



# Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

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Mar 6, 2020

## Interim Report Cards

All students received their Interim Report Cards in class on Thursday March 5, 2020. These reports indicate how students are faring in their courses, which can be discussed at Student Progress Interview Evening.

## Student Progress Interview Evening

If you wish to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's progress to date with teachers you may log into your Edsby account to book an appointment now. Parent's night is March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

## Course Verification Forms

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> students will receive their course verification form for the 2020-2021 school year in their homeroom class. Any student with a first period spare will receive their verification form in their second period class. If students wish to make changes with respect to their course selection for next year, **changes must be made on this form**. Forms must be handed in directly to the guidance department by Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> end of day. Please note, verification forms verify course selection, but **DO NOT** guarantee courses for the next school year.

## Girls Hockey

A huge shout out to the Girls Hockey team who have been in the YRAA playoffs this week. Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> is the Championship game and the girls play Aurora HS where the winner proceeds to OFSAA. We are so proud of these talented young ladies and wish them the best of luck for Monday's game. It will be played at Clippers Arena at 2:30pm. A huge shout out to their hardworking and dedicated coaches Ms. Giles and Ms. Beuving for mentoring the ladies. Go Spartans!!! Bring home a win!!

## Improv Team Season Concludes

On Thurs, Feb 26, your Stouffville High Improv Team travelled to RH King Academy in Scarborough for the regional semi-final round of the Canadian Improv Games. The team performed very well, but were eliminated on points from advancing to the next round.

Coach Mr. Butters was very proud of the full team effort - not only the eight performers in the night's starting lineup - but also the fact that the entire was present for that evening's show.

This concludes a season that began in the second week of September, featuring two practices each week. Thank you to Student Council for funding our school's membership in the CIG this year (SDSS has had a team since 2001).

An extra thank you to our graduating players: Quin H., Erwin L., and Alison W. Quin is a four-year starter on the team and one of our team leaders. Erwin came to SDSS last year in his grade 11 year, and quickly became a leader. Ali tried out for Improv for the first time this year and earned a spot on the team.

The year is not quite over: the team will be performing on Wed April 8 at lunch in the Drama Room as part of the "Spirit Boost" weeks.

## **Upcoming Events by Student Council**

### **Spirit Month - April 6-24**

The Presidents' Council presents this year's spring spirit boost with a month filled with events as put on by all the student clubs in the school. Keep an eye out for our calendar of events, as we fill the month with everything from Intramural Sports to Video Game Tournaments and from Motivational Speakers to de-stressing session.

### **Carnival is Coming - June 5**

This year's annual carnival is coming! Student Council is planning its annual celebration on June 5th at lunch. Be sure to come out for all of the fun activities, inflatables, food trucks and more!

### **Student Council Elections - May 27**

Consider running for one of the elected or acclaimed positions on student council and help make this great school even better!

#### **Timelines and Elections Process**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020: Nomination packages available in front of cafeteria.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020: Optional Election Info meeting at lunch in **2036**.

Friday, May 8, 2020: **Completed nomination packages due** by 12:00pm to Mr. Przemieniecki.

**MANDATORY ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING AFTER SCHOOL in 2036.**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Campaigning may begin.

Monday, May 25, 2020: **Speeches and President/Vice-President Videos due** to SCA by 3:45pm. **Speech Practice after school in cafeteria.**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020: SCA Approved Speeches performed in period 1 assembly.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020: **Voting will take place in homerooms at 9:15am.**

## **Graduating Students – Cap & Gown**

Stouffville DSS graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday June 25, 2020. We are in the process of ordering caps/gowns for this exciting milestone. Please remember to pay your graduation fee on School Cash Online by Thursday March 12, 2020 to ensure you receive a gown in the correct size you wish. The fee covers the purchase of your cap and gown (which is yours to keep) and also includes the grad ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office 905-640-1433. Please visit <https://www.schoolcashionline.com> to view the size chart and place your order.

