

## *Silver Pines PS Contact Information*

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### Upcoming Dates

March 1 - 30 – Ramadan

March 10 - 14 - March Break – No School

March 20 - 21 - Naw-Ruz/Nowruz

March 28 – Character Assembly - Honesty

March 31 - Eid-ul-Fitr

April 2 – Family Fun and Wellness Night

**We will be rescheduling our Great Big Crunch and Spring Dance a Thon. New Dates will be shared soon!**

### MARCH BREAK – March 10 – 14



**Wishing everyone a happy and restful March Break!**



As we approach **Spring**, we are hopeful that a (well-deserved and much needed) change of seasons will soon be upon us. **Spring** is often cited as one of the favourite times of the year for many people. It is a time of renewal, new growth and new opportunity. Spring always brings forth a buzz of activity in the school and in classrooms, and may be a symbol of our continued efforts as a school community to work together in supporting and promoting the academic, social and emotional growth of our students.

We are now into the second term of this school year. In moving forward towards the goals of academic success and well-being, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) and the school on a regular basis if you have any questions in regards to your child's progress. We continue to encourage a proactive approach to productive and collaborative partnerships!

### **NAW-RUZ/NOWRUZ – March 20 - 21**

The beginning of spring also brings the celebration of Nowruz. Nowruz means New Day and is written and expressed as Naw-Ruz, Norouz, Nowrooz or Nowrouz depending on the community celebrating this day. The 'New Day' represents the New Year, which falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox, symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter, and is celebrated by multiple faiths, cultural groups and countries around the world, each attributing unique significance to the day.

For those celebrating **Naw-Ruz/Nowruz** on March 20 and 21, we wish you and your family a Happy New Year and celebrations.

### **RAMADAN – March 1 - 30**

As the holy month of Ramadan begins, we think of our Muslim students, staff and community. We wish you and your families health and safety during your time of fasting, prayer and reflection. At Silver Pines, students will have access to a fasting room during snack and lunch. For families who wish to access further supports or accommodations for their child during Ramadan, please speak with your child's teacher.

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – March 7**

The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day (IWD) 2025 is Accelerate Action for gender equality. Please join us in celebrating women's achievements, raising awareness against bias, calling out gender assumptions and challenging gender stereotypes and bias.

### **FAMILY FUN AND WELLNESS NIGHT – Wednesday April 2**

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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!**

We can't wait to see you there!

### **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

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