

Silver Pines Parent **POST** October 18, 2024

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Upcoming Dates

October 21 – PA Day – No School for Students
October 23 - Community Safety Village – Grade 2
October 23 - Meet and Greet for Newcomers (9am-10am)
October 25 - Grade 7 Immunization
October 28 - Hot Lunch Begins This Week
October 28 - Lake St. George Grade 8 Parent Information Night (Virtual)
October 29 - Kindergarten Trip to the Farm
October 31 - Fall Dance-a-thon
November 4 - School Council Meeting
November 8 - Progress Report Cards distributed electronically (beginning Nov. 8th)
November 14 -15 – Parent Teacher Interview Night/Day (more information to come)
November 15 - PA Day
November 18 – 20 - Grade 8 Overnight Trip to Lake St. George
November 25 - Picture Day

Thank You

Thank you to Ms. Cathy Price who has been helping us in the office in the last few weeks. We are so grateful for all of her support. At this time, we welcome Ms. Linda Hayworth to our office team. Ms. Hayworth will be supporting our office team here for the next few weeks. We look forward to our work together.

Become a School Crossing Guard

We are looking for caring individuals to help keep our students safe on their way to and from school. Apply online www.RichmondHill.ca or call 905-771-8800



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming! – Nov 11 – 15

Every year Silver Pines hosts the Scholastic Book Fair/Sale in our Library for students and families. Our Fall sale will be held from Monday, November 11th to the morning of Friday November 15th. The library will be open for families to attend after school from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the evening of Parent Interviews (Thursday Nov. 14th) until 8:00 p.m., and the morning of the Friday P.A. Day (Nov. 15). Students will have opportunities to attend with their class during the week.

WANTED: Book Fair Volunteers

Ms. Jones is looking for a few more parent volunteers to help during the school days. Please email her at leslie.jones-lissack@yrdsb.ca if you're interested.

We hope to see you there!

Lunch Drop-Off

If you are dropping off lunch for your child, please do so before 12:20pm. You can leave the lunch on the table outside of the office with your child's name on it. We have sticky notes and pens for you to use. Children should not be meeting their parents at the door or outside. We also encourage students to come to school with their lunch already packed. **Food delivery services (e.g. UberEats, Skip the Dishes) will not be accepted.** Students are reminded not to share food, utensils or drinks.

We will make every effort not to interrupt instructional time. Please inform your child in the morning if you are dropping off lunch or other items.

Hot Lunch - We will be starting our hot lunch program the week of October 28th. This first phase will be from October 28th to January 30th

Monday – Mr. Greek

Thursday – Subway

Friday – Pizza

You can make your selections and place your order on school cash online

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> **All orders are due on October 17th**

Meet and Greet for Newcomers – Wednesday October 23rd from 9am – 10am

Silver Pines is hosting a meet and greet for newcomers. Join us in the library on Wednesday October 23rd from 9am – 10am. Translators will be present to answer questions regarding school and your community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Halloween is Coming!!!

As Halloween is approaching, we wanted to advise all families and all students celebrating this occasion in costume at school that they must comply with our Board's Safe School Policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are in non-compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy. Please note that the above policy applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten. As always, **Costumes must be respectful of others.** Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

Please be aware that at Silver Pines

- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.

We trust that this reminder will assist in preventing problems and promoting student compliance regarding this section of the Safe Schools Policy.

In addition, please note that while the celebration of "Halloween" is not part of Ontario Curriculum, some classes may choose to weave Halloween celebrations and/or traditions as part of the daily work and curriculum expectations for specific grades. Individual teachers may send notes home to inform you of expectations and / or options for wearing a costume. Regular

instruction and programming will continue as we take extra care to be inclusive in our practice at school and to ensure that everyone feels safe as per Board policy and protocol. If you have any concerns / questions, please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know.

Animals on School Property

A reminder that animals (including dogs) are not permitted in school and on school property. There are strict guidelines for schools to follow when bringing in animals. We ask families to please ensure to keep animals away from school property.

Reporting Attendance

Parents/guardians are asked to inform your child's school before 8:30am if your child is going to be absent or late to school. You can do so online by Edsby or calling 905-508-7303 option 1

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.

Lunch Time Agreement

Students who leave school property for lunch must have parent/guardian permission, otherwise students must stay at school. **The School Start-Up Permissions Form must be completed for all students and returned to the school.**

Students are expected to stay at school during the lunch time hour unless signed out by a parent or given permission on the school start-up form. 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.