

DECEMBER
2023



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School Day Schedule

8:45 am Entry

8:55-10:35
Learning Block

10:35 - 11:05
Recess

11:05– 12:45
Learning Block

12:45-1:45
Lunch

1:45-3:25
Learning Block

3:25
Dismissal

The Stonebridge Story

Website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonebridge.ps>

Email: Stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

Follow us on twitter: @StonebridgePS

Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

Wow, it is already December! We have had a relatively mild start to the winter. This has made playing outside more enjoyable for the students, although they loved playing in the snow a couple of weeks ago. Many of our students made snowballs that they rolled around the field until they became giant snowballs. This is a common activity in the snow.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 is our next school council meeting. We are inviting all parents to attend. Please consider being part of conversations as we make decisions around school operations that support our students. The meeting will start at 6:30 in the staffroom on the first floor. We hope to see you there!

This is just a reminder that Winter Break begins on Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024. School will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024. Many people celebrate various holidays this time of year, and we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun-filled, joyous holiday season. All the best for a healthy and prosperous New Year! We hope that you get an opportunity to connect with family and friends, doing the things that you enjoy doing. Enjoy the winter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in January!

David Williams
Principal

Elaine Ricketts
Vice-Principal

Health, Screening and Absence Reporting

Health Reminders

As winter approaches, it is also a good time to review how to [protect yourself from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses](#).

Screening: Students and staff who have symptoms of illness can [take the COVID-19 self-assessment here](#). Individuals can screen daily for signs of illness and stay home when sick.

Hand Washing

The single most important thing you can do to control infections is to keep your hands clean and those of the children in your care. [Correct handwashing techniques](#) are taught and encouraged in schools.

Essential Health and Safety Message

If your child is sick with Covid-19 or flu-like symptoms, you need to keep them at home until their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if they had nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea) and they do not have a fever. The health and safety of our students, staff and families remain our priority, and we will continue to follow the direction and guidance of the Government of Ontario and York Region Public Health.

Report an Absence/Late

If your child is going to be absent / late, please report via Edsby before the bell time. If you do not have an Edsby account or need help with setting it up, please contact the office @ 905-887-2427.

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE/LATE: LOGIN TO: yrdsb.edsby.com / CALL 905.887.2427

ROM Winter Break Offer for Students

We are pleased to offer a 15% off discount admission coupon to Stonebridge P.S. students, staff, and their families to continue their learning this Winter Break and enjoy a visit to ROM.

ROM for the Holidays returns with activities for all ages starting December 26, 2023, until January 7, 2024. In addition to exploring art, culture, and nature throughout our [permanent galleries](#), we also have several feature exhibitions this season with loads of fun educational content: [Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#), [Death: Life's Greatest Mystery](#), and [more](#).

On Now at ROM, [Death: Life's Greatest Mystery](#) asks the big questions about life and death. Book tickets at [rom.ca](#).



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ROM

Home to more than
13 million objects spanning
art, culture, and nature.



15% OFF
ROM ADMISSION

Book tickets at [rom.ca](#) Enter
promo code **YRDSB15**

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Turn your admission ticket into a membership, ask at the Admissions Desk. Offer valid until January 31, 2024. Valid for 15% off per admission ticket. Limit 4 guests per coupon. Cannot be combined with other offers. Membership offer must be redeemed on-site and on the same day of visit. ROM is an agency of the Government of Ontario.



Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can APPLY for the Arts@Baythorn full-time school program 2024-2025 (For students going into Grade 5 or 6 in Sept 2024).



The **Arts@Baythorn** allows students to explore
Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music
Integrated into learning each and every day in a
Collaborative and Cooperative learning environment.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.

Application Registrations opens: January 15, 2024 and closes January 29, 2024 (late applications not accepted)

Collaborative Workshops held: March 4, or 5, or 6, 2024 (these dates are firm)

Kindergarten Registration 2024–2025



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2024

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 begins Friday, January 19 from 8:30 am for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2024, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.

By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL SCREENING 2023-2024

Community and Health Services
Public Health Branch



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Dental health contributes to general health and well-being. This letter is to inform you that dental screening will be conducted at your child's school by a Registered Dental Hygienist.

All students in grades JK, SK, 2, and 7 will be screened as well as others as requested by parents/guardians.

Dental screening consists of a quick look in the mouth using a single-use mirror for each child. School screening does not take the place of a regular dental check-up. York Region Public Health follows Oral Health Protocol, 2021 of the Ontario Public Health Standards from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

How will I receive my child's screening results?

