

## *Silver Pines PS Contact Information*

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## **Upcoming Dates**

March 27 – Grade 7 & 8 Immunization

April – [World Autism Awareness Month](#)

April 6 - Passover

April 7 – Good Friday (No school)

April 10 – Easter Monday (No school)

Apr 12/13 – Swan Lake trip for Gr 2

April 14 – Holy Friday (Eastern)

Apr 18/19 – Swan Lake trip for Gr 4

April 19/20 – Scientists in School – Kindergarten

April 21 – Eid-ul-Fitr

Apr 25 – School Clean Up Day

## Ramadan

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and contemplation for Muslims.

During Ramadan, most Muslims fast during the hours of daylight and increase their focus on prayer and contemplation. At the end of each day the fast is traditionally ended with a prayer and a light meal called the iftar.

Ramadan is considered a time for Muslims to recommit themselves to cultivating spiritual renewal within themselves and their communities, as well as practicing compassion and generosity for others.

We acknowledge this time through activities that promote understanding and learning for all students, while being respectful and making space for learners that are fasting or observing Ramadan. Students who are fasting have access to a separate space during lunch. We encourage families to speak with their child's teacher if accommodations to learning are required during this month.

We extend our good wishes to staff, students, parents and members of the Muslim communities who will be observing Ramadan.

## **Important Lunch Time Procedure and Reminders**

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. 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.

## **SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS**

**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 **MONDAY MARCH 27, 2023****

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

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



The **proposed** YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

**Please note:** Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late **May 2023**.



The York Region Child and Family Collaborative in collaboration with the EarlyON Child and Family Centres in York Region invite families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2023 to join us for this 2-Part Conference! Part one is a virtual evening session on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Part two is a face-to-face session for parents, caregivers and their kindergarten children. There are two dates to choose from: Saturday, April 22, or Sunday, April 30, 2023. Register through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/child-amp-family-collaborative-17105126561>

Kids Kitchen – April Specials (see attached)