

## Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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### Friday November 23rd is a PA Day for Students

#### Mid-Semester Report Cards

Mid-Semester reports cards were distributed to student on November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents are asked to complete the comment form and return it to the homeroom teacher by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

#### Guidance Message

All YRDSB schools are currently in the process of transitioning to the web-based platform, my Blueprint, which will assist students in Grades 7 to 12 with their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) and course selection. This platform is supported by the Ministry's Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools – *Creating Pathways to Success* (2013). Moving forward, the Education and Career/Life planning tool will be referred to as **“My Pathway Planner” when communicating with students and families**. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be able to access this tool by clicking on the **‘My Pathway Planner’** icon on the public YRDSB website.

#### Graduation Photos

Graduation Photos will be taking place starting the week of November 26 thru to December 7<sup>th</sup> in Room 102. A graduation photo session can be booked at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Students will need to enter School Code:LEW and their student number to get started.

#### School Council

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our next meeting on **Monday November 19th**, at 7:15 p.m. in the library.

**Flu Season Reminder:** A message from York Region Public Health: Flu season is on its way! Are you ready? See the important information about the flu vaccine and how to avoid getting the flu in the attached flyer or for more information visit the York Region Health Services website.

#### Arts Camp

Interested students in grades 10-12 can now apply to be an Arts Camp Counsellor and Counsellor in Training (CIT) using their GAPPS email.

- Applicants must complete the online form [LeadershipApplication](#) in its entirety.
- Applicants must also upload a current PDF version of their resume when prompted in the online form.
- Students require parental/guardian consent and support of a referring teacher and school administrator to apply for a Leadership position at Arts Camp.

Students not selected for one of these leadership positions will be encouraged to apply for a camp counsellor position. The deadline for all applications is Thursday, November 22nd, 2018

**Attendance Reminder**

Please call/e-mail 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 e-mail address and telephone number handy: [stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca) (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.

**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>

**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 for approval BEFORE starting the activities and then submitted again 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.

**Upcoming Events**

November 21 Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Contest (Periods 1 and 2 in Rm 157)  
November 22 Semi-Formal – Terrace Banquet Hall

**More information is available on our website.** We update our school website frequently.

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