# **Stephen Lewis Secondary School**

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

# **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 <u>YRDSB website</u>. Summer School eLearning is also available. Students can pick up the permission form now in Guidance and register online. More information and a list of available <u>Summer</u> 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 <u>bit.ly/YouthInnovation</u>.

#### **International Languages Program**

Credit course information for 2018-2019 is available on the <u>YRDSB website</u> Registration opened on May 3.

# **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 <u>TVOntario</u>

# **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.

# **Community Information :**

Asian/South Asian Heritage Month Celebration Family Engagement Event! Join us for an evening of Interactive Booths, Educational Activities, Community Partnerships, and Community Building on Thursday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5. For more information see the <u>flyer</u> on the Newsletters page.

**African and Caribbean heritage** families of elementary and secondary aged children/youth are invited to join a free workshop: Knowing Your Rights: An Understanding of Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and the Special Education Process. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 6:00PM – 8:30 pm at Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4. For more information and to register, see the <u>flyer</u> on our Newsletters page.

**EQAO'S New Student Advisory Committee** is seeking Representatives for the 2018-2019 School Year! The Student Advisory Committee is a new group that helps foster a two-way conversation between Ontario's students and EQAO. Students are the focus of EQAO's work, and we value learners' perspective on everything that we do. As EQAO seeks to continuously improve its programs, we want to ensure that students' voices are being heard. The Student Advisory Committee is a unique forum for students to share their ideas and experiences. If you are interested in applying, see the flyer on the Newsletters page for application details.

York Region West Nile Virus Mosquito Control Program:

From May 14 to October 5, 2018, The **Regional Municipality of Yor**k in conjunction with the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board will be conducting a **larvicide program** under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health. The purpose of the program is to control larval mosquitoes to prevent their development into carriers of West Nile virus. For more information, see the <u>flyer</u> on the Newsletters page

The YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) has issued a Call for Membership Applications. Online Applications begin May 1 and close June 15. PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. PEAC is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13. For more information about PEAC, the positions available, and the membership process, please see the flyer posted on the YRDSB wesite.

### **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 <u>stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca</u> 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. <u>https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com</u>

#### 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: stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca