

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on April 10 – please see the [OSSLT letter](#) that was sent home on March 8 also posted on the Newsletters page.

To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. On April 10, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:

- only Grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school (no regular classes for students in Grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

Summer School Information

[Summer learning information](#) is now available on the Programs page of the YRDSB website. Summer School will take place at various locations from July 4 – 27, 8:45 am – 3:33 pm. Students can register using Career Cruising. Locations and a list of available Summer School courses are available on the [YRDSB website](#). [Summer School eLearning](#) is also available. Students can pick up the permission form now in Guidance and can begin registering online on April 30. More information and a list of available [Summer School elearning courses](#) is on the YRDSB website.

Youth Innovation By Design Summer School Program.

Student learning throughout the course will be supported by guest speakers and mentors provided

through a pilot collaboration with York University's YSpace Markham and Innovation York. The course is available to students going into Grade 12, who have not already taken or are planning to take an IDC course next year. It will take place at York University's YSpace Markham at 169 Enterprise Blvd, Markham. The course runs July 4 – 27, 8:45 am – 3:33 pm. Registration is open now on Career Cruising bit.ly/YouthInnovation.

International Languages Program

Credit course information for 2018-2019 is available on the [YRDSB website](#) Registration opens on May 3.

School Council Parent Presentation

Join us for a free, informative seminar "[Having a Healthy Relationships with your Teen](#)" Thursday April 26, 2018 7:00PM – 9:00PM Please see the flyer for more details.

Graduating student information

Links to resources and information related to prom, the graduation event, graduation caps & gowns, graduation awards, and valedictorian applications. Goo.gl/xrB8b4

Free Math Help

Free 1-on-1 online math help with Ontario teachers is available for Ontario students grades 7 – 10. Live tutoring is available Sunday to Thursday 5:30pm to 9:30pm ET. Student and Educator resource materials are available 24/7. Create your free account at [TVOntario](#)

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

The York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and

feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall. Save the Date!

Monday, April 16, 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 6 - 8 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 1 - 3 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee

Antisemitism Consultation

The YRDSB is seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to antisemitism in York Region public schools. The YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC) will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations. Please join us April 29, 9:45 – 11:45am at Thornhill Woods Public School. For other dates, more information and registration details, please see the [flyer](#) on our website.

Islamophobia Consultation

The YRDSB is seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to islamophobia and experiences of Muslims in York Region public schools. YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC) will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations. Please join us April 20 3:30pm – 5pm at Maple High School, 50 Springside Road, Maple. For other dates, more information and registration details, please see the [flyer](#) on our website.

Community Involvement Hours

Forty hours of community involvement is a Graduation requirement. Submit your completed forms now. If you need help, please come to the Guidance office. A few friendly reminders for students volunteering:

- Ensure you are getting pre approval before beginning the volunteer opportunity;
- What other boards consider as acceptable hours may not be valid in York Region;
- Only “not for profit” opportunities are acceptable;

- If an organization or company tells the student they will receive hours, it is best to get pre approval in order to avoid any potential issues; and
- Community Involvement hours cannot take place during class time or during school hours.

College Open Houses April 2018

- **Boréal** <http://www.collegeboreal.ca/student-services/registration/important-dates/> Saturday, April 7
- **Cambrian** <http://cambriancollege.ca/events/spring-open-house/> Saturday, April 14
- **Canadore** <https://mycanadore.ca/canadore/> Aviation, College Drive & Commerce Court Campuses April 7
- **Fleming** <https://flemingcollege.ca/openhouse> Saturday, April 7
- **George Brown** <https://www.georgebrown.ca/discoverydays/> Saturday April 28
- **Georgian** <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/news-events/all-events/open-house/> Saturday, April 14
- **Humber** <https://humber.ca/futurestudents/tours-events/recruitment-events/spring-open-house.html> Saturday, April 14
- **Lambton** <https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/openhouse/> Saturday, April 7
- **Loyalist** <https://www.loyalistcollege.com/future-students/open-house/> Saturday, April 14 *A draw will be held for a \$1,000 bursary
- **Michener** General Campus Tours: <http://michener.ca/admissions/events-tours/campus/>
- **Mohawk Institute for Applied Health Sciences** <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/featured/open-house-events> Fennel Campus Saturday, April 7; Stoney Creek Campus for Skilled Trades Thursday, April 12
- **Northern** <http://www.northernc.on.ca/openhouse/> Moosonee April 5 Haileybury, Kirkland Lake and Timmins Campuses April 7
- **Sault** <https://www.saultcollege.ca/openhouse/> Saturday, April 14
- **Seneca** Newnham, Seneca@York, King, Markham, Jane, and Peterborough Campuses <http://www.senecacollege.ca/openhouse/> Saturday, April 7 *Win \$2,000 towards tuition!
- **Sheridan** <https://www.sheridancollege.ca/news-and-events/events/spring-open-house-april-2018> Saturday, April 21

- **St. Lawrence**

<https://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/programs-and-courses/full-time/open-house/> Brockville, Cornwall & Kingston Campuses Saturday, April 7

For a list of Ontario colleges, please see the following website: <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>

Life of Words Poetry Competition

The Life of Words is a research project based at St Jerome's University in the University of Waterloo. For the last three years we have hosted a poetry competition aimed at Ontario secondary school students.

The 2018 theme is "Write a poem about the meaning of a word." The deadline for submissions is April 27. Winning entries will receive cash prizes, books and magazine subscriptions for the author and their school library, and publication in the Life of Words Anthology 2018.

Full details, including our announcement flyer, suggestions for writing, and example poems, can be found on the competition website:

<http://thelifeofwords.uwaterloo.ca/poetry-competition-2018/>

Attendance Reminder

Please call the school to let us know if your child is or will be absent, whether it is for the entire day or for part of the school day. Please continue to keep our telephone number handy, (905)326-7994 ext 101. You may call 24 hours/day, or you can email us at stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca Please provide the following information:

- your child's name,
- the dates of the absence,
- the reason for absence,
- how to contact the parent/guardian if we have questions.

If a student has to leave during the day, he/she needs to have a written note AND is required to sign out at the attendance office.

Information Flyers

Various information flyers for community involvement, community events and workshops are posted on our website.

Online Payments are being accepted

We accept online payments for field trips, fundraisers, sports teams, yearbook, graduation, prom, Student Activity Fee, etc. Please use the following link to register. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

More information is available on our website

We update our school website frequently. Please visit it at stephenlewis.ss.yrdsb.ca

You can e-mail us any time at:

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The School Council at Stephen Lewis Secondary School Presents

A Free Parenting Seminar on Having a Healthy Relationship with Your Teen



Join us for a free, informative seminar to learn what it means to have effective communication with your teen. Learn about “front-loading”, how to fill their ‘power buckets’, consequences vs. punishments, rules and boundaries, and how to empower your child.

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Guest Speaker: Lauren Millman

In Private Practice since 2004, Lauren Millman is an accomplished Toronto Marriage and Family Counsellor, Best Selling Author, member of the Ontario Association for Family Mediation, and is a regular TV and Radio Guest-Host for Rogers, SiriusXM, and The Mediation Station. Lauren has a degree in Social Psychology and Behaviour and offers support to individuals, couples and families.

Date and Time:

Thursday April 26th, 2018

7:00PM – 9:00PM

Light refreshments will be served

Location:

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Please RSVP by April 20th:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mFLsjyG7wcV4eScP2>

