

Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

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Interim Reports / Teacher Interviews

Student Interim Reports were distributed in homeroom on October 10/19. Parents' Night is Thursday, October 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Teacher Interviews are being booked through the YRDSB On-line Engagement Platform 'Edsby'. Parents may go in now to book interviews at: <https://yrdsb.edsby.com>. Once logged in, look in the messages folder for a notification that will provide you access to book your interviews for teachers.

For help booking Teacher interviews, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Pages/Parent-Teacher-Interviews-Edsby.aspx>

Difficulty Accessing Edsby?

- If you do not have an Edsby account and have not received an invitation via the email address you provided the school please contact the Main Office.
- For assistance creating an account, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Pages/Creating-an-Account-Edsby.aspx>
- If you have forgotten your Edsby password, please contact Edsby directly at: 1-877-337-0070.

Any other questions or additional support needed? Please contact the Main Office and we will be happy to assist you with the process.

Photo Retake Day

Wednesday October 16th is photo retake day. Any student who has purchased a photo package and is not satisfied with their photo may have a retake taken on this day. Please bring your original photos to the photographer. Any student who has not yet had their photo taken will be called down by the main office to have their photo taken for their student ID card and yearbook.

Award Celebration

The student award celebration is on October 24th at 6:30 in the gymnasium. Students receiving an award received an invitation to the awards ceremony this week in home room classes.

College and University Fair - CANCELLED

Hello Spartans! Unfortunately our post-secondary fair was cancelled. We emailed all prospective participating institutions last week with regards to the cancellation and we have asked University/College reps to contact us for individual school visits. As each rep visits our school we will

be communicating this to students through announcements and the newsletter. Please see the bottom of this newsletter for a listing of post-secondary fairs happening throughout York Region in the next few weeks.

Take Our Kids to Work

Take our kids to work day (TOKTW) is a national initiative to provide the opportunity for all grade 9 students to OBSERVE a work environment for a full day. Across Canada TOKTW Day will be on November 6, 2019. The expectation is that all of our grade 9 students will participate in this wonderful career oriented activity. Please return the signed forms to the school as soon as possible.

Thank You

Senior Boys Rugby

The Senior Boys Rugby team continue their 7s season at Fletcher's Field on the morning of Tuesday, October 15th. They leave the school at 7:00 a.m. and play Richmond Hill at 8:20, Denison at 9:40 and then St. Max at 11:00. The boys should be back to school over the lunch period. They are currently ranked 6th out of the 26 teams competing in the YRAA this fall. Good luck to the team!

Senior & Junior Boys Volleyball

Come cheer on our Senior Boys on October 16th. They are playing two games at Unionville HS. First game is at 3:30pm vs Middlefield and the second is at 4:30pm vs Unionville HS. Also Senior boys will be playing an all day tournament on October 18th at our school. Junior boys will be playing an all day tournament on October 25th at our school. Good luck team, bring home a win!

Varsity Girls Field Hockey

Come cheer on our Girls field hockey. They will play back to back games on October 22nd at Denison HS. Good luck to the team!

Art Trip

We traveled to Burks Falls Ontario to visit Midlothian Castle "Screaming Heads" site specific Art created by Pete Camani. The visual artists painted, explored in nature and learned about a new art medium and the vocal students sang on an outdoor stage. We all enjoyed the beautiful fall colours and our photographers captured the northern beauty. Students visited a local artist's studio and artistic gardens and the day ended with a walk through Huntsville where we viewed Group of 7 paintings.

SDSS Inspires T.H.A.N.K.S. (Thankful Hearts And Kind-hearted Sentiments)!

This month the ESP Club is organizing a mental health initiative called "SDSS Inspires T.H.A.N.K.S. (Thankful Hearts And Nice Kind-hearted Sentiments)". This event will take place October 11-18 and will allow students to express gratitude by contributing to a "Tree of Thanks" in the foyer and/or sending a thank you note (with or without a purchased peanut free sweet treat) to their peers and/or teachers. Science has shown that thankful people are happier and healthier people so please encourage your son/daughter to participate in this event that supports their mental well-being. Thank you!

Student Council Halloween Costume Contest

Student Council will be hosting its annual Halloween Costume Contest on Thursday, October 31. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including Most Original Costume, Group Costume, and more!

Join in the spirit of the season and find something awesome, frightening, or funny to wear - you can even get your picture taken for the year book!

Please remember that school dress code rules still apply, so no masks, no weapons, no cultural appropriation, and no promotion of offensive ideas.

"Golden Student of the Month" Nominations

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

Exciting Updates from the SDSS Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Teen Services Rep

We hosted the Teen Services Rep from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library again this week. The Rep was here to showcase the Teen offerings and services available to our students at the WSPL; many of our students made buttons!

Students were able to get an application form to obtain a Library card which will prove useful as we collaborate with them to ensure students have access to as many different resources and materials as possible.

Next visit: **Tuesday November 5**

Online Resources

An overview of what is available on our webpage. Our webpage can be found on the SDSS website; click on the Library tab.