Thank you

# Graduating Students



## Graduate Responsibilities

| <i>Item</i>   | <i>Deadline</i>   | <i>Location</i>   |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grade 12 Students               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commencement, Cap &amp; Gown<br/><i>Cost is \$40 - *Size Chart is on line</i></li> <li>- Scholarship Applications &amp; Resume</li> <li>- Volunteer Hours Submission</li> <li>- Private School Marks Submitted</li> <li>- Graduation Gown Pick Up</li> <li>- Commencement Ticket Pick Up</li> <li>- Commencement</li> <li>- Transcript, Report Cards</li> <li>- *Must be signed for by the Student</li> <li>- *Summer Office Hours:<br/><br/><i>Mon-Thurs 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mar. 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>April 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>June 10<sup>th</sup></li> <li>June 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>TBA</li> <li>TBA</li> <li>June 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>July 13-23<sup>rd</sup></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash on Line</li> <li>Guidance</li> <li>Guidance</li> <li>Guidance</li> <li></li> <li></li> <li>Springvale Aud.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grade 12 Returning Students               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Familiarize yourself with the 34 credit threshold (<a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/Students">http://www.yrdsb.ca/Students</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |   |   |

| <b>Post-Secondary Deadlines</b>                        | <b>Date</b>                  |
|--|------------------------------|
| College - Offers of Admission                          | Feb. 1, 2020 (earliest date) |
| Semester 1 Final Marks Transmission to OUAC & OCAS     | Feb. 7 - 13, 2020            |
| College – Deadline to Confirm College Admission Offers | May 1, 2020                  |
| Semester 2 Midterm Marks Transmission to OUAC & OCAS   | Week of April 23, 2020       |
| University-Latest Date for Offers of Admission         | May 27, 2020                 |
| University Admission Confirmation Deadline             | June 1, 2020                 |
| Semester 2 Final Marks Transmission to OUAC & OCAS     | July 6, 2020                 |
| Summer School Grades to OUAC                           | Aug. 1, 2020                 |

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

For all graduating students, please see this scholarship opportunity below and connect with Guidance if you have any questions:

<http://www.naccacommunity.ca/2020-scholarship-award.html>

## **Golden Student of the Month**

The "Golden Student of the Month" is selected by nomination. It is to honour students who volunteer within our community for non-for-profit organizations. This award is sponsored by McDonald's Canada. Nomination forms are available in the Guidance Office. Please submit your nominations today.

## **Youth Poster Contest - Eligibility: Youth grades 7-12**

The York Regional Police/Community Advisory Council will be launching their 2nd Regional "Human Rights and Social Justice Poster Contest. The theme of the event is "Honouring the role of our veterans in safeguarding human rights".

One winner from each grade (Gr 7-12) will receive a \$200 cash prize. The winners will be recognized at the York Regional Police International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event on April 19, 2020.

For more information: [Youth Poster Contest - York Regional Police](#)

All entries, accompanied by a Consent, Release and Application Form, are due by Friday, March 20, 2020.

## **SDSS Upcoming Events – Mar 2020**

| <b>MONDAY<br/>9</b>                 | <b>TUESDAY<br/>10</b> | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>11</b> | <b>THURSDAY<br/>12</b> | <b>FRIDAY<br/>13</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Girls Hockey<br>2:30 Clippers Arena |                       |                         |                        |                      |
| <b>MONDAY<br/>16</b>                | <b>TUESDAY<br/>17</b> | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>18</b> | <b>THURSDAY<br/>19</b> | <b>FRIDAY<br/>20</b> |
| March Break                         | March Break           | March Break             | March Break            | March Break          |

**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/>

**Follow us on Twitter & Instagram**

We are excited to announce that the SDSS twitter & Instagram accounts have regular updates about school information, initiatives and they are fantastic ways to learn about the amazing things happening at SDSS!



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@stouffvilledss



Dear Young Women and Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of Build a Dream and York Region District School Board we invite you to our **FREE CAREER DISCOVERY EXPO** for parents and **young women Grades 7 – 12**.

We will be highlighting opportunities in a number of careers to better assist young women in high school in making career choices. This event will include careers in:

**Skilled Trades**  
**STEM**  
**(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)**  
**Emergency Responders**  
**Entrepreneurship**  
**Advancing Women**

As a community, we recognize the critical role parents play in the development and education of their daughters, which is why we are providing this opportunity for families to learn more about careers in these growing sectors.

**The event features:**

- Dream Maker Panel: Women from various careers share their stories and inspire
- Employer Showcase: Dozens of employers ready to talk about careers in their sector
- Female mentors to provide insight to the girls in attendance
- Dream Zone hands-on activities, scholarships, door prizes, photo booth and more!

