

Silver Pines Parent **POST** December 6, 2024

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Upcoming Dates

December 16 - Photo Retake Day

December 19 - Character Assembly – Empathy

December 20 – Photo orders due

December 20 - Pajama Day!

December 20 - Holiday Winter Dance

December 20 - Last day of school

December 23 - January 3 – Winter Break



SNACK SHACK

Our Snack Shack will be open in December every Tuesday. We are selling treats for \$1 or \$2

PIZZA DAY

Please note that our School Council will be selling any extra pizza slices to students in Grade 4 - 8 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.

LOST & FOUND

Please remind your child(ren) to check our Lost & Found for any items that belong to them. We have some jackets, sweaters, etc., looking for their owners! All items will be placed in our front foyer for families to also go through. Please note we will be donating any items that are not picked up by December 20th.

SILVER PINES IS A SCENT FREE SCHOOL

We have many students and staff who are highly sensitive to various scents. We ask that you remind your children to refrain from spraying themselves with perfume, cologne, body spray/mist, etc.. Recently we have had to remind many students in Grade 7 and 8 around this. We appreciate your support.



HOLIDAY WINTER DANCE – FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

We are very excited to have our students participate in our Holiday Winter Dance a-Thon. We will have snacks for sale for \$1 and \$2. Students are invited to wear their favourite Holiday Winter **Pajamas!**

Winter Wonderland Spirit Day

Show your Silver Pines spirit by wearing your fun winter theme clothing (pyjamas, holiday sweater, etc.) on Friday December 20th.



SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

We are excited to bring back SPPS Spirit Wear. **All orders are due by December 16th**. Please use the link below or scan the QR Code to place your order

https://stores.inksoft.com/silver_pines_public_school/shop/home

LUNCH DROP-OFF

If you are dropping off lunch for your child, please do so before 12:20pm. You can leave the lunch on the table outside of the office with your child's name on it. We have sticky notes and pens for you to use. Children should not be meeting their parents at the door or outside. We also encourage students to come to school with their lunch already packed. **Food delivery services (e.g. UberEats, Skip the Dishes) will not be accepted.** Students are reminded not to share food, utensils or drinks.

We will make every effort not to interrupt instructional time. Please inform your child in the morning if you are dropping off lunch or other items.

BECOME A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

We are looking for caring individuals to help keep our students safe on their way to and from school. Apply online www.RichmondHill.ca or call 905-771-8800

Message from Our Trustee

December 2024

As we approach the winter break, I am happy to share a few updates from the Board of Trustees and to wish you all the very best for the approaching break and holiday season.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

In October, we launched our new Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Building Unity, Achieving Excellence. The plan sets out three priorities that will guide our direction and decision-making as a school board: student achievement, health and well-being, and human rights and inclusive education.

Family Engagement

Earlier in the fall, we hosted a series of **school council forums**, bringing together school council representatives for an evening of shared learning and discussion. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the important role school councils play in our system and to connect with families. Thank you to all of the family members who are supporting the work of our school councils, volunteering in schools, attending events and meetings, sharing information and getting involved in any way to support and strengthen our schools and school communities.

Some families have asked for tips on encouraging their children to share more information about their school day. Here are [some tips](#) that I hope you find helpful.

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families to support your child's education, we also recently introduced the **Family Dashboard**. The dashboard will offer you secure, one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. If you have not yet signed up, you can find more [information on the Board website](#).

Happy Holiday Season and Winter Break

For many in our community, this time of year includes significant dates and celebrations. For those who are celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. It is also a valuable time to connect with family and friends, as well as to rest and recharge. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Robert Kolosowski, Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4