

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Interim Report Cards

Interim report cards were sent home today. Parents/Guardians may set up interviews for Thursday March 22 using the Edsby on-line booking system. Please watch the instructions on the Edsby website at <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/?help=parent-teacher-interviews-for-parents>

Course Selection Verification

This week students will receive a list of the courses that they have requested for the 2018- 2019 school year by their gapps email. To make a change to these courses, students: cross out the course they no longer want; write the name of the course that they do want; have a parent/guardian sign the form; and, submit it directly to the Guidance Office no later than March 26, 2018

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.

School Council Parent Presentation

All parents are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday March 26, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Library.

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

Thornhill Secondary School is presenting the workshop, “[Raising Positive Resilient & Happy Kids](#)” With International Speaker, Kate Jones Thursday, March 29, 2018 7:15 - 8:45 PM

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 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 6 - 8 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

Become a Host Family

YRDSB operates a robust [homestay program](#) where hundreds of international visa students are placed each semester. These students are interested in a full immersion experience where they can improve their English skills and experience Canadian culture first hand. Our board is looking for families who wish to host an international student. Contact Homestay Services if you would like more information or visit the [homestay webpage](#). Remuneration is paid to host families.

SHSM Programs

Attention Grade 10 students! If you are interested in a career in the Health and Wellness, Hospitality or the Business field, you may wish to apply for the Specialist High Skills Major Program! We are currently accepting applications from current grade 10 students for the next school year. Please review the SHSM Pathways flyers available in Guidance for program information. Interested students are invited to apply online now.

Army Reserve Co-op Students who are interested in taking the 4 credit Army Reserve Co-op should speak to Mrs. Boehm in the Co-op Office, room 129, as soon as possible. This experience is a joint undertaking of the various Southern Ontario school boards and 32 Canadian Brigade Group. This experience is open to grade 11s and 12s and it runs only during second semester. The primary location for the Co-op placement is at the Honourable John Graves Simcoe Armoury, 215 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, Ontario. This is a paid Co-op experience and students can expect to earn anywhere between \$9,000 - \$12,000 for the semester.

International Summer Opportunity for Students

The YRDSB is looking for **25 Grades 10 and 11** students **holding Canadian passports**, who would be interested in assisting ESL teachers in a high school setting in Taiwan, from July 20 to August 20, 2018. The students will be accompanied by teachers from York Region District School Board who will be going to Taiwan to deliver English Summer Camp programs for Grades 7-8 students at **various schools**. The Program looks for candidates who are: Excellent leaders; Independent; Creative; Good communicators; Good role models; Flexible; Team players; Good ambassadors for Canada and the YRDSB Please see the [information](#) and [application](#) posted on our website.

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
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