**WED. MAY 6, 2020**  
**5:00pm to 9:00 pm (Doors open at 4:30)**  
**Le Parc Conference Centre**  
**8432 Leslie St., Thornhill**  
**Free snack provided**  
**Free Parking**

**Space is limited so register today at: [dreamyork.eventbrite.ca](http://dreamyork.eventbrite.ca)**

We look forward to seeing you there!

For additional information, please contact: [info@webuildadream.com](mailto:info@webuildadream.com)

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York Regional Police Community Advisory Council (PCAC) Presents:

# Grade 12 Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Awards

This year, 12 awards will be presented to graduating Grade 12 students in York Region who have demonstrated leadership in social justice and engagement in their school communities.

Award recipients will be recognized at the York Regional Police International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event on April 19, 2020.

Deadline for submissions of the Youth Achievement Awards package is:

**MARCH  
20, 2020**

**For further information, please contact:**

Josie Rose at [PCAC.yrp@gmail.com](mailto:PCAC.yrp@gmail.com).

[yrp.ca/LeadershipInSocialJusticeScholarship](http://yrp.ca/LeadershipInSocialJusticeScholarship)



As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open families living in York Region. If you are receiving services from York Hills, please connect with your clinical worker to register



Register at  
[www.yorkhillscentre.eventbrite.com](http://www.yorkhillscentre.eventbrite.com)  
or scan the barcode!

**BRINGING YOUR FAMILY INTO FOCUS—PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ATTENTIONAL DIFFICULTIES.**

The goal of this workshop is to provide information to support parents/ caregivers of children and adolescents who experience challenges with focusing, attention, and managing impulsivity. The workshop will cover: What ADHD is and what it is not, how living with ADHD impacts your child and family, and will provide strategies to assist in managing and coping when your

Monday, April 27, 2020  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
York Hills  
402 Bloomington Rd, Aurora

**POSITIVE CONNECTIONS— HOW TO RESPOND TO YOUR CHILD IN POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAYS**

This workshop is for parents/caregivers who are looking for new ways to connect with their child(ren) aged 0—6. Caregivers will learn how to connect with their children, and will gain a solid understanding of how, why and when connections are optimal in order to overcome behavioural challenges that child(ren) may be experiencing.

Monday, May 11, 2020  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
York Hills  
402 Bloomington Rd, Aurora

**BEING BULLIED— TIP SHEET DISCUSSION**

Being bullied can be a very disturbing and often a traumatic experience for the child and the parents/ caregivers. Is your child being bullied? Does your child bully others? Come and learn what is bullying behavior, how to 'recognize' signs & symptoms when a child is subjected to being bullied. Learn how to support, & 'empower' your child.

Wednesday May 27, 2020  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
York Hills  
11225 Leslie Street  
Richmond Hill

**PLUGGED IN— TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING SCREEN TIME**

Does screen time in your home ever feel like scream time? Is it hard to get your children unplugged? If you answered yes, the Plugged In workshop is for you. Topics include: Guidelines for healthy screen time use, understanding how screen time effects the brain, how your own technology use impacts children, and strategies for managing screen time.

Thursday May 28, 2020  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
York Hills  
402 Bloomington Rd, Aurora







The Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators (ONABSE) Presents  
**The 6th Annual Provincial Conference & AGM**  
**April 17-18, 2020**  
 Ontario Institute for Studies in Education  
 252 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON

**THEME:**  
 Empowering Educational Excellence  
 Through Equity

**STRANDS:**  
 Equitable & Inclusive Leadership - Diverse Learners - Student Achievement  
 Mental Health and Well Being - Parent and Community Involvement  
 Higher Education/Research - College/Career Readiness  
 Educational Technology - Discipline Cultural Responsiveness & Restorative Practice

**OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

**Principal Buruti Kafele**  
 School Leadership Expert, Author & Education Speaker



**Assistant Deputy Minister Pat Case**  
 Education Equity Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of Education



Registration:  
[HTTPS://ONABSE2020CONFERENCE.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://onabse2020conference.eventbrite.ca)

Information:  
 EMAIL: [CONFERENCE@ONABSE.ORG](mailto:CONFERENCE@ONABSE.ORG)  
 WEBSITE: [WWW.ONABSE.ORG](http://WWW.ONABSE.ORG)

**Call For Proposals &  
 ONABSE Awards Nominations**  
 Visit [www.onabse.org](http://www.onabse.org) for details  
 and deadlines!

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