

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interview Night

Interim report cards were sent home on October 12. Parents/Guardians may set up interviews for Thursday October 19 from 6-8:30 using the forms distributed with the report cards. For more information, please contact your teachers.

After School Literacy Course

Starting this November your child will have the opportunity to receive extra help with developing their literacy skills in preparation for the literacy test, as part of the After School Literacy program. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 14 to December 14, 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Applications are available from Ms. Santorelli in Room 114

School Council

Thank you to the parents/guardians who attended the first school council meeting for 2017-2018. Annual Executive Election Results:

- Co-Chairs: Rebecca Haberman and Anna Klebanov
- Secretary: Liat Waisenberg
- Treasurer: Sharon Stolte

Congratulations & thanks to all candidates.

Next Meeting: November 20 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Interested parents are invited to attend the [Dream Big School Council Training Symposium](http://dreambig.schoolcouncil.ca/) on Saturday, October 28th at Bill Crothers SS in Unionville. For more information about the event, go to <http://dreambig.parentsengagedineducation.ca/>.

On December 7, join us for a [free, informative seminar](http://bit.ly/2wfyCW6) 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>

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 york.ca/immunizations and click on Community Immunization Clinics or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044.

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

Student Driver Information Required

All students who are driving to school must provide their vehicle make, model, colour, license plate number, etc. on the form available in the Main Office.

Guidance Message

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 of the college and university visits to Stephen Lewis this fall has been posted on our [website](#)

Engineering Problem Solving

Grade 9 and 10 students are invited to exercise their math abilities in a contest and apply their math skills to solve engineering problems for FUN & PRIZES on Saturday, October 28, 2017 2-5pm Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on September 30 at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold or October 21 at 5 PM whichever comes first. For additional information and registration link go to: <http://www.peoyork.com/eng-mathletics>

"Take Our Kids to Work" Day (TOKW) - November 1

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is a national initiative to provide the opportunity for our Grade 9 students to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. As suggested

by the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the program will help students begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work. On November 1, students will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative or family friend learning basic workplace skills. There will be no classes for Grade 9 students.

Please return the consent form to the school by October 25

For more information please visit the [TOKW website](#)

Volunteer Ambassadors

Punjabi Community Health Services (PCNS) and Social Services Network (SSN) are looking for Youth Ambassadors for community engagement! They are looking for youth ages 15- 18 who are interested in helping people learn more about mental health. Volunteer hours will be counted towards community service, and they will provide training. If you are interested, please see the flyers posted on the Newsletters page of the website'

Dropping off and picking up students

Please drive slowly, be mindful of the drop off zones and follow traffic signs to ensure everyone's safety. Please do not block the school buses, interrupt the flow of traffic in front of the school or park in the visitor or disability parking spots without a permit.

You should plan your arrival for students to be in class by 8:25 when O Canada starts our day. Our classes end at 3:00 pm. You should plan to pick up your student after that time, not before. Thank you for your assistance.

Free Online Mathematics Homework Help From The Ministry Of Education

[Homework Help](#) is an online math resource for Grade 7 to 10 students and teachers. Students log on to Homework Help and use an interactive chat room and electronic whiteboard, to obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teacher. Homework Help is free, live, and anonymous. Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30pm - 9:30pm and all sessions are recorded. To access the site, please visit www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org and create your user account

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:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 17	Grade 12 presentation on scholarships for college/university after school
Oct. 19	Parent/Guardian and Teacher interview night
Oct. 20	P.A. Day – no classes
Oct. 24, 25	Ontario College Fair, Enercare Centre, open to all students and families
Oct. 26	Grade 11 pathways presentation
Nov. 1	Grade 9 Take Our Kid to Work Day Grade 8 visit to SLSS
Nov. 2	Canadian Open Math contest Grade 8 information night

