

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Free Online Mathematics Homework Help From The Ministry Of Education

[Homework Help](http://www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org) 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

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 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Fresh From The Farm Fundraiser

We are excited to offer a healthy fundraiser to support our breakfast program that is educational, exciting and profitable. We are selling Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to our local school community – supporting our local economy and Ontario farmers. The fundraiser is from September 21 to October 9, with delivery in November. There are 2 produce bundles for sale: \$13 (for 5 lb white potatoes, 3 lb carrots, 3 lb yellow onions, and 3 lb sweet potatoes) or \$15 (for an 8 lb box of fancy grade Empire apples). Information about the fundraiser is available [here](#) You can order your bundles [on-line](#) on our payment site.

Dropping off and picking up students

It is wonderful to see many more students walking, riding bikes and taking public transit to and from school. Well done!!!

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.

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.

Important Emergency Information Required

If your child has a serious life threatening allergy or medical condition please complete the applicable forms and return them to the main office immediately.

- [Form #1](#) - Mandatory for ALL serious medical conditions
- [Form #2](#) - Required with Form #1 for those with life threatening allergies (anaphylactic)

Threat Assessment – Fair Notice

The well-being and safety of members of the school community are a shared responsibility. Attention to maintaining secure environments, hazard awareness, and practical planning for emergencies is important for all of us. This includes preventing and responding to the risk of violence. To continue to promote the safety and well-being of all, we have developed, with our community partners, Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures to respond to threats of violence, which includes informing families through the [Threat Assessment Fair Notice Brochures](#).

Guidance Message

Ontario University Programs: Want to learn more about programs offered at Ontario universities? Please visit the elnfo 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](#)

“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](#)

Resources for Parents

- [Parent Guide](#)
- [Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#)
- [Expert Safety Panel Recommendations](#)
- [Liability Statement](#)

Resources for Workplaces

- [Employers Guide: Planning for the Day](#)
- [Workplace Poster](#)
- [Certificate of Participation](#)
- [Expert Safety Panel Recommendations](#)
- [Liability Statement](#)

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>

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

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| Oct. 3 | Grade 12 post-secondary assembly to explain graduation requirements and college/university process |
| Oct. 4,5 | Guidance visits to Grade 9 classes |
| Oct. 9 | Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes |
| Oct. 10 | Photo retake day |
| Oct. 12 | Interim reports sent home with students |
| Oct 15 | Grade 12 presentation on scholarships for college/university during lunch |
| 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 |