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Upcoming Dates

February 3 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

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

Week of February 18 – Term 1 Report Cards Distributed Electronically

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.

SNACK SHACK

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

WINTER WALK DAY – February 5th

February is Winter Walk Month and on Wednesday, February 5, we are celebrating Winter Walk Day. Join us on our Walking Wednesday for this annual celebration of winter walking and active school travel

Our staff at Silver Pines PS are inviting students and families to participate in Walking Wednesdays and Winter Walk Month by walking to school with them.

Meet at Twickenham Park located on Canyon Hill Ave just west of Larratt Ln at 8:05 a.m. (see map below for reference) and discover how much fun walking to school can be. The attached map provides an illustration of the walking route from start to finish.

While being active, students and families are reminded and encouraged to dress for the winter weather and give yourselves extra time to travel slowly especially in wintery conditions.

All students who participate will receive a prize. We will also be distributing prizes to our bus students who are not able to walk.

So don't hibernate, come celebrate!



STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION NEWSLETTER

February's Mental Health Newsletter <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4534> for families and caregivers has a focus on Wellness at Home: Building a Foundation for Mental Health.

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

Message from Our Trustee

February 2025

Welcome to the start of the second half of the school year.

Congratulations to secondary school students who have completed exams and culminating activities and are ready to start a new semester, and to elementary school students for all their hard work in the first term. I want to remind families that when report cards are available, you can now access your child's report card through the [Family Dashboard](#).

For students looking at [course selection](#) for next year, the [Experience YRDSB pages](#) on our website will let you explore the areas that interest you and learn more about the courses, programs and opportunities available in your secondary school.

At the end of January, we recognized [Lunar New Year](#), commemorating the first day of the Lunar calendar. Throughout the month, we also recognized [Tamil Heritage Month](#). In February, we recognize Black History Month, I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#) for upcoming events to celebrate Black excellence and recognize the contributions made by Black Canadians. You can also find information about other upcoming significant dates and events for families.

The [Student Trustee election process](#) is underway for the 2025-2026 school year. Student Trustees play an essential role in our system, representing student voices at the Board table when we are making important decisions, and we greatly appreciate their contributions to our discussions. I would like to congratulate all of the students who put their names forward for the position and encourage all students in Grades 5-12 to take the time to vote.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank current Student Trustees Hayden Lai and Mitusaan Kugathasan and Indigenous Student Trustee Natalie Pitawanakwat for their hard work, leadership and commitment to student voice.

As a Board of Trustees, we have several important roles that affect the daily life in our schools and Board.

One of those responsibilities is to set the [policies](#) that govern the operation of schools in YRDSB. Policies cover important topics, such as [assessment and evaluation](#), [field trips](#), [homework](#), [dress code](#), [caring and safe schools](#), [health supports](#), [student leadership](#) and more. We regularly review Board policies to ensure they are updated and reflect the current context, [priorities](#) and needs of our community and system. An important part of this process is inviting feedback from the community, including families. You can find a [list of all policies and those currently out for comment](#) on our Board website and I encourage you to take a look.

Trustees are also responsible for setting the Board [budget](#). As we prepare to plan for the 2025-2026 school year budget, we will be once again reaching out to families and inviting you to share your input and feedback. Please take the time to review this information when you receive it; your voice is an important part of the process.

We are also working through the District Action Plan to reflect and align with the new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan outlines how we will achieve the priorities set out in the Strategic Plan and focus on serving all students.

I wish everyone all the best as we go into the second half of the school year.

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