

## Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

### Looking Forward – University of Toronto Scarborough

Looking Forward is designed for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 and their families. Help your children start their university exploration with a campus tour and an information session that will discuss the Ontario university application process, admission requirements, financing and making the transition to university. Date: Wednesday June 6th from 7 – 9pm Visit: <https://utsc.utoronto.ca/admissions/looking-forward> for more information

### Exam/Assessment Expectations

The exam schedule has been posted in all classrooms.

- All exams/assessments must take place at the scheduled time and place. Please do not schedule vacation time, employment, leaving for camp, and appointments during exams.
- If you are ill and unable to be present at the scheduled time and place, please have your parent call the school immediately (905-326-7994). A doctor's certificate is required for you to complete the assessment at another time; illness does not exempt you. The doctor's certificate should indicate that the student was unable to write his/her exam/assessment, to avoid an academic penalty.
- During an exam/assessment, students may not communicate with other students. Only the resources permitted by the teacher may be on the desk during the exam/assessment. Cell phones and other digital devices are not permitted in the exam/assessment room. Academic dishonesty will result in a mark of zero on the exam/assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Administration in the Office. Now is the time to plan study time to prepare for your exams/assessments. We wish you success in all your courses!

### Graduating?

To ensure your graduation requirements can be reviewed, please ensure that you submit:

- Volunteer Hours by June 8
- Private School Marks by June 15

### 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 register online. 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](http://bit.ly/YouthInnovation).

### International Languages Program

Credit course information for 2018-2019 is available on the [YRDSB website](#) 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 [TVOntario](#)

### 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.

**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 [flyer](#) on our Newsletters page.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **Note to Parents Regarding Student Punctuality**

Many students repeatedly arrive late for school. Research data suggests that students who are habitually late are more likely to earn lower grades or to underachieve. Among other things, they miss out on classroom routines which are important to daily lessons, and also affect the development of their learning skills and their character. Punctual and regular attendance is one way through which our young people show that they can honour their obligations. Parents can support student attendance in several ways. For example, parents may consider:

- Discussing the matter of punctuality with their child and how developing good habits now will affect their success when they are earning a living

- Modeling punctuality consistently
- Planning with their children to ensure that they are sleeping and waking at reasonable times, and that they plan travel time to get to school on time
- Packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school in order to get out of the house faster
- Avoiding congested zones when they drive students to school, dropping students off at a reasonable distance from the school. The resulting physical activity is also healthy
- Following up with teachers when students are consistently late.

We also wish to remind all drivers to use extra caution near the school and observe all traffic signs and speed limits. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of our students.

#### **Important Information for Students Turning 18**

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18. If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the Consent for Information Sharing form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour. Students can obtain the form from the school 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](http://stephenlewis.ss.yrdsb.ca)

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