

## Stephen Lewis Secondary School

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### Principals Message

Hello, to staff, students and the community of Stephen Lewis Secondary School. I would like to thank everyone for being very welcoming and supportive as I began my term here on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The students of this school are hardworking, respectful and focused on their educational goals. It has been my pleasure to be a part of a very dynamic educational community.

I want to wish you all a very enjoyable and restful Christmas/Holiday Break. Take time to relax and enjoy family and friends and re-charge your batteries for the final days of Semester One upon your return on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Parents, please reinforce with your son/daughter that they have only 13 school days before the commencement of Examinations.

Some suggestions for students upon their return after the break are:

1. Begin reviewing for your exams on a daily basis and do not leave the studying until the night before the exam.
2. Finish off and hand in any assignments that are due and/or outstanding as they will make up a significant part of the final mark.
3. Make sure to complete and participate in the culminating activities as these will also account for a good portion of the final mark.
4. Make sure that you are certain of the correct date of your exams and be on TIME!!!
5. Get help, support and clarification from your teachers as needed.

*John G. Tsourounis*

### Winter Break 2018 Shutdown

Friday, December 21, 2018 will be the last day of classes, and students will be returning back to school Monday January 7, 2019.

### Exams

The period by day exam schedule will run as follows: All exams will commence at 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, January 24, 2019:** All period ONE exams

**Friday, January 25, 2019:** All period TWO exams

**Monday, January 28, 2019:** All period FIVE exams

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019:** All period FOUR exams

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019:** All period THREE exams

**Thursday, January 31, 2019:** Exam Feedback Day/Inclement Weather Day

**EQAO – Grade 9 Math Assessment** takes place on both January 16 and 17 in Grade 9 Math classes. The Grade 9 Assessment counts for 5% of the students' final mark.

### **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:

(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
- spell the last name and first name of the student
- the dates of the absence
- the reason for absence
- how to contact the parent/guardian if we have questions

### **Signing in/out**

If a student must leave during the day for any reason, he/she must sign out at the attendance office with parent/guardian permission. Parents/Guardians are asked to call or visit the attendance office to sign-out a student during the school day. Please do not call/text your child during class time asking them to leave class. The teacher will only allow students to leave class if they receive a call from the attendance office. Without parental/guardian consent, the student will be required to remain in school. Upon return from their appointment, students must sign in at the attendance office.

### **Guidance Message**

Course Selection Presentations for Grade 9 – Grade 11 students start on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We encourage all parents/guardians and students if they have not already done so to log in and activate the My Pathway Planner Account. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be able to access this tool by clicking on the 'My Pathway Planner' icon on the public YRDSB website.

### **How to access myBlueprint with their YRDSB provided account information:**

Students will.....

- access 'My Pathway Planner' using the icon on the YRDSB public site or the following URL: <https://mypathwayplanner.yrdsb.ca> .
- select the 'EDU' Domain.
- enter their Student Number and YRDSB Password on the log-in page.
- then be redirected to myBlueprint after successfully logging in.

### **Excellence and Merit Awards**

Our Awards Celebration will be taking place on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria to celebrate our 2017-2018 students' successes. Invitations have been sent home and all parents/guardians are asked to RSVP at [stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.ca) by December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. We look forward to celebrating these fine achievements with everyone!

### **School Council**

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our next meeting on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:15 p.m. in the library.

**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**

December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Locker Cleanout
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Meeting
January 23	Last Day of Classes for Semester One
January 24 <sup>th</sup> – January 30 <sup>th</sup>	First Semester Final Exams
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Exam Feedback
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Second Semester starts

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

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