

Silver Pines PS Contact Information

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Upcoming Dates

September 20-21: Swan Lake Trip (Grade 2s)

September 22: PA – No School for students

September 26-27: Swan Lake Trip (Grade 4s)

October 2: Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm

October 9: Thanksgiving – No School

October 12: Meet the Teacher Night

Welcome back! 😊

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students for a successful first week as well as welcome new and returning students and their families to Silver Pines P.S.

At Silver Pines we are committed to creating and fostering a warm, caring and supportive educational environment for your child. Throughout the year your child will be provided with many opportunities to grow intellectually, emotionally and physically within a framework emphasizing a positive self-concept. As collaborative team leaders, we strongly believe in and value a community school, where the school is an integral part of the community and serves students and their families by providing opportunities for life-long learning.

The school administration, staff and parents at Silver Pines have worked hard over the years to develop a clear focus and shared values between school and community. We look forward to working with all of you and welcome your input as we develop goals, set priorities, and establish expectations aimed at enhancing student achievement. If you have any questions concerning your child or specific programming concerns, please feel free to contact the school. Early communication between home and school is an important step in assuring that your child gets off to a positive start in his/her educational year.

Please see below important reminders.

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

Daily Entry and Exit Procedures

At Silver Pines, we have an open entry where students can enter the building between 8:15am-8:30am. Supervision will take place inside of the building starting at 8:15am. This means **that there will be no supervision outside of the school in the yard**. We will continue to have staff in front and side of our building to support with our Kiss and Ride program, Bus and Kindergarten entry.

In order to help us maintain safety and consistency with morning school arrival, we ask that you follow the following morning entry routines:

- Bus students are to enter the school building using the FRONT entrance.
- Kindergarten students use the designated kindergarten gated area. There is no entrance for cars into the parking lot for our kindergarten families. Families are asked to park on the street and walk their child to the kindergarten gate.

Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Crystal Yu
Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4