of their dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada. This show is an introduction to the powwow culture of North American Indigenous people. Students will also join the artists for an interactive Q&A to learn more about their regalia, dances, and First Nations history.

### **GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER (Friday April 18)**

Good Friday is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. For Christians, Easter is the most joyful celebration of the church year. Christians all over the world honour the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. Western rite Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate it on the first Sunday after both the Spring Equinox and Jewish Passover. We extend good wishes and a Happy Easter to all staff, students and members of the Christian community who will be celebrating Easter.

### **RIDVAN – APRIL 20 – MAY 2**

The Festival of Ridván (pronounced Riz-wan) commemorates the anniversary of the declaration of Bahá'u'lláh of His prophetic mission to his followers in 1863, proclaiming His identity as the promised Manifestation of God. This is a sacred and celebratory time, and Bahá'ís and their friends come together to remember the life and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh and find ways to serve their community. We extend good wishes to all staff, students and members of the Baha'i community who will be celebrating Ridvan.

### **EARTH RANGERS ASSEMBLY – APRIL 24**

We will be having an Earth Rangers Assembly on Thursday April 24 for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.. The assembly will include an exciting "choose your own adventure" journey that showcases the vital roles of science in protecting animals and the environment. The Earth Rangers team will dive into the importance of species conservation and how our everyday actions can significantly impact Earth's biodiversity.

The assembly presentation will include the following:

- An immersive HD multimedia experience
- Live animals demonstrating their incredible natural behaviors
- Interactive components, including a fun trivia game to get students engaged
- Educational content linked to the curriculum

### **EQAO MATH WEBINAR - APRIL 29 - for Parents and Guardians**

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

[Register](#)

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART – MAY 2**

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Our students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke. Our Event Day is set for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the [Registration Guide](#) to learn more about how you can support.

### **SUMMER INSTITUTE 2025**

Summer institute programs and learning opportunities are offered weekly to YRDSB students from June 30 to August 8. Please see link below for more information and registration.

[Summer Institute 2025 – Contact and Bursary Information](#)

### **GRADE 8 GRAD WEAR!**

**Grade 8 Grad Hoodies and T-shirts are now available for purchase. Please visit the following link for ordering information:**

[https://stores.inksoft.com/silver\\_pines\\_grads/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/silver_pines_grads/shop/home)

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP - PARKING IN THE FIRE ZONE**

**Please note that parking is not permitted in the Bus Zone/Fire Zone in the front. Cars may be ticketed by the city.** Please use the parking spaces in front of the school to park your car before coming into the office. You can also park on the street if there are no parking spaces in front of the school. Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended especially with children inside! Drive slowly, be aware of your surroundings, obey the road rules, crosswalks and speed limits.

**As always, the safety of our students is our top priority.** Please give yourself enough time and be patient with other drivers and our staff.

### **END OF DAY – EARLY PICK-UPS**

Though we encourage families to make appointments and other engagements outside of our school hours, we understand that sometimes this is not possible. To limit disruptions to end of day routines in classrooms, we ask that any early pick-ups be **completed by 2:30pm**. The last 30min of the school day is a busy time for students and staff who are engaged in many end of day activities, and we would like to limit any additional disruptions to the learning of all of our students during this time. As always, please try to inform the office **and** your child's teacher by email/Edsby ahead of time.

### **FAMILIES PLANNING TO MOVE - students not returning in September**

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

### **SNACK SHACK will be closed in March.**

Our Snack Shack will be re-open every Tuesday starting in April.

### **PIZZA DAY**

Please note that our School Council will be selling any extra pizza slices to students for \$3.00 (one slice) and \$5.00 (two slices) every Friday. We will only have a limited amount so it will be on a first come first serve bases.

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR**

We are excited to bring back SPPS Spirit Wear. Please use the link below or scan the QR Code to place your order

[https://stores.inksoft.com/silver\\_pines\\_public\\_school/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/silver_pines_public_school/shop/home)