



Tails from the Shark Tank



Stephen Lewis Community Newsletter

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Principals Message

We are starting our final wrap up to the year and getting ready for graduation. A helpful tip for families attending the graduation is to show up a bit early and to carpool. Parking is limited and we don't want you to miss a moment of graduation because you were searching for a parking spot. It is important that you remember your wristbands and have them on so that we can get everyone in quickly and smoothly. There will be a couple of changes at SLSS in September. Vice-Principal Patrick Belmonte will be leaving us and heading to Unionville High School. We wish him all the best at his new school. Elissa Shiffman will be joining as and taking over for Mr. Belmonte as Vice-Principal.

To our Shark Family have a great summer and see everyone in September.

Paolo Burzese

Principal

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Exam/Assessment Expectations

The exam schedule has been posted in all classrooms.

- All exam/assessments must take place at the scheduled time and place. Please do not schedule vacation time, employment, leaving for camp and appointments during exams.
- If you are ill and unable to be present at the scheduled time and place, please have your parent call the school immediately (905.326.7994). A doctor's certificate is required for you to complete the assessment at another time; illness does not exempt you. The doctor's certificate should indicate that the student was unable to write his/her exam/assessment to avoid an academic penalty.
- During an exam/assessment, students may not communicate with other students. Only the resources permitted by the teacher may be on the desk during the exam/assessment. Cell phones and other digital devices are not permitted in the exam/assessment room. Academic dishonesty will result in a mark of zero on the exam/assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Administration in the office. Now is the time for your child to plan study time to prepare for exam assessments. We wish them success in all their courses.

Final Exam Dates

The exam schedule will run as follows:

*Monday, June 17, 2019 – Period 3 Exams – Grade 12 only (no grade 12 classes)

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – Period 4 Exams – Grade 12 only (no grade 12 classes)

Please note: Exams written on June 17 and 18 will have various start times throughout the day.

Exams running from June 19 – 25 will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – Period 1 Exams – Grades 9-12

Thursday, June 20, 2019 – Period 2 Exams – Grades 9-12

Friday, June 21, 2019 – Period 5 Exams – Grades 9-12

Monday, June 24, 2019 – Period 4 Exams – Grades 9-11

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – Period 3 Exams – Grades 9-11

Wednesday, June 26, 2019: Exam Feedback Day/Contingency Day

Semester 2 Final Report Cards

Report Cards will be available for pickup in the Main Office first week of July. Report cards may be withheld until all outstanding textbooks/materials have been returned and/or library fines have been cleared (CASH ONLY).

Graduation Information for Graduating Students

Graduates are entitled to invite two guests; graduates will receive two red wristbands for their guests to wear in order to gain entry to the graduation event. Due to fire code regulations, only guests with red wristbands will be admitted. Lost wristbands cannot be replaced. Each graduate will receive a blue wristband that must be worn at the graduation event by the graduating student. If additional wristbands become available, an announcement will be made on the school twitter/Instagram feed @SLSSYRDSB.

When you receive the gown, please take the gown out of the package as soon as you get home and hang up the gown to remove any wrinkles.

Instructions for the evening of June 25th are listed below:

1. All graduates should arrive at Hazelton Manor, 99 Peelar Road, Vaughan, Ontario at 5:30 p.m.
2. Bring your cap and gown with you to the ceremony
3. Wear your blue wristband on your wrist
4. The Graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m.
5. Name Cards will be distributed. Please keep this card handy; you will need it to line up and be called to the stage. You will have the option to print out the phonetic spelling of your name on the card.
6. At 6:45 p.m., you will prepare for the ceremony and line up in alphabetical order/numerical order.
7. A professional photographer will take your picture while you are on stage. Photos from this event will be available online at www.edgephotos.ca. The category is Graduation and the password is **LEWP191TV**, photos will be available from July 5, 2019-September 5, 2019.

Graduation is a formal occasion and deserves the co-operation of all in attendance. It is expected that students and family members/guests all show respect for all of our graduates by planning to remain in their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony.

We strongly encourage guests and graduates to carpool to the event as space may be limited. Please do not block driveways and obey all posted parking signs and restrictions.

You're Final Report Card, Diploma and Official Transcript will be available for pick-up in the main office first week of July.

We congratulate all graduates and look forward to seeing you at the ceremony.

Stephen Lewis Secondary School Graduation Committee

Secondary Summer School

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration and credit recovery/reinforcement course during the summer. The hours for all courses are 8:45 am to 3:33 pm.

- Acceleration courses start Wednesday, July 3 and ends Friday, July 26.
- Session 1 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Wednesday, July 3 and ends Monday, July 15.
- Session 2 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Tuesday, July 16 and ends Friday, July 26.

Please visit [Secondary Summer School 2019](#) for more information.

- Credit Recovery/Reinforcement is for students who have:
 1. not been successful in gaining the credit; AND
 2. received the recommendation of the home school principal.
- Bussing is provided for Credit Recovery/Reinforcement courses.
- For bussing area service for each Summer School see the [Secondary Summer School Boundaries](#) Map.
- Courses listed are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment, classroom and teacher availability.
- CHV20 & GLC20 courses are for both Reinforcement and Acceleration students.
- Summer school staff do not have access to student OSR's. Students may wish to provide any pertinent educational information to the Principal that may help in supporting student success.

2019 Secondary Summer School Acceleration 4 Week Program – July 3-26

Registration is now open

9 Locations Available

Students can register on line using myPathway Planner until June 28th. Registration can also be done on site July 2, 3 and 4th with limited availability as course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and classroom, teacher availability.

Transportation is not provided for Acceleration courses. For more information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca

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. 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

Adult ESL Summer Classes

YRDSB is offering summer adult ESL language classes in order to better support our families. These classes are free, aside from a \$5.00 consumable fee to participate (Please note that those in Canada with a Visitor status are welcome, although they will have to pay fees to participate, as they are not eligible for government funding).

Please see the attached flyer and for more information contact the Uplands office for specific information about class locations and times.

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.

Important Information for Students Turning 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if their child is under 18. If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the Consent for Information Sharing form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behavior. Students can obtain the form from the school office.

School Fees for 2019-2020 School Year

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. Please ensure payments are made prior to August 26, 2019.

2019-2020 Student Schedules

Semester One Timetables along with Locker information will be email to students the week of August 26th, 2019. Students should check the 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. Grade 11 and 12 students will be assigned to a shared locker.

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 or search "YRDSB" in your app store.

Important Dates

June 17	Grade 12 Exams Only
June 18	Grade 12 Exams Only
June 19-June 25	Exams - Grade 9 – 12
June 25	Graduation
June 26	Exam Feedback Day
June 27 and June 28	PA Day – Summer Holidays begins
July 2 – July 4	Report Card Distribution in Main Office
September 3	First Day of School
September 16	Photo Day

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