

Allergies/Medical Conditions

If your child has a serious or life-threatening allergy or medical condition, please let Stephen Lewis Secondary School know immediately and speak to the school office about completing the appropriate medical forms.

There are students and staff members in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens. If they smell or come into contact with these foods, they may have an anaphylactic reaction.

To help create an allergen-safe environment, do not bring nut or nut products to school.

Community Involvement Hours

All students must complete 40 hours of community involvement in order to graduate. The purpose of the community involvement requirement is to encourage students to develop an understanding of civic responsibility and the role they can play in supporting and strengthening their communities.

Eligible activities are performed for not-for-profit organizations that provide services to improve the community or well-being of its members. The York Region District School Board provides a list of eligible community involvement activities on its website: www.yrdsb.ca/students Students must obtain written approval from the school administration **before starting the activity.**



Looking Ahead

During the summer, when engagement fees are paid on-line, timetables will be emailed in late August, otherwise they must be picked up on August 30.

- Sept. 3 Labour Day Holiday (no classes)
- Sept. 4 Classes for Grade 9 only
- Sept. 5 Classes for all Grades, 9-12
- Sept. 12 Picture Day
- Sept. 17 School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- Sept. 24 P.A. Day (no classes)
- Sept. 26 Grade 9 Student Council Election
- Sept. 27 Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)
- Oct. 9 Photo Retake Day (colour packages)
- Oct. 11 Interim Report Cards sent home
- Oct. 18 Parent/Guardian Interviews



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WELCOME TO GRADE 9 2018-2019

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First Week of Classes

Tuesday, September 4, 8:25 a.m.

The York Region District School Board is committed to helping students make a comfortable and smooth transition from elementary to secondary school. The first day of school, Grade 9 Orientation Day, is dedicated exclusively to Grade 9 students and their parents/guardians.

The first day of classes for Grade 9 students is **September 4**. We have planned an exciting and informative day! Students are to be at school before 8:25 am. The day will start with all Grade 9 students in a welcome assembly and large group activities. For the rest of the day, students will meet in small groups with their senior student ambassadors who will lead various activities to help everyone meet their classmates, get oriented to our school, use their lockers, organize their materials, and learn how to be successful in secondary school. A BBQ lunch will be served (the cost is included in the engagement fee). The day ends at the regular time, 3:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians of Grade 9 students are invited to join us in the library for a presentation at 8:25 a.m. until approximately 10:00 a.m.

Activities for Grade 9s will continue for the rest of the month. On Freezie Friday, senior students will lead activities on the school field. Guidance staff will visit Grade 9 classes, there will be elections for the Grade 9 representatives, AND MORE!

The staff of Stephen Lewis Secondary School are very excited to bring our students an exciting school year. Our student ambassadors and student activity councils are organizing an eventful welcome week and a year filled with activities, spirit days and much more.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and are ready to meet new friends and work hard when you arrive here in September. You and your family will become part of the SLSS family as we all work together to inspire learning.

P. Burzese P. Belmonte, A. Grieco
Principal Vice-Principals



Communication with Home

At Stephen Lewis Secondary School we offer several methods of communication to share information on a regular basis with our parents/guardians homes. A calendar of school events and our news bulletins are posted on our school website, stephenlewis.ss.yrdsb.ca. We also provide daily attendance reports to parents and guardians using e-mail and phone calls. In order to provide you with up-to-date attendance reports and other information, we request that all parents and guardians submit current e-mail addresses; these can be updated by sending your e-mail address to stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca.

Get Involved in School!

All students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities to develop new skills and meet new friends. Look for more details during welcome week!

Clubs

Some clubs include yearbook, DECA (business club), Chess Club, gaming club and GSA (Gay-straight alliance). Some clubs such as Community Sharks and Red Cross raise funds for outside organizations. Look for details in September!

Sports

Some teams include soccer, tennis, golf, badminton, cricket, rugby, track, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, baseball and slo-pitch. Get more information about try-outs during welcome week!

Watch for the Elections for Student Council and Athletic Association!

School Council

All parents are encouraged to attend our school council meetings. The first meeting will be held on Sept. 17, 2018 @ 7:15 p.m. in the Library.

Student Engagement Fee Information

This fee supports activities that strengthen the sense of community in our school by providing a broad range of opportunities that occur before school, at lunch and after school. The fees collected offset the costs of a photo ID card, \$5.00 towards student printing, a lock, school wide activities, school supported guest speakers, wellness activities and events, intramural sports programs throughout the year and subsidizes the participation cost for dances, clubs and teams (including team transportation). Your support helps our school to continue providing a range of opportunities for students and the school community.

For Grade 9 Students, the engagement fee includes the cost of the BBQ lunch on September 4.

Agenda Book The agenda book will help students organize and plan their time and school work.	\$3.50
Phys. Ed Uniform (mandatory for safety reasons) The package includes shorts and 2 t-shirts. -Extra Shirt each -Extra shorts each	\$31.45 \$7.70 \$16.10
Yearbook	\$45.00

How to pay: July 3, 2018

- Online—Avoid the line up** and pay at any time online using debit or credit card – go to <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to set up your online access. You can pay the engagement fee beginning **July 3** and your timetable will be emailed to you in late August. Print and bring the receipt on Sept. 4 to pick up the purchased items (agenda and uniform).
- On August 30, come with cash or a cheque payable to Stephen Lewis Secondary School and put the student's name on the front of the cheque. Post-dated cheques are not accepted. Please note that an NSF charge will be added to all cheques returned to the school for insufficient funds. Bring the receipt on Sept. 4 to pick up the purchased items (agenda and uniform).

Timetable Information

When student engagement fees are paid using our online system, the timetable will be emailed to you in late August. Students may also come to the school on August 30th to pay in-person by cheque or cash and receive their timetable.

SPC Card

Start saving on all the brands you love with an SPC card. Get the card to save daily on your favourite fashion, lifestyle and food brands. **An SPC card can be purchased for \$10.00 online at www.spccard.ca by using our school promotion code 46884 (Stephen Lewis SS) .**