Sora (and the Sora App for personal devices)- eBooks for kids, teens, ELLs and students with accommodations

MLA8 Resources - MLA8 Guide and Checklist (for assessment)

APA Resources - APA Guide and Checklist (for assessment)

Book Request - Google form online and hard copies in the LLC

The LLC this month

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Islamic Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Week (Oct 7-Oct 11)

SDSS LLC Student Pass

Students must have a pass to be granted entry to the Library Learning Commons during class. They will get this pass from their teacher if they deem a visit to the LLC necessary.

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 will be available bi-weekly starting on Thursday September 26th at Stouffville District Secondary School parking lot from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Or you may call 289-879-2376 or mobyss.ca

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/>

SDSS Upcoming Events – Oct 2019

MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18
Thanksgiving Monday (no school)	Senior Boys Rugby Fletchers Field Games vs Richmond Hill 8:20 vs Denison 9:40 vs St. Max 11:00 Girls Rugby Practice Tournament @ Fletcher's Field 11:00am-4:00pm	Photo Retake Day Senior Boys Volleyball @ Unionville HS vs Middlefield CI 3:30pm vs Unionville HS 4:30pm	Interview Night 6:30pm	Senior Boys Volleyball Tournament All day
MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25
P.A. Day (no school)	York University 12:00pm-1:15pm Varsity Girls Field Hockey Games at Denison HS 3:00pm – vs BCSS 5:00pm – vs Mulock		Community Recognition Assembly Period 5 Girls Rugby Tournament @ Fletcher's Field YRAA Championship Day 7:00am-12:30pm Senior Boys Volleyball @ Middlefield CI vs Bill Crothers 3:30pm vs Bayview SS 4:30pm Awards Night 6:30pm-8:00pm	Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament All day

POST-SECONDARY FAIRS IN YORK REGION SCHOOLS & GTA

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
September	The Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)	Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building 222 Bremner Blvd Toronto, ON	10 am to 5 pm daily
October 2, 2019	Canadian Universities' Fair	St. Andrew's College (SAC) 15800 Yonge Street Aurora, ON	4:30pm - 9:00pm
October 3, 2019	Post-Secondary GTA Sessions and Mini Fair	Bur Oak S.S. 933 Bur Oak Avenue Markham, ON	8:00 to 11:00 am
Oct 4 2018	Post-Secondary Information Event	Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS 90 Bur Oak Avenue Markham, ON	2:30-6:00 pm
October 16, 2019	Markham Post-Secondary Information Fair (BCSS, Markville, Unionville)	Bill Crothers SS 44 Main Street Unionville, ON L3R 2E4	6:30-8:30pm
Thursday October 17, 2019	Newmarket Post Secondary Fair @ Sir William Mulock S.S. (Denison, Huron Heights, Newmarket H.S.)	705 Columbus Way Newmarket, L3X 2M7	6:00- 8:00pm
Friday, October 19, 2018	Post-Secondary Fair -booth style in atrium	Milliken Mills H.S. 8522 Kennedy Rd. Unionville, ON	9:00am-11:20am
Oct 22, 2019	Post-Secondary Fair	Pickering College Egan House 16945 Bayview Ave Newmarket, ON	6:30 - 8:30pm
October 23 & 24, 2019	The Ontario College Information Fair	Energicare Centre, Hall B Exhibition Place 100 Princes' Blvd Toronto, ON	5:00pm - 9:00pm (Wednesday) 9:00am -2:00pm (Thursday)
October 25, 2019	Post-Secondary Fair	Milliken Mills High School 7522 Kennedy Road Unionville, ON	9:00am-11:30am

Thursday, October 29th, 2019	Pathways Fair	Vaughan Secondary School 1401 Clarke Ave. W. Thornhill, ON	3:30- 6:30
Wednesday, October 30, 2019	Aurora Post-Secondary Fair (Aurora, Williams, Carter CHS; St. Max CHS)	Aurora High School 155 Wellington Street West Aurora, Ontario	6:30 pm - 8:30pm
November 5, 2019	Post-Secondary Fair (Alexander Mackenzie, Bayview, Maple, Stephen Lewis, Westmount)	Alexander Mackenzie S.S.. 300 Major Mackenzie Drive West Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3S3	7:00-9:00
November 7, 2019	Middlefield Post Secondary Fair	Middlefield CI 525 Highglen Ave Markham, ON L3S 3L5	6:00-8:30
November 12, 2019	Thornhill Secondary School Post Secondary Fair	Thornhill SS 167 Dudley Ave L3T2E5	6:30 to 8:00pm
Thursday, November 14th, 2019	Woodbridge Schools Pathways Fair (Emily Carr SS, Tommy Douglas SS, Woodbridge College)	Emily Carr Secondary School 4901 Rutherford Road Woodbridge, ON L4H 3C2	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19th, 2019	Georgina Post-Secondary Fair (Keswick HS, Sutton DHS and OLL)	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd. Keswick, ON	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday November 21, 2019	Pathways Fair	Richmond Green S. S. 1 William F. Bell Parkway Richmond Hill, ON	1:30-3:15 pm
Thursday November 21, 2019	Pathways Fair	Richmond Hill H. S. 201 Yorkland Street Richmond Hill, ON	6:30 - 8:30 pm



6TH ANNUAL

IGNITE FAIR

1-4PM
NOVEMBER
9TH

FREE ADMISSION!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS!