



# Spartan Speaks Weekly

Friday January 12, 2018

## ATMOSPHERE

*S.D.S.S. is a model of learning excellence providing a rich diversity of academic and social opportunities. Its caring, dedicated staff and responsible, motivated students encourage the development of values and character to promote lifelong learning.*

<http://www.stouinvilleschoolss.yrusb.edu.on.ca/>

for more information.

## GRADE 9 MATH EQAO

Students taking grade 9 Math this semester will write the EQAO assessment on Thursday January 18 and Friday January 19 in their regular math class. This assessment is included as part of students' final evaluations. Please ensure that your son/daughter is well rested and in attendance to write this important assessment. Contact your child's math teacher, or Ms. Parris if you have any questions.

## JANUARY 2018 EXAMS

Semester 1 Exams take place from January 25 to January 31, 2018 – please see the schedule posted on our website. Please note exams can only be written on the days that they are scheduled during the exam period. Please do not plan vacations or appointments during a scheduled exam, as **exams cannot be rescheduled or written at a later day**. The only exceptions are for severe illness (accompanied by a medical note) or court dates (documentation provided).

## Students with IEPs:

Grade 9 math students writing EQAO in January have selected their accommodations. A letter outlining these accommodations has been sent home.

**Exam accommodation** forms will be distributed to students with IEPs starting December 13th.

## Free Seminar – Raising Awesome Kids

SDSS invites you to attend Gary Drenfeld's presentation "Raising Awesome Kids" on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Learn how to create the conditions that will help you build a great relationship with your kids. Parenting can be a challenge, but also a reward! Please RSVP at [sdss.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:sdss.seminar@gmail.com) to confirm your seat. Please see flyer on our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

## Photo Retake Day

Grad Photo and Photo retake day will be on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet in the main office starting February 6<sup>th</sup> so students can book a time to have their photo taken. Students who missed the photo opportunity in semester 1 will also be asked to have their photo taken.

## SDSS Semi-Formal

Mark it in your calendars and 'Save the Date' for Semi-Formal @ Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall on Thursday, February 15th, 2018. **Ticket sales are now available online** until January 15 only.

## **Waterloo Math Contest**

Preparation sessions for students grades 9 to 11 who wish to write the Waterloo Mathematics Contest are taking place every Wednesday after school in room 2041. The Waterloo Mathematics Contest for students in grades 9 to 11 will take place on February 27. To register for the Waterloo Math Contest, students are asked to see their current math teacher or Mrs. Baumgartner in the room 2036.

## **Equity and Inclusivity Working Groups: Call for Community Members**

The YRDSB's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC) created four sub-committees to engage family/parents and community voice and ideas with regard to ways to counter Anti-Black Racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism, and Classism within the context of education. The EIAC subcommittees are launching multiple Community Consultations. As such, the **Anti-Black Racism and Classism Sub-Committees** are slated to host community consultations in **January and February 2018**. These consultations will also provide a summary of the Ministry's recent review of YRDSB and in turn the Board's response to equity-based recommendations in the Ministry's report. The Antisemitism and Islamophobia community consultations will be conducted in April/May 2018. For more information, please see flyers on our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

## **Tamil Women's Group Information Sessions – Family Services York Region**

Family Services of York Region invite you every Tuesday evening starting January 23/18 at Stouffville District Secondary School for information on positive parenting skills, effective communication, managing stress and many more topics discussed weekly. For registration and more information please see flyer on our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

## **Stouffville Tamil Heritage Month Celebrations**

Join us for free celebration, cultural programs and Tamil food on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> at Stouffville District Secondary School. For more information, please see flyer on our school site under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

<b>CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS</b>				
<b>Jan 2018</b>				
<b>MONDAY 15</b>	<b>TUESDAY 16</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 17</b>	<b>THURSDAY 18</b>	<b>FRIDAY 19</b>
Presidents Council Meeting 3:55pm			EQAO Grade 9  Raising Awesome Kids 7:00pm-9:00pm	EQAO Grade 9
<b>MONDAY 22</b>	<b>TUESDAY 23</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 24</b>	<b>THURSDAY 25</b>	<b>FRIDAY 26</b>
Locker Cleanout Period 1		Pajama Day	Final Exam – Period 1 course 9:30 am	Final Exam – Period 5 course 9:30 am

## **No Parking / Designated Fire Routes**

### **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED FIRE ROUTES**

Any designated Fire Route needs to be clear of vehicles and ready for use by emergency vehicles.

In an emergency (fire, medical, lock down etc.) time is of the essence and emergency vehicles need access.

***Fire Routes are signed "No Parking." What does that mean?***

1. This means that you cannot stop your vehicle and get out of the vehicle even for a short period of time.

2. You must obey the signs at all times regardless of the time of day or night.

In 2017, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will adopt a zero tolerance approach to vehicles parked in designated Fire Routes. By-law Officers, Parking Officers, and Fire Prevention Officers will be issuing tickets when infractions are witnessed, to ensure the safety of all those using our schools and other buildings within the Municipality.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact: Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire & Emergency Services at **905-640-9595** OR By-Law Department at **905-640-1900 Ext. 2258**

**Important bussing information sent from our Student Transportation Services of York Region**

**School Bus Cancellation Notice**

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

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 weather 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 may not be 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.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- 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.**

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	105.9	107.1 FM

**TELEVISION**

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

**Please check out the following web sites for current Board and school information:**

- 1) York Region District School Board - [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)
- 2) Stouffville District Secondary School - <http://www.stouffvilledistrict.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

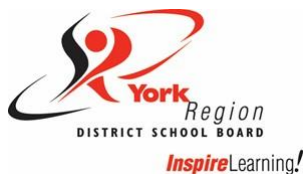
**SDSS Contact Information**

905-640 1433:

Reid Wilshire, Principal

Ranjit Gill, Vice Principal  
Karen Parris, Vice Principal

Loralea Carruthers, School Trustee – East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville 905-953-0562



## **EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

### ***Community Consultations***

**You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:**

**Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families**

#### *Agenda*

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
  - Board
  - School
  - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

### **Dates, times and locations**

Thursday January 18, 2018 6:00pm – 9:30pm  
Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5  
(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4  
(Lunch will be provided)

### **Registration**

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips [freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca](mailto:freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca).

## **EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

### *Community Conversations*

**Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?**

**We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.**

**Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.**

January 15     Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7     January 22     Sutton District

HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0     January 29     Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave,

Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4     February 5     Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5

February 12     Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

***All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm***

**Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.***

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

**Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis 905-895-3126**

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