



# Spartan Speaks Weekly

Friday March 9, 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.stouffvilledistrict.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/> for  
more information.

## **Regional Symposium News**

Inclusive School and Community Services in collaboration with the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) is pleased to announce the return of its annual Regional Parent Symposium: Parent Voice Matters! Wednesday, April 4, 2018 5:00pm - 9:00 pm Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill. Registration is now open and closes on March 9, 2018. Please contact Ms. Bohemier (School Council) Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Gill or Ms. Parris as soon as possible if you are interested in attending (limited availability).

## **Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls**

York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

### **Save the Date!**

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

## Interim Report Cards

Interim Reports were distributed in home room classes today along with information for student progress night. Student progress night will occur on Thurs. March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to set up appointments with teachers they would like to discuss progress with.

## Literacy Test

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be held this year on **April 10** for all grade 10 students, and any grade 11 or 12 students who have not yet met this graduation requirement through the Ontario Literacy Course. Please be sure to not schedule any vacations or appointments on this date. Students will be receiving extra practice with the skills need to be successful on the OSSLT during our “Lit Blitz” periods starting at the end of February through March. As well, every Tuesday at 4:00pm the after school Literacy Test prep course is held in the English classrooms for students who registered.

Teachers are meeting with students who are English Language Learners or who have an **IEP** to discuss which accommodations they would like to access for the Test. Parents/Guardians will receive a letter indicating their child's choices. Parents/Guardians may also contact their child's SERT (for IEP students) or teacher (for ELL students) to discuss, if they wish. A letter regarding all this information has been sent home with students. For a copy of this letter please see our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

## International Day for the Elimination of Racism

On March 21, period 5, we are excited to present a special assembly to promote Inclusion, happily landing on the International Day for the Elimination of Racism. This will be an interactive, artistic presentation created by students in Mr. Butters, Mr. Hammond's and Ms. Creasor's classes, who have been mentored by our special guest Glenn Marais. Students will share their learnings of Canada's past and present, and their vision of “My Canada”, through poetry, music, art and communication technology.

## Bake Sale

Hey Spartans! Our bake sale was a huge success and we were able to raise \$202 for our global cause of healthcare relief in Haiti. Sweet! Thanks so much for supporting your Me to We Chapter!

## News from the Guidance Department

### Grade 12 Students

- Please ensure that you pick up a “**Graduate Responsibilities**” Sheet in the Guidance Office.
- “**Award Application Forms**” are available in the Guidance Office. Please ensure that they are completed and returned to the Guidance Office **before April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**.
  - \*Please note that the awards and award values may change as per confirmation from the Award Sponsor.
- Please ensure that you fill out the “**Destination Form**” (yellow sheet) that is available in the Guidance Office.
- Grade 12 students who wish to return in September 2018 must fill out a “Request to Return (pink form)”. This form can be obtained in the Guidance Office.

<u>Graduate Responsibilities</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Location</u>
✓ Grade 12 Students			
- Scholarship Applications & Resume	Now	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Guidance
- Volunteer Hours Submission	Now	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance
- Private School Marks Submitted	Now	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Guidance
- Graduation Gown Pick Up	TBA		
- Commencement Ticket Pick Up	TBA		
- Commencement	June 27 <sup>th</sup>		TBA
- Diploma, Transcript, Report Cards	TBA		
*Must be signed for by the Student			
*Summer Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.			

Post-Secondary Deadlines	Date
College – Deadline to Confirm College Admission Offers	May 1, 2018
University – Latest Date for Offers of Admission	May 29, 2018
Semester 2 Midterm Marks Transmission to OUAC & OCAS	Week of April 26, 2018
University Admission Confirmation Deadline	June 1, 2018
Semester 2 Final Marks Transmission to OUAC & OCAS	July 5, 2018
Summer School Grades to OUAC	Aug 1, 2018

## **Community Hours**



Still need community hours in order to graduate? You can get them right here at school, on your lunch hour! Make Milk Bag Beds for kids less fortunate than you. Grade's 11 & 12 may come to room 1046 (beside the Grind) every Tuesday & Thursday starting February 27<sup>th</sup>. Any parent interested in helping with program please contact Diana 647 838-8788.

## **Summitview's Century Year Party**



Calling all STINGER alumni! Summitview is having its 100<sup>th</sup> celebration on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Come join us for tours, student-created displays, refreshments, and a special ceremony at noon. Memorabilia on sale too! Please RSVP approximate numbers attending at 905-640-1102.

## **PROM 2018**

Stouffville DSS prom will be held on Thursday May 3, 2018 at Le Parc, 8432 Leslie St, Thornhill from 5:30pm-10:30pm. Ticket Cost will be \$75 and will be available to purchase online from April 2<sup>nd</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> or can be purchased in school from April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mobyss – Youth Walk-In Clinic (mobyss.ca 289-879-2376)**

Services are free for youth between the ages of 12-25. Includes health care from a Nurse Practitioner, specialized youth mental health worker, and peer support specialist. Confidential medical, sexual and mental health services.

Come to the Guidance Office if you do not have lunch or a spare during this time frame and would like to visit MOBYSS when they are at SDSS. The bus is parked in the Stouffville District Secondary School parking lot, 11:30am-1:00pm on the following dates:

February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Important Information for Students Turning 18**

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the 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 behaviour. Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

<b>CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS</b>				
<b>Mar 2018</b>				
<b>MONDAY 12</b>	<b>TUESDAY 13</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 14</b>	<b>THURSDAY 15</b>	<b>FRIDAY 16</b>
March Break  Music Trip to Italy	March Break  Music Trip to Italy	March Break  Music Trip to Italy	March Break  Music Trip to Italy	March Break  Music Trip to Italy
<b>MONDAY 19</b>	<b>TUESDAY 20</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 21</b>	<b>THURSDAY 22</b>	<b>FRIDAY 23</b>
		Lit Blitz 10:30am-11:50am	Music Alive Festival 11:00am-3:00pm  Student Progress-Interview Evening 6:30pm-8:30pm	York Region Programming Contest 8:30am-3:20pm  Music Alive Festival 11:15am-2:45pm

### **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**

#### **LATE BUSES**

Information regarding late busses can be found by accessing “the late bus report” which is posted daily on: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) (alpha order).

### **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**

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