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Dear Families,

We were so happy to see many of you this week. Thank you for helping to make this first week back a success. Staff are very happy to be working with students and families again in the school.

By now you would have all received four emails from Silver Pines P. S.:

1. September 2: **Cohort Letter** (when your child is to come to school this week and next);
2. September 4: **Newsletter** (important safety information); and
3. September 8: **Class Placement Letter** (your child's teacher and information on first day procedures).
4. September 10: **Medical Forms** (sent only to students who have medical needs listed on file. **If your child has a medical issue and you did not receive the email, please contact the school office and we will send the forms to you.**

If you have not already done so, please read over all of the materials carefully, as we will not be duplicating information in each communication. This can be overwhelming to many. It is important that we all know the ministry/board/school expectations so that we can continue to keep each other safe.

Please remember:

*students must bring a snack, lunch and water bottle to school each day – drop-offs are not allowed

*students need to be dropped off between 8:15 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. They need to be in their classrooms ready to go for 8:30 a.m.

*students need to be picked up at 3:00 p.m. There is no supervision for students after 3:15 p.m.

Please take some time to review the important pieces in this newsletter. It will help ensure that you and your child has a successful year at school.

Thank you in advance for helping us to keep everyone safe and helping us to maximize instructional time.

We look forward to week two at The Pines!

Yours in education,

Nandy Palmer
Principal

Shauna Small
Vice-Principal

Arrival and Dismissal

Students will enter and exit through the doors as listed below. If you are walking with your child to these doors or picking your child up from these doors, **please maintain physical distancing from other students and their families.**

Teacher	Class	Room #	
Tierney & Cheung	KA	104	
Edwards & Asif	KB	109	
Carinci & Stevens	KC	103	
Saccucci & Quartarone	KD	107	
Doorway: Kindergarten Doors			
Hartlieb	1/2A	111	
Jones-Lissack	1A	108	
Green	2A	112	
Doorway: Primary Doors			
Sylver	3A	141	
Feldman	3B	144	
DiSevo	4B	117	
Doorway: Portables			
Teplin	4A	212	
Peckhover	5B	206	
Stein	5A	207	
Forrest	6B	210	
Doorway: Junior Doors			
Scarlato	6A	202	
Lam	7B	201	
Kaduk	7A	203	
Pappas	7/8A	204	
Doorway: Intermediate Doors (by Kindergarten Yard)			
Samuels	8A	231	
Radia	8B	229	
Doorway: Intermediate Doors (by Primary Yard)			
Sharon	CCA	101	
Bus students			
Doorway: Front Doors			

Silver Pines P. S. Staff 2020/2021

Ms. Tierney & Ms. Cheung	Kindergarten
Ms. Edwards & Ms. Asif	Kindergarten
Ms. Carinci & Ms. Stevens	Kindergarten
Ms. Saccucci & Quartarone	Kindergarten
Ms. Hartlieb	1/2A
Ms. Jones-Lissack	1A
Ms. Green	2A
Ms. Sylver	3A
Ms. Feldman	3B
Ms. DiSevo	4B
Ms. Teplin	4A
Ms. Peckhover	5B
Ms. Stein	5A
Mr. Forrest	6B
Mr. Scarlato	6A
Ms. Lam	7B
Ms. Kaduk	7A
Mr. Pappas	7/8A
Mr. Samuels	8A
Ms. Radia	8B
Ms. Sharon	CC

Ms. Avolio	Intervention Support Worker
Ms. Carson	Child and Youth Worker
Ms. Chan	Music/Prep
Ms. Crew	Intervention Support Worker
Mr. De Iullis	Developmental Support Worker
Ms. Gould	Secretary
Ms. Gregory	Special Education/Prep Coverage
Ms. Greig	Special Education/Prep Coverage
Ms. Hall	Intervention Support Worker
Mr. Ivanovski	Caretaker
Ms. Lam	French/Prep Coverage
Ms. Lobl	Prep Coverage
Ms. Morra	Admin Assistant
Ms. Palmer	Principal
Ms. Rotman	French/Prep Coverage
Ms. Small	Vice Principal
Ms. Suhr	Caretaker
Ms. Theile	Special Education Assistant
Mr. Toffelmire	Lead Caretaker

First Two Weeks of School - REMINDER

Please refer to the email sent out on September 2nd to determine when your child will be attending.

September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
Labor Day	Staff only	Staff only	Kindergarten SK full day Grades 1-8 1/2 of class (Group A)	Kindergarten SK full day Grades 1-8 1/2 of class (Group B)
September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18
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Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures

Like you, we plan on your child arriving to and departing safely from the school. For this purpose, the Board has provided the school with three separate driveways. On the North side of the school, is a “Kiss ‘N Ride” loop for parents. The parking spaces in the “Kiss ‘N Ride” loop are for staff members only. When picking up children, you must enter the “Kiss ‘n Ride” through the parking lot entry. Parents are asked not to use the designated bus loop lane for student pick-up, drop-off or for parking. The “**Bus Loop**” in front of the school is for school buses and taxis only. The south end parking spaces are for daycare use only. Visitors may park in the front designated parking spaces only. **Remember, this year, no visitors are allowed at school without an appointment or pre-made arrangements to pick up a child.**

Some students are not eligible for bussing while others are, as they live within the Board mandated walking distances. We strongly encourage you to walk your child to and from school.

