

# Silver Pines Parent **POST**

January 13, 2023



## Calendar of Events – Important Dates

- January 16** – School Council Meeting @7pm
- January 17** – Picture Retakes
- January 20** – PA Day – No School for Students
- January 20** – Kindergarten Registration Begins

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## Message from the Admin Team

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to our Silver Pines Community! We have had a successful first week back at school. It has been so lovely welcoming back our students and meeting some of our families. Our students are engaging in many exciting activities and we are looking forward to many more opportunities in 2023.

In the next few weeks, students will continue to be working hard on culminating activities as Term 1 is coming to an end. First Term Report cards will be distributed electronically to families the week of February 21, 2023. We encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's progress. Communication between home and school is an important factor to a child's overall success.

As a staff, we continue to develop our understanding in best inclusive programming and assessment practices to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our diverse students. We are also working as a team to create a positive school environment in which all students feel cared for and supported and all students can achieve to their full potential.

We are looking forward to all that 2023 has to offer and continuing to work with all of our Silver Pines family to support the academic achievement and the well-being of our students. We have our first School Council Meeting of 2023 this **Monday January 16 at 7pm** in the Library. We encourage all families to attend and get involved with the many opportunities that support our school.

We wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2023!

*Sherry Zarif*  
Principal

*Georgia Petinarelis*  
Vice-Principal

## Important Reminders

*Help your child start each school day ready to learn!* Punctuality is a life-skill that is valued by schools, employers in the work-force, and society. The bell rings at 8:30 a.m. at Silver Pines P.S. Students are expected to be in class by this time and if not, will be considered late and will be recorded as such. Please respect your child's precious learning time by scheduling appointments before and after school hours. Arriving late or leaving early affects your child's learning and it is also disruptive for the class.

## DAILY Routines

We continue to promote students and families to walk to and from school. For those that choose to drive, please use the **Kiss and Ride driveway** at the side of the school to drop off or pick up your child. Staff are here to support the transition of your child from the car to the building. Parents should stay in their car at all times.

**PARKING IN THE FIRE ROUTE IS PROHIBITED** at all times. If you do need to park at the school, please park in the parking spaces at the side of the school. Spaces at the front of the school are limited and reserved for our YMCA Day Care provider and school staff.

## TRAFFIC BYLAWS

Parking across the road on Waterhouse Way is not permitted. This area is being monitored by York Region Police. Please observe all street parking bylaws and follow the neighbourhood traffic signs as well as the directions in our Kiss and Ride drop off loop.

## REPORTING TIMELINES

This is the time that our teachers are busy writing reports for their students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher. Report cards will be available to parents virtually the week of February 21, 2023.

If you are looking for more information about the key elements of the report cards in your native language, please refer to the following links.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>

## School Council Update

If you are interested in joining the School Council now is the time to get involved! Please take this opportunity to get involved in your child's school. If you are interested please contact the office and we will give you more information. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 16 @ 7pm in the library.**

**Bell Let's Talk Day** is Wednesday, January 25. We are joining in and committing to take meaningful action to create positive change. Since 2011, Canadians and people around the globe have joined in the world's largest conversation around mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day. Together we have taken big steps to reduce the stigma around mental health issues, inspire one another to take action, and help create a Canada where everyone can access the mental health support they need. But it is clear more needs to be done. Throughout the month of January, the LWPS Well-Being Team is committed to spreading awareness and engaging in conversations about mental health to fight stigma. **Let's take action on Bell Let's Talk Day and all year long!**



**Kindergarten registration for the 2023/2024 school year starts on Friday, January 20, 2023**

Families can register using the following options:

1. Online Edsby by using this link:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/elementaryschool/kindergarten/kindergarten-registration>

2. Complete a fillable PDF found on: [Elementary School Registration](#) Form on the YRDSB website. Families need to email the completed registration form to the school's email: [silver.pines.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:silver.pines.ps@yrdsb.ca)
3. In person – visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form. Please call the school to set up an appointment.

### **FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION**

FI registration will begin on January 20, 2023. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to register by February 6, 2023. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

