

Silver Pines Parent **POST** January 10, 2025

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Upcoming Dates

January 15 - Author Visit (Amaya James) - Grade 1-3

January 23 - Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament

January 24 - Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament

January 29 - Lunar New Year

February 3 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30am

February 3 - The Toronto Holocaust Museum Trip – Grade 6

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday break with family and friends. We are excited to welcome our students back to school as we begin 2025 with much excitement and joy.

As we have been lucky with the arrival of snow and cold weather, kindly ensure that your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for outdoor play (boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, etc). Extra socks and gloves/mittens are suggested as these items can become quite wet during outdoor recess. Students are required to have indoor shoes to change into after recess in order to keep our classrooms and hallways safe for students and staff.

Snow Stays on the Ground

We recognize that snow can be very exciting for students to play with but as part of our responsibility to keep all of our students safe, snow must stay on the ground. Students are not allowed to throw snow balls at school. We have spoken to students about this at school and ask that you review these expectations with your child at home. We appreciate your support!

Hot Lunch Orders (SESSION 2): Session 2 of the Hot Lunch program begins February 3rd. Online ordering will be available from January 24 – 29. Stay tuned for more information

SNACK SHACK

Our Snack Shack will be open 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 basis.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year begins on **Friday, January 17, 2025**. Kindergarten registration is often a family's first encounter with YRDSB schools. The [Transition to Kindergarten BWW page](#) and the [School Planning Guide](#) are available to support school teams with planning a welcoming and inclusive transition to school process, including registration and spring Discover Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information sessions.

Kindergarten Registration Options for Families

Families can register using the following options:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop computer, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address.
- **By phone** - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.



FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Information Sessions

This year, our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place in French Immersion schools on January 16, 2025 at 7 p.m.. Program locations and additional information is available on our website. If families are unable to attend the information session, they can hear about the French Immersion program on the Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2025. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2024, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the

French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to register by February 10, 2025. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 10, 2025. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

AUTHOR VISIT – AMAYA JAMES - JANUARY 15

We are excited to welcome Illustrator and Author Amaya James to Silver Pines to read her latest book “Afro No” to our Grade 1-3 students.

TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH LAUNCH 2025 – JANUARY 15

Students, families and staff are invited to come celebrate Tamil Heritage Month with Arts, Literature Workshops, Cultural Performances and refreshments. Join us Wednesday January 15 at Maple High School from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Please register. See flyer. [Educators for Tamil Student Success \(ETSS\) Tamil Heritage Month Launch 2025](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP – JANUARY 15- 6-7PM

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is offering this session as part of the ***Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)***. This presentation will focus on understanding what social media is, the risks and benefits of social media use, some strategies to help youth manage their social media use, and resources. To register for this session, please complete the [Registration Form](#). On the day of the presentation, you will be provided the virtual presentation link

WELLBEING AND MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP – JANUARY 23

The Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) invites you to join us in an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help nurture, balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world. Please see the [flyer invitation](#) for more information and to register.

UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM – JANUARY 27 - Families of YRDSB Black Students January Information Session

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for our monthly virtual meeting, where families of Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools. Please see flyer [CBSE-Info-Session-Flyer-27-January 2025.pdf](#) for more information and to register.

LEARNING TOGETHER CONFERENCE FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES – FEBRUARY 18 AND 22

The York Region Child and Family Collaborative, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, York District Catholic School Board and EarlyON Child and Family Centres in York Region, invite families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025 to join us for a 2-Part Conference – *Please see flyer for more information* - [2025 Learning Together conference flyer](#)



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


TRIPLE P 0-12 STANDARD GROUP


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The Triple P Positive Parenting Program Group is for parents of children 2—12 years of age. During this 8 week virtual parenting group you will:

- Learn how to create a safe and positive learning environment for your child.
- Learn why your child responds the way they do, and how to support them during challenging moments
- Learn how to build your children's self-esteem and sense of self-worth.
- Learn how to teach children to become independent problem solvers.

 Tuesdays | February 04, 2025 – March 25, 2025

 6:30 – 8:30 PM

 Group Facilitators: Facilitated by Positive Parenting Association Ontario

 Zoom Meeting