

## **Stephen Lewis Secondary School**

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This is an information update from Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

### **A Message From Our Principal, Ken Shigeishi**

Dear parents, guardians, and students:

We extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families for 2017-2018. We hope you had a restful, enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to this new school year.

We have a wide range of quality programs, activities including clubs and teams, for our students. Our staff members are dedicated with a strong commitment to helping students achieve their goals and are focused on student achievement and well-being. We all strive to create an environment where everyone feels welcome, safe and valued.

This news bulletin is published regularly on our school's website. To ensure that you receive the link when it is published, please ensure that we have a current working e-mail address on file.

We all look forward to working together for a successful 2017-2018 school year.

### **Timetable Changes**

Our Guidance staff are working through requests for timetable changes as quickly as possible. Students are expected to attend the classes on their timetable until the changes have been processed.

### **School Council**

The first meeting of the School Council is Monday September 18, 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will include the annual election of a new executive for the Council.

### **Grade 9 Student leadership positions**

Grade 9 students who are interested in running for a position on Student Council or Student Athletic Association should complete the nomination forms. Elections will be held soon.

### **International Languages Programs**

The YRDSB offers International Language CREDIT courses at different high schools. Registration forms are available on the [board 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](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.

### **New Director**

Please be sure to read the important Letter to Families from the YRDSB Interim Director of Education, Kathy Wallace, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Lorelea Carruthers. The letter was posted on the Newsletters page of our website

### **Sports Team Tryouts**

Students interested in joining a school team should be sure to listen to the announcements for tryouts and practice, check the calendar on the bulletin board in the gym hallway. Tryout dates have already posted for:

- Sr Boys Basketball, Soccer
- Jr Boys Soccer
- Tennis
- Boys Hockey
- Girls basketball
- Jr, Sr boys Volleyball
- Boys Rugby 7s

**Enroll in our free after school literacy or numeracy programs**

We have a after school literacy and numeracy courses taught by our staff weekly from 3:00-4:30 pm to support the Grade 9 and 10 curriculum. There is no charge for this course. Applications are available from Ms. Santorelli in Room 114.

**Free Online Mathematics Homework Help From The Ministry Of Education**

The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre has partnered together to bring a new project called Homework Help to students. This year, all Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 - 10 have access to this resource. 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](http://www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org) and create your user account.

**Community Service Hours**

To graduate, students are required to complete 40 hours of community service. It is recommended that students complete these hours early in their high school career. Information regarding community service opportunities can be found on the bulletin boards in the guidance office. Community Service Hour forms must be submitted BEFORE starting the activities for approval and then submitted when the community service hours are completed.

**YRDSB Mobile App**

The York Region District School Board has an app that enables staff, students, parents and community members to quickly access information from their mobile devices.

Get the latest up-to-date news, student resources, school maps and contact information for trustees and senior administration. Users will also be able to access the Report It tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more. To download the app, visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or search "YRDSB" in your app store

**Pathways Information**

If you're thinking about attending an Ontario university, don't miss the **Ontario Universities' Fair** –the only event where you can visit all 21 Ontario universities in one place! The OUF is September 22-24, 2017, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and admission is free. You can talk personally with students, professors and senior university reps, get answers about programs, admission requirements, student life and much more. For more information go to [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca)

**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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