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Upcoming Dates

May 16 – Dental Screening

May 17 – **Go Fish Musical**

May 19 – School Track and Field Day (Grade 4 – 8)

May 22 – Victoria Day – No School

May 23 to 26 – Book Fair

May 29 to June 9 – Grade 3 and 6 EQAO

May 30 – Immunization for Gr 7 & 8 Students

June 2 – PA DAY

June 7 – End of Year BBQ



Wishing all of you celebrating Mother's Day this weekend, a **Happy Mother's Day**. We hope you take the time to celebrate and appreciate all the people in your life who have supported you and cared for you during this year and always!

Track and Field Day – May 19th

Our grade 4-8 classes will be participating in an outdoor **Track and Field Day** on **Friday May 19th**. Please note this is part of our Physical Education curriculum, so all students will be participating in the events. Students were given the choice to pick 2 track events and 2 field events. It is expected that students demonstrate responsibility by following the schedule of their events and remaining outside in between their events. We will be following our school rules/routines, therefore cell phones will be kept in lockers and won't be allowed outside on this day.

Please ensure your child has the following items on this day:

- suitable clothes and shoes for physical activities
- a hat
- sunscreen
- reusable water bottle
- packed lunch (students who go home for lunch are encouraged to stay at school this day)



The Come Up Summer Program 2023

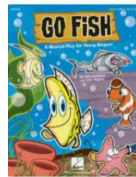
The York Region District School Board is pleased to announce The Come Up summer program 2023. This program offers self-identifying Black students who are entering high school in September 2023 with an opportunity to earn their first credit. Black students entering grade 9 will earn the grade 10 Civics/Career compulsory credit. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays) and swag.

The program takes place Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - Friday, July 28, 2023 from 8:45am - 3:35pm. Attendance is mandatory for the full duration of the program. Each activity/workshop will use an identity affirming approach with emphasis on student engagement to build positive self-esteem for Black students embarking on a new journey.

Students will earn/receive the following:

- Swag bags including t-shirts and resources;
- Free lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays); and
- First high school credit;

For more information and to register please see the [flyer](#).



Go Fish Musical - Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Grades One to Four (including the 4/5 class) will be performing in the musical "Go Fish".

"Go Fish" is a story of friendship, told by a cast of characters played by some of our Grade Three and Four students. Our classes will be singing songs throughout the show to move our story along. We hope to see you then!

End of Year School BBQ Celebration - June 7th - 5:30 – 7:30pm.

BBQ Order - Fire it Up BBQ will be onsite offering 4 different food combos which include either a hamburger, veggie burger, halal burger or hotdog along with a bag of chips and drink. Orders can be made on school cash online from May 5th to 19th.

We Need Your Help

We are asking families who are able to – please donate items for our raffle baskets. All items must be new. Donations are due to the office by May 26th

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Lunch Time Procedure

A reminder that students are expected to stay at school during the lunch time hour unless signed out by a parent or if you have indicated so at the beginning of the year through the online startup forms. If you would like to arrange for your child to walk home for lunch, you must complete the appropriate board forms using the link below <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>.

Students are not permitted to sign themselves out for lunch or for any other reason.

Please note that if you are dropping lunch off for your child, you can leave the lunch on the table outside of the office with your child's name on it. We will make every effort not to interrupt classes during instructional time. Food delivery services (e.g. UberEats, Skip the Dishes) will not be accepted. Students are reminded not to share food, utensils or drinks.

Please call the office if you have any questions in regards to this. Thank you for keeping our school and our students safe.

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 to 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. Thank you for your cooperation!

Cell Phones at School

A reminder about the use of cell phones in school. Cell phones and other personal communication devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight during instructional time, unless otherwise permitted by the teacher for instructional purposes. Cell phones are not allowed outside at recess, lunch or anytime in hallways or washrooms. If students need to contact parents, they are expected to do so through the office with the permission of their teacher. Students should not be texting at school, taking photos of any kind, or going on social media. Failure to abide by this may result in confiscation of the electronic device. Please speak to your child about this at home and help us keep our school safe. **Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office.**

YES I CAN AWARD

On May 10, 2023, a joint CEC Awards Ceremony was held with the York Region District School Board, York Region Catholic District School Board and the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children.

The Yes I Can Awards honor children and youth with exceptionalities who shine. Together we celebrated the accomplishments of students, while recognizing the educators, staff and parents who teach, support and inspire students with exceptionalities. Congratulations to all of our award recipient.



Students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) or Junior Division (Grades 4–6). These assessments, developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts, are administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario’s publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

At Silver Pines:

Grade 6’s will be writing EQAO week of May 29 - June 2, 2023

Grade 3’s will be writing EQAO week of June 5 - June 9, 2023

As consistent attendance is necessary. We kindly advise NOT to book any appointments or events during scheduled EQAO writing times.

Each assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each and four mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete. Each session or stage will be completed in one continuous sitting, and the sessions and stages may be administered throughout the administration dates.

Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO’s online sample test.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum* for reading, writing and mathematics, which are what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will complete the assessment in their regular classrooms with their current teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

In the fall, EQAO will share individual reports for all our students. Your child’s results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to Ontario’s provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from B– to B+. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that they will be ready for the next grade. The results of the assessment do not affect your child’s grades or report card in any way.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample test, visit EQAO’s website, www.eqao.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child’s teacher.

SCHOOLIMMUNIZATIONS

York Region Public Health is returning to your child's school for an immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) & Meningococcal vaccines. Vaccines are available for free to students in grades 7-12.

The Scheduled clinic day is TUESDAY MAY 30, 2023

A new consent submission IS NOT required for students who received vaccines at school in fall of 2022.

For students who did not receive vaccines at school in the Fall of 2022, it's not too late to submit a consent form. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT](#) to complete a school clinic immunization consent form.

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines click here to visit our webpage or call **York Region Public Health** at 1-877-464-9675