

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Mid-semester report cards

Mid-semester report cards will be given to students on Wednesday November 15. Parents are asked to complete the comment form and return it to the school by November 27, 2017

School Council

Next Meeting: November 20 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend. The agenda includes reports from students and staff and a presentation on post-secondary pathway options.

On December 7, join us for a [free, informative seminar](#) to learn: some of the signs of stress; and how to approach your child about stress and anxiety. We will also examine some of the effects of stress at home and at school and learn strategies for how to best to manage it. Please RSVP by December 1:

<http://bit.ly/2wfyCW6>

SAVE THE DATE for the **2017 AEBS Family Conference**, a Conference for Students (Grades K-12) and Their Families/Supporters. "It Takes a Village: Mapping My Journey to Success" will take place on Saturday, November 25, 2017, 9:00am - 2:00pm at Redstone Public School, 235 Redstone Road, Richmond Hill, L4S 2E2 (Leslie & Elgin Mills). See the [flyer](#)

Guidance Message

Workshops for students planning to apply to a post-secondary institution for September 2018 have taken place. Students are reminded that the deadline to apply to university for September 2018 is January 17, 2018, and the deadline to apply to college is February 1, 2018. Students who have questions about apply to postsecondary should schedule an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

Ontario University Programs: Want to learn more about programs offered at Ontario universities? Please visit the eInfo website: <http://www.electronicinfo.ca/>

Ontario College Programs: Want to learn more about programs offered at Ontario universities? Please visit the Ontario Colleges website: <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>

A list of all [university campus open-houses](#) is posted on our website

Students will be able to apply for OSAP at the same time that they do their college and university applications through the central application services. There will be a button at the bottom of the application that will allow students to set up a link between OUAC/OCAS and OSAP. Setting up a link allows certain profile fields and program-specific information to be prefilled with information from the student's OUAC/OCAS account. If students apply now, they can set up a link to OSAP and fill out their profile information. They'll be sent an email once the OSAP application is launched, asking them to come back and complete their application. Please see a guidance counsellor for more information.

Graduates are reminded to make their own appointments for graduate portrait packages offered by edge imaging. Enter the code LEW at www.bookmygrad.ca Appointments may be made from November 27 to December 8.

Grad Trips

Stephen Lewis SS and the YRDSB are **not** organizing a trip going to Punta Cana. As well, we are not organizing any trips to Wasaga Beach. We advise parents considering permitting their student to participate in these activities to fully research the company and the supervision provided by the company or other individuals not connected to the school or YRDSB.

Immunization Information

If you recently received a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, community clinics are a great way for your child to get immunized. Clinics are offered in Keswick, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan. To book an appointment, visit www.york.ca/immunizations and click on Community Immunization Clinics or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044. York Region Public Health Immunization Clinic will be held at Stephen Lewis S.S., Nov. 21, 2017.

If your child has received their vaccines, please update your child's immunization records in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

Flu Season Reminder

A Message from York Region Public Health: Flu season is on its way! Are you ready? See the important information about the flu vaccine and how to avoid getting the flu in the [flyer](#) on our website, or the York Region Health Services website.

Information from The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is releasing additional resources ahead of the January 1, 2018, launch of OHIPPlus: Children and Youth Pharmacare.

On the ministry's website

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/ohipplus_resources, you will find the following documents for downloading and printing:

- Factsheet for patients/families
- Postcards (available in 14 languages)
- Social media posts

Through this program, Ontarians aged 24 years and younger, who are OHIP insured, regardless of their family income, will be eligible for over 4,400 medications and drug products at no cost. If you have any questions about OHIP+, please send an email to OHIPplus@ontario.ca. For more information, please visit: Ontario.ca/OHIPplus.

Ministry of Education Student Advisory Council

The Ministry of Education invites Grade 9-12 students to apply for the Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC). MSAC is a group of 60 students from publicly funded schools all across Ontario who share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education. See the [flyer](#) or website, Ontario.ca/speakup

Community Involvement Hours

It is important for students to get pre-approval of the community involvement hours from guidance. Once the volunteer experience is complete, students submit the form to guidance.

Arts Camp

Interested students can now apply to be an Arts Camp Counsellor and Counsellor-in-Training using their GAPPs email at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ-7wZd1Ntj2Xgb1ZrfaR6YhViiSKc9J5iVvvtRdBFqBGlg/vie/wform> For more information, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>.

Club Listing

A reminder that our [student clubs are listed](#) on the student page of the 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 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.

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:

stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 15 Mid-semester report cards distributed in period 1
- Nov. 20 School Council meeting, 7:15 pm
- Nov. 22 Canadian Math Competition
- Nov. 23 Semi-Formal
- Nov. 24 PA Day, no classes
- Nov. 27-Dec. 8 Grad photos

The School Council at Stephen Lewis Secondary School Presents

A Free Parenting Seminar

Helping your Teenager Cope with Stress



Join us for a free, informative seminar to learn: some of the signs of stress; and how to approach your child about stress and anxiety. We will also examine some of the effects of stress at home and at school and learn strategies for how to best to manage it.

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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 December 7th, 2017

7:00PM – 9:00PM

Light refreshments will be served

Location:

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

555 Autumn Hill Boulevard, Thornhill, L4J 8X2

Please RSVP by December 1:

<http://bit.ly/2wfyCW6>