

Silver Pines PS Contact Information

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Upcoming Dates

October 30 - Picture Day – see information below

October 31 - Fall Dance-a-Thon – Spirit Day – See flyer below

November 1 – Grade 8 Trip to Richmond Hill High School

November 6 – School Council Meeting – 6:30pm



Silver Pines Family Survey!

We value your voice! **Make sure you're logged in using your child's gapps account** click on [Survey](#) to fill out a family survey so we can continue to provide engaging activities at school.

SMILE – It's Picture Day! – Monday October 30th

Families are reminded that our Picture Day is coming up on Monday October 30th. We will schedule a re-take day; however, class pictures will only be taken on October 30th. See flyer below.

FALL Dance a-Thon – Tuesday October 31st

We are very excited to have our students participate in our Fall Dance a-Thon. Please see flyer below. We will have snacks for sale for \$2. Students are invited to wear Fall colours of **orange** and **yellow**. If students choose to wear their Halloween costume. Please note the important message below.

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.



YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Monday, October 30th, 2023

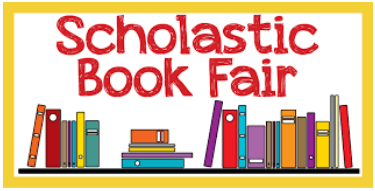
Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

! DON'T FORGET
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

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The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! Our Fall book fair will take place the week of **November 13th to the 17th.** Stay tuned for more important information including hours for families to come browse and purchase the amazing books on offer!

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.

Reporting Absence or Late

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

SILVER PINES FOOD DRIVE

November 1-21, 2023

All Donations will benefit the Richmond Hill
Community Food Bank.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Crackers; dinner mixes (Knorr noodles/rice); soups; small jars of instant coffee; baking items (cake and muffin mixes); flour; tinned pasta; boxes of cereal; small jars of jam or honey; baked beans in tomato sauce; mustard, ketchup and other condiments; size 6 diapers; feminine hygiene pads.

****PLEASE CHECK Best Before and Expiry dates on items****



Donation Boxes will be in Classrooms
and the front foyer of the school



Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

See attachment

YOUTH GAMBLING AWARENESS SERIES

This workshop series is designed to offer educational prevention sessions to adults involved in young people's lives on gambling awareness including potential risks, making informed decisions and healthy and active living.

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these free virtual sessions!

November 7, 2023: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Game Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling

This session explores unconventional forms of gambling available to minors, the signs of problem gaming and gambling and explores the potential risks of these activities. Parents will learn strategies on how to help your child make safe and healthy decisions and information on community support services will be provided.

November 14, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling

This session discusses items of value used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Financial risks of gambling will be explored while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

November 21, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Media Impact

This session will explore the increased youth exposure to gambling-related content on social media platforms while providing media safety tips for parents and information on community support services.

November 28, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stigma and Gambling

This session will define stigma associated with gambling while providing factual knowledge and awareness to support a compassionate approach to reducing stigma and facilitating an open dialogue. Information on community support services will also be shared.

[REGISTER](#) Now For These Free Sessions Today!



These free information sessions are organized by York Region District School Board in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Toronto Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP).

For more information please feel free to contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership

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