

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

September 3 First Day of Classes
September 12 Safe School Assemblies
September 13 Safe School Assemblies
September 16 Photo Day
September 16 School Council Meeting @ 7:15 Library
September 23 P.A. Day
October 21 P.A. Day
November 15—P.A. Day



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WELCOME TO GRADE 9 2019-2020

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First Week of Classes
Tuesday, September 3, 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.

First day of classes for Grade 9 students is **September 3**. We have planned an exciting and informative day. Students are to be at school before 8:25 a.m. The day will start with a Grade 9 student WELCOME assembly and various large group activities. For the rest of the day, students will work 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.

Mr. Burzese Ms. Grieco, Ms. Shiffman
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. For the latest school news follow us on Instagram and Twitter

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 wrestling, 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 September 16 in the Library at 7:15 p.m.

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, 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). \$5.00 from this fee is put towards student printing. Your support helps our school to continue providing a range of opportunities for students and the school community. **The cost to participate in many events and athletic teams will be reduced based on payment of the student engagement fee.** For Grade 9 Students, the engagement fee includes the cost of the BBQ lunch on September 3.

\$50.00

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

\$31.50

\$7.70

\$16.10

Yearbook—A collection of memories and photos from the school year

\$45.00

How to pay: School fees can be paid on School Cash online at:

<http://stephenlewis.ss.yrdsb.ca/> or at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

School fees can be paid on School Cash online beginning **July 2, 2019**. School Cash Online is the preferred method of payment. Pay at any time online using debit or credit card. You will need your child's student ID number to register and this is the same student number they had in grade 8. **Please ensure payments are made before August 26, 2019.** Print the receipt from Cash Online and bring it with you on Sept. 3 to pick up the purchased items (Agenda Book and Phys. Ed uniform).

Semester one timetables, along with locker information, will be e-mailed to students the week of August 26, 2019. Students should check their GAPPs email account. Locks for individual lockers will be provided by the school. This lock is the only lock students may use. This lock is school property and must remain on the locker at all times.

SPC Card

Start saving on 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 beginning in September. Our school promotion code will be available in September.