



Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

Nov 23, 2018

SDSS PA DAY November 23

Staff engaged in a variety of learning opportunities related to equity, school culture, teaching critical thinking, inquiry learning and strategies to support English as Second Language Learners. It was a wonderful opportunity to grow as learners ourselves!

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. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents 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.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also 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

SHSM News

Last week Mrs. Avveduto and Mrs. Schissler took 27 SHSM Health & Wellness students, as well as some Grade 12 Biology students, to University of Toronto's Mississauga campus for a day of forensics. The morning session included a presentation about the difference between real world forensic investigations and forensics portrayed on television. The students then attended a crime scene house and collected evidence (blood splatter analysis, fingerprinting, photography) to solve a complicated fictional crime involving the disappearances of four fictional people and 2 murders. They then attended workshops such as anthropological analysis of bones from crime scenes, psychology of witness testimony, and bias in suspect profiling. It was an excellent day of hands on discovery!

News from the Geography Department

Hello Parents/Guardians,

The April 2019 trip to Iceland is officially on! There is limited space still available so if you missed the October 30th deadline, but are interested in travelling, please be sure to contact Mrs. Barber (sarah.barber@ydsb.ca) right away!

From the Guidance Office...

Grade 12 Students

- Please remember to sign for your personal OUAC Letter in the Guidance Office. The PIN provided in this letter is a requirement if you want to apply to an Ontario University
 - All Ontario University applications must be completed before January 16th, 2019
 - All Ontario College applications must be completed before February 1st, 2019
 - It is a graduation requirement that 40 approved Community Involvement/Volunteer Hours are completed and submitted to the Guidance Office.
- New Opportunities are posted on the bulletin board that is located outside of our Office.

Grade 8 Open House

- Date: Nov 29th, 2018
- Time: 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
- Location: Stouffville District Secondary School

NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress from grade 7 to 12, including:

- **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)

- **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.

Ignite Technology Grant for students with SEA Equipment

The Ignite Graduation Award Details:

- Application is open to all Grade 12 students whose anticipated graduation is June 2019 and who have demonstrated leadership and successful use of their SEA technology throughout their educational career
- Award consists of \$1000 in discretionary funds to purchase personal technology
- Award winning student will be expected to complete various leadership and advocacy opportunities throughout their graduation year. Go to www.yrdsb.ca/ignite now to learn how!

Mobyss – Youth Walk-in clinic

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. Mobyss is available at Stouffville District Secondary School on Thursday November 29, and December 13 from 9:00am-12:00pm located in the school parking lot.

Accessibility Concerns?

The York Region District School Board is committed to eliminating obstacles to accessibility for all members of our school communities, including students, parents, staff, volunteers, visitors, suppliers, trades people, and anyone else who may come in contact with our school system. Recognizing that barriers to access often remain unknown to able-bodied persons, and that those with disabilities may not wish to draw attention to themselves, a method of submitting suggestions electronically has been created. Anyone concerned with a potential barrier to access a building or service is invited to report the concern online at the Board's website. Please visit www.yrdsb.ca:

- Click on the “accessibility for all” icon on the bottom left hand side of the page;
- On the “accessibility for all” page click on “Barrier Buster” on the top right hand corner; and

- Complete the “Barrier Buster” form and click “Submit”. This reporting procedure will allow all members of the school community to identify and describe particular impediments they or someone they know is experiencing in obtaining access to Board services or buildings. Some barriers may be easily resolved simply through an adjustment to processes or other physical conditions, while others may require consideration for extensive planning and capital investment.

Current/Upcoming Events – Nov/Dec 2018

MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30
	Youth Speak Assembly Grade 9-9:15 Grade 10-10:30		Pathways Night Grade 8 parents 6:30pm	
MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
	Cardboard Boat Competition	Physics & Mac Contest	SHSM/Coop Assembly Grade 10 Music Winter Concert 7:00pm-9:00pm	

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**

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

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

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