

Silver Pines Parent **POST** January 24, 2025

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Upcoming Dates

January 27 - Lunar New Year Presentation - The Sunny Tang Performance Troupe

January 29 - Lunar New Year

February 3 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30am

February 3 - The Toronto Holocaust Museum Trip – Grade 6

February 3 - Session 2 of Hot Lunch Begins

February 10 - 11 - Dental Screening – Kindergarten, Grade 2 and 7

February 12 - Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day

February 13 - 14 - Swan Lake Trip – Grade 7

February 17 - Family Day – No School

February 18 - 19 - Swan Lake Trip – Grade 4

February 20 - 21 - Swan Lake Trip – Grade 2

February 18 - 21 - ART Career Fair

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION – JANUARY 24

In honour of International Day of Education, we would like to thank all of our staff for the work each of them do every day to support the achievement and well-being of our students.

LUNAR NEW YEAR – JANUARY 29



Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including but not limited to Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities. It is celebrated across the Asia-Pacific and diaspora communities around the world. This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February. The official names of the new year may differ depending on the country, such as Tết Nguyên Đán in Vietnam or Tahun Baru Cina in Malaysia. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

We wish all those celebrating Lunar New Year a very happy celebration!

We will be having a special Lunar New Year performance for students on **January 27th** by the Sunny Tang Performance Troupe.

“The Sunny Tang Performance Troupe - Wushu by Storm, is known for delivering thrilling performances that leave a lasting impression. As a primary entertainer for the Dragonball Gala over the past decade, we are proud to support the community and the initiatives of the Yee Hong Foundation as we usher in the YEAR OF THE SNAKE in 2025. From Lion and Dragon Dances to acrobatics, stunts, wire work, dance, and themed shows, we work with a host of talented performers to make any event more memorable. Our extensive experience in theatre and film production amplifies our professionalism through choreography, costumes, makeup, and artistry.”

Hot Lunch Orders (SESSION 2): Session 2 of the Hot Lunch program begins February 3rd.

The dates are as follows:

Mr. Greek - every Monday (Feb 3 - Apr 7)

Subway - every Thursday (Feb 6 - Apr 10)

Pizza Nova - every Friday (Feb 7 - Apr 11)

Online ordering will be available from Jan 24 - 29th. Please go to school cash online to place your order.

Kids Kitchen lunch programs will continue Wednesdays. Please go to www.kidskitchen.ca to place your order.

Morning Drop off & End of Day Procedures

In order to help us maintain safety and consistency with morning school arrival, we ask that you follow the following morning entry routines:

- **Morning Entry 8:15am – 8:30am** - students can enter the building between 8:15-8:30am. Supervision will take place inside of the building starting at 8:15am. **Please note that we support an early entry here at Silver Pines to avoid delays and heavy traffic around entry bell time**
- Bus students are to enter the school building using the FRONT entrance.
- Kindergarten students use the designated kindergarten gated area. There is no entrance for cars into the parking lot for our kindergarten families. Families are asked to park on the street and walk their child to the kindergarten gate.
- All other students walking to school or being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to use the BACK entrance on the primary tarmac
- Kiss & Ride Students being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to exit the car at the end of the Kiss & Ride lane and enter the building through the BACK entrance on the primary tarmac.
- **Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY). Exiting from the driver's side of the vehicle is unsafe due to the cars driving through the loop.**
- Children are not to exit the car at the entrance of the parking lot.
- Drivers are not to make U-turns in the middle of the parking lot or on the side streets.
- Please do not use the private property of residence and always be respectful of our neighbours.
- Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended **especially with children inside!**
- Please obey the road rules, crosswalks, and speed limits.

****Those arriving late after 8:30 am are to use the FRONT entrance as they will need to sign in as late. Please note that back door will be locked after 8:30am***

Parking is not permitted in the bus zone in the front. Cars may be ticketed by the city.

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.

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!

STORYTIME AND ACTIVITY – JANUARY 25

The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students – See flyer attached for more information

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. See flyer attached for more information.

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](#)*

G.I.V.E – GET INVOLVED VOLUNTEER IN EDUCATION

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience! See flyer attached for more information.

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