- Parents/Guardians will be notified of screening results using the email provided by your child's school
- If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's screening results instead of an email, please call us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Parents/Guardians of children with urgent dental findings will be contacted by phone and your child may be rescreened at their school on a later date to confirm that treatment has been initiated

If you would like your child screened every year, and they are not in one of the grades listed:

- Notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date by leaving a message at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Provide your child's first and last name (including the spelling), school, grade, date of birth and phone number
- Once we receive notice, your child will receive dental screening every year while attending this school

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in screening:

- Notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date by leaving a message at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Provide your child's first and last name (including the spelling), school, grade, date of birth and phone number
- Once we receive notice that you do not want dental screening, your child will not receive future dental screenings while attending this school

Healthy Smiles Ontario

If the cost of dental care would create financial hardship, you may be eligible for the [Healthy Smiles Ontario \(HSO\)](#) program. HSO provides no-cost emergency care and routine dental care such as checkups, x-rays, fillings, and preventive services such as cleaning, fluoride treatments, and pit and fissure sealants for eligible children.

Collection of Information

Please note that any information collected during your child's dental screening is done in agreement with the Health Protection and Promotion Act. Records of parent requests to exclude children from screening, as well as requests for yearly screening, will be maintained while the child remains in the stated school.

In addition, the collection, use, disclosure, and disposal of this information is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act. Any questions regarding this collection may be directed to the Privacy Officer, located at 17150 Yonge Street, 6th Floor, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 8V3, and 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74056.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the dental program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388. For more information about York Region Public Health dental programs and services you can also visit york.ca/dental

Sincerely,

Management and Staff of the York Region Public Health Child and Youth Dental Program

CHILD AND YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAM

The Regional Municipality of York, 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket Ontario L3Y 8V3
1-877-464-9675 ext 74388 | TTY: 1-866-512-6228
childrens.dental@york.ca



HOW TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Community and Health Services
Public Health Branch



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will be receiving a **secure** (encrypted) email from York Region Public Health. It will include important information about your child's school dental screening results.

To open the encrypted email from childrens.dental@york.ca and/or dental.screening@york.ca, please follow the steps below.

Step 1 - Open the encrypted email and select **"Read the message"**

Step 2 - Select the preferred option:

Option 1: Sign in with a "Google Account" or

Option 2: Sign in with a one-time passcode

- Go back to your inbox and check for a new email with the subject **"Microsoft Office 365. Your one-time passcode to view the message"**
- Get your passcode and return to your open internet tab to enter the code
- Enter the passcode and select **Continue** to access the document

Tips

- Open an encrypted email from your desktop, not a mobile device and close multiple tabs open to the internet
- Use the one-time passcode method

Troubleshooting

- Click [here](#) for further help on "How Do I Open a Protected Message" or
- Watch this [short video](#) about opening an O365 Encrypted Email

Questions/concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns opening the email please contact us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388.

Visit york.ca/dental anytime for oral health tips and information.

CHILD AND YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAM

The Regional Municipality of York, 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket Ontario L3Y 8V3

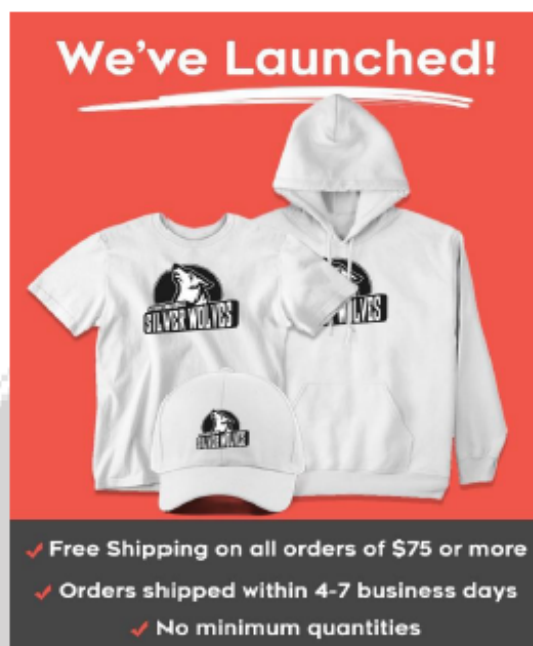
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Hello Silver Wolves, Spirit Wear is here!!!



<http://stonebridgeps.entripyshops.com/>

Our Spirit Wear will be available for
order online through the above link.
Delivery to your home!

You have the ability to customize your
order with colour and lettering!

Order now!! Proceeds to support the school!!

Link: <https://stonebridgeps.entripyshops.com/>

Inclement Weather

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001

[Board](#) and school websites

[@YRDSB](#) X(formerlyTwitter) account

Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

Inclement Weather Procedures

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School Bus Cancellation Notice

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and Environment Canada forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.
- If regular home to school runs are cancelled, Charter trips will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM	
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CFTO Barrie CFTO TV GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

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Nut & Scent Free Environment

This is a reminder that many students and staff have life threatening allergies to nuts. As a result, we ask that all snacks and lunches are nut free. Please take the time to read the labels on snacks to ensure they are nut safe. We also ask that you do not use peanut butter substitutes such as Wow Butter. **Nutella is a nut product and must not come to school.**



The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. To help keep the air healthy for everyone, our school has a scent-free policy.