If you must drive your child to/from school, for the safety of all, we are asking drivers to adhere to these simple rules for drop-off and pick-up:

- **DROP OFF:** When driving your child to school, before 8:25 AM, please follow the “Kiss ‘N Ride” loop, have your child ready to INDEPENDENTLY exit the car, drop your child off and proceed around the loop and back onto Stave Cres.
- Do not double park, or stop longer than necessary in the “Kiss ‘N Ride” loop, as it makes it impossible for other cars to pass by and safely drop-off passengers.
- At **PICK UP** time, the Kiss ‘N Ride loop can be used for student pick up. However, you will have to park your car in a designated parking area or circulate around the loop a few times until you see your child ready for pick up.
- Do not make a three-point turn in front of school entrances or anywhere in the school’s “Kiss ‘N Ride” loop.

Information for Kindergarten Parents:

- **DROP OFF:** Kindergarten parents/ caregivers need to park their car and walk their child to the kindergarten fenced play area at the back of the school. Supervision at the play area will begin at 8:15 a.m.
- **PICK UP:** Kindergarten parents/caregivers need to pick up their child from the kindergarten fenced play area at the side of the school. Children will be released to designated adults as per the dismissal forms filled out by parents on the first day of school. (See Book of Forms)

Your cooperation is appreciated. Only together can we maintain a safe pick-up and drop-off plan for your children.

Food Policy @ Silver Pines P.S.

All students and staff are entitled to safe and healthy learning environments in YRDSB schools. There are a number of students at Silver Pines P. S. with **life-threatening nut allergies**. There are three key categories to consider in providing a safe environment for anaphylactic students:



- information and awareness for the entire school community;
- avoidance of the allergen that causes anaphylactic reactions;
- an emergency response procedure in case of accidental exposure.

Please **do not send food to school that contain nuts of any kind, or imitation nut butter products**. There will be no sharing of food among students for any reason. Thank you for keeping the children safe!

Safe Arrival: Calling the School Regarding Student Absences

Please remember to call the school at **905-508-7303** to report your child's absence or late **before 8:30 a.m.** You may also leave a message between 4:00pm and 8:00am. When leaving a message, please state your child's full name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If a future absence is planned, please send your child's teacher a note indicating the dates and times of the expected absence. In the event your child is absent from school and the reason is unknown, the office will attempt to reach your home, work, cell and emergency contact. Failing that, we must contact York Regional Police. We rely on you to help us account for all the children quickly and efficiently each school day.

School Council

All meetings will be virtual this year. Our first meeting will be on **Monday, October 4th @ 6:30 p.m.** We will send out a link in the next newsletter.

Future Dates:

Nov. 9

Feb. 1

Apr. 12

Jun. 14

Meetings are open to all parents. We hope to 'see' you there!

Student Agendas

Each student from Grade 1 to Grade 8 will receive an agenda. Please use this tool to communicate with your child's teachers and to also keep abreast with homework and other activities your child may be asked to engage in. Remember, we are partners in your child's education and communication is key to this partnership.

Indoor Shoes

We encourage all children to have a pair of shoes to change into once inside the classroom. Walking around the classroom and school in wet shoes can be unsafe.

Student Medication

If your child requires medication in school, please bring the original container to the office labelled with your child's name and the correct dosage. Medication can be administered by school staff once a parent completes a Board form, "Administration of Medication". This can be obtained through the school office.

Student Health Plans

If your child has any serious health concerns such as anaphylaxis, epilepsy, diabetes, and asthma please ensure that we have a completed health care plan on file and the appropriate medication at the school. These forms were emailed out on **Thursday, September 10th** only to families who have a child listed with a medical issue on file. If you did not receive this email and you need a form, please contact the school office. **Students who are anaphylaxis are expected to wear an Epi-pen on their person at all times and an extra Epi-pen should be provided to the school to keep in the office.**

Evacuation Procedures

Should an emergency arise which necessitates that staff and students be moved away from the school premises, our alternate location is Father Henri Nouwen Elementary School.

YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol - Fair Notice

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019.

Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive. The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide.

In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice. Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the **YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol** on the on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/ guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided.

Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol please contact your school principal.

Protecting Student Privacy under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

At times throughout the school year, your child's first name and last initial, image or other information may be shared beyond the classroom and the school. This may happen, for example, during special events that attract media attention. Class and school newsletters, website and displays for events such as assemblies and seasonal celebrations are other occasions. **Parents, if you wish to exclude your child, please email Ms. Palmer immediately so that alternate arrangements can be made.**

*****NOTE:** Parents/Guardians personally recording school events and then publicly posting them on YouTube or Facebook, does not respect the privacy rights of all parents, staff and particularly students whose images they share without their knowledge or permission. These photographs and video clips cannot be controlled by the York Region District School Board nor can it prevent their further distribution or use.