



# SILVER PINES PARENT POST

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In Orthodox Christianity, Holy Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, while Easter celebrates the resurrection. This is the most significant celebration of the year for Eastern Christian churches and Orthodox churches, and is celebrated in many different ways around the world. We wish everyone celebrating Orthodox Easter a joyful celebration!

## CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2024/2025

In the upcoming months, our teaching staff will begin organizing classes for the next academic year. A great deal of time, consideration and staff collaboration goes into placing students in balanced and positive learning environments.

## PARENT REQUESTS FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

A number of additional considerations are included in our decision making when creating classes. Regrettably, we are unable to accept specific teacher requests. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which would be most appropriate for your child. When teachers get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions. Should you have information to share with us, please email a letter to Ms. Zarif by May 27<sup>th</sup> at [sherry.zarif@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sherry.zarif@yrdsb.ca). The staff at Silver Pines care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give them the unique qualifications to recommend placement decisions. It takes hours of discussion, reflection, revision and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best organization for our school. Rest assured that the organization will include our best opportunities for student achievement.

## DRESSING FOR SPRING

Spring weather is upon us! This means we're experiencing a lot of wet and muddy conditions outside. Please pack an extra change of clothes for your child(ren) to keep in their backpack for emergencies as we are trying not to call home for changes of clothes! Please also ensure that your child has outdoor and indoor shoes.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

The York Region District School Board will be pleased to offer a variety of summer learning programs for students in summer 2024. Please see link <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/elementary-school/summer-programs>

## UPCOMING DATES:

May 3-6 Holy Friday (Orthodox) and Holy Easter

May 6 - May 10  
Mental Health Week

May 10- Youth Speak Presentations

May 14 - 16  
X-movement

May 16- X-movement Parent engagement event

May 17 - Track and Field (Gr. 4 - 8)

May 22 - Arts Night

May 27 - 31 - Grade 3 EQAO

### **X-MOVEMENT - May 14 - 16**

Silver Pines will be participating in X-movement, an engaging wellness program from May 14th to May 16th. With the support of our School Council Fundraising, the cost for students is only **\$4.00**. Please make payment on school cash online. Families are invited to join in on **Thurs. May 16 from 5:00-7:30pm**. Please see attached flyer. Thank you to our Parent Council for supporting this event.

**PLUSH TIME-** We are excited to introduce "Plush Time" to our Silver Pines students! Plush Time is a reading club designed to encourage students to continue to embark on their reading journey with the help of our intermediate students and plushies. Students in Grade 1 -2 are invited once a week on Mondays to the library at Lunch Time to read a book of their choice. We will provide students with a fun stuffed animal while reading. This club was created to encourage our younger students to read to improve their writing and reading skills, which will further impact their success in their school journey.

**SNACK SHACK-** Every Tuesday during the first half of recess, 10:10 AM → 10:25 AM The Grade 8 students will be selling snacks for \$2.

### **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.

### **END OF DAY - EARLY PICK UP**

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!

### **FREE ONLINE MATH HELP**

TVO Learn Mathify offers free online math help for students. [Please click on this link for more information.](#)

### **ARRIVING ON TIME!**

The instructional day begins at 8:30 am. Students arriving after this time are considered late for school.

***Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school as close to 8:15 am as possible, so that they are ready for the prompt, 8:30 am start to the instructional day.***

### **Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps**

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)



#### **DROP-OFF LOOP & PARKING**

**Safety is a collective responsibility.**

- **Drivers must stay in their car at all times**
- **Parking is limited and should be available for staff and visitors**
- **We encourage families to walk with their children to school**
- **The front drop off/pick up area is exclusively for taxis and buses**