

NOVEMBER
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>

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Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

We are seeing a significant temperature drop in the last couple of weeks in comparison to the beginning of the month. It's nice to feel the cool, crisp air on your face in the morning on the way to school. Please ensure that students come to school prepared for the weather with all their winter accessories. As a reminder, students go outside for a half hour each morning recess and for forty minutes at lunch recess.

Volleyball season is in full swing here at Stonebridge. We had an intermediate girls and boys team who played at the area tournament recently. They demonstrated improved skill, determination and good sportsmanship. We are very proud of them. Junior girls and boys volleyball teams are now underway. They are practicing diligently, working on their game in order to prepare for the upcoming area tournament. We graciously thank all the coaches for their time and efforts in preparing the teams for competition.

We have a Scholastic Book Fair running from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, 2023. Students can make purchases when their class visits the book fair and families are welcome as well each day after school until 4:40pm. We thank our teacher-librarian Ms. Leung and all the volunteers for all the work they are putting into running the fair. Proceeds from the fair will go towards resources for our school.

Please remember that if your child is going to be late or absent from school to contact the office to let our staff know. This enables us to know the whereabouts of students which ensures their safety. Thank you for doing your part to keep Stonebridge students safe!

David Williams
Principal

Elaine Ricketts
Vice-Principal

Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham Wards 2 and 6



COMING SOON

SECONDARY ARTS SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOL'S PAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION, USE THE SCHOOL LOCATOR TOOL



[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#)

November 6th



[Huron Heights SS](#)

November 28th



[Unionville HS](#)

November 1st



[Westmount CI](#)

November 20th



YRDSB REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS ARE STRIVING TOWARD INCLUSIVE
AND ACCESSIBLE SPACES SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD STRATEGIES.
ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER AND APPLY.

REMINDER Registration Opens on Edsby November 10, 2023
and closes December 1, 2023

 **Stonebridge
Book Fairs 2023**

Exclusively for
Silverwolves
Nov 30th –
Dec 6th 2023



Superheroes
Supply Store



Be a
Superhero
Today!



Stonebridge Times

Calling for All Superheroes In Training

Read a book;
Get the power!
Be a superhero today!

When

Nov 30th – Dec 6th

Class Library Visit Time &
After School 3:40 – 4:40

Where

Library Learning
Commons



Villains who have a change
Of heart will be welcomed!



Books can take you
Up, up, up



All profits will go to
Stonebridge to support our
Superheroes in training.



Math Card Games

There are many fun games you can play with a [deck of regular playing cards](#) that support math fluency.

24

Goal: Be the first player whose three cards have a sum of 24.

How to Play: Deal out 3 cards to each player and place the remaining cards face down in a pile between the two players. (Face cards = 10, Ace = 1 or 11)

On their turn, a player draws a card from the deck and discards a card from their hand into the discard pile.

The game continues until all three of one player's card has a sum of 24.

Variation: After a player achieves a sum of 24, they place those cards in their score pile and draw 3 new cards from the deck. The game continues until the deck is completed. The player with the most cards in their score pile wins.

Variation: Before the game begins, players can decide a number between 5 and 30 their target number.

Go Fish Addition

Goal: To have the most cards in your score pile at games end.

How to Play: Each player receives 5 cards, the remaining cards are placed in the draw pile. On their turn players may request a card from their opponent, i.e. "Do you have a four?". If the opponent has a four they must give it to the player, if they do not, they respond with "Go Fish" and the player draws a card from the deck. (Face cards = 10, Ace = 1 or 11)

The goal of the game is to collect as many sets of cards which equal a predetermined sum. (example: If the sum is 10, a player with an 8 and 2 can place those cards into their score pile)

A player can use pairs or triads of cards to equal up to the predetermined sum. (Example: The cards 2,3,5 can also be scored if the goal is a sum of 10)

At the end of their turn, if a player has less than 5 cards, they may draw additional cards from the draw pile until they have 5 cards in their hand.

Players continue to take turns until the cards are gone or they are no longer able to make pairs or triads. The player with the most cards in their score pile is the winner.

(It is recommended predetermined sums range between 10 - 25)

Twenty-Four

Goal: Use 4 cards to create an equation with a solution of 24 using any operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division).

How to Play: Players are dealt 4 cards, a player must create an equation with a solution of 24 using any combination of operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) in a sequence. (Face cards = 10, Ace = 1 or 11). On their turn, a player may select a card from the deck or the discard pile, they must then discard one card, face-up, to the discard pile. If a player succeeds they add their four cards to their score-pile and draw four new cards from the deck. When the deck runs out the game ends, the player with the most cards in their score pile wins.

Order of operations matters.

Example: 2,2,6,8 could be played $(8-2) \times (6-2) = 24$.

Variation: Before the game starts, players can select any predetermined goal.

Please visit the [board's math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

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/>

Report Absences or 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**

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.