

Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

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Sep 25, 2020

Grade 9 Virtual Meet & Greet

Parents and guardians of our Grade 9 students have been invited to attend a virtual meet and greet on Google Meet with the Stouffville DSS administration on September 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. A link was sent to our parents and guardians of Grade 9 students for this online event, which will discuss topics such as Grade 9 days, teaching and learning, student safety, health and safety, Guidance services, Student Success, Study Hall, and more. Please email stouffville.dss@yrdsb.ca if you are a parent or guardian of a Grade 9 student and did not receive the Google Meet link and are interesting in joining us on Tuesday the 29th. We look forward to “seeing” you.

Rotation 2

A reminder to all students that rotation two of face-to-face classes (period two classes) commences Monday, September 28 (starting with Cohort A; Cohort B begins on Tuesday the 29th) and this rotation ends October 9. Students/parents/guardians will be receiving cohort information for the next rotation (period 3 classes) on October 8.

The Guidance team is here to help!

If you are in crisis while at school and need to see a counsellor immediately, please come by the Guidance Office and Mrs. Khan will connect you with a counsellor. If you are in urgent need of support while at home, please call the school and ask to speak to a counsellor. Please note, visitors (parents/guardians/family members) are not allowed in the school to accompany you to your appointment. We are happy to connect with them virtually.

For non-urgent appointments (e.g. timetable changes, post-secondary planning, course selection, etc.) please book an appointment through Teach Assist. A counsellor will email your GAPPs account ahead of the appointment to request the best number to reach you at.

Guidance Counsellors are assigned to specific students based on your last name:

Ms. Gray: A-H

Mrs. Luciani: I-P

Ms. Taccone: Q-Z

Mrs. Camara Q-Z

Stay up to date on all things guidance by following @stouffville_guidance on Instagram. Scholarship information, community service opportunities and other important information will be shared through this platform.

Cookie Fun!



Mrs. Hatanaka's Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology class were testing their archaeology skills today. Students found it difficult to excavate their chocolate chip "artifacts" without damaging them in the process. Some "artifacts" were accidentally broken but the students still had fun.

Attendance

Students are reminded that attendance is taken during morning cohort class (when they are face-to-face in the building) and afternoon online classes.

If a student is absent, the student (if 18 years of age or over) may call 905-640-1433 x1 or email attendance Stouffville.dss@yrdsb.ca and report the reason for absence. If the student is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian can call 905-640-1433 x 1 or email Stouffville.dss@yrdsb.ca with the reason for absence. Students who are late to morning cohort class will be marked late by the teacher in Teach Assist.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks have arrived. Students that are in school in the morning cohort may pick up their yearbooks in the main office. Students that have graduated may call our school 905-640-1433 and schedule an appointment for pickup.

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/>

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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NACCA is partnering with AFIWI Groove School to deliver *Afiwi Roots & Revival* which is funded by the Canadian Red Cross. This is a FREE four week virtual introductory dance program starting October 5th, Here is what to expect:

- Week one: **Afro Beats**
- Week two: **Traditional West African Ghanaian Dance**
- Week three: **Traditional West African Malinke Dance**
- Week four: **Afro Caribbean Dance**

The 45 - minute classes will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings during two time slots. Mondays are reserved for children under 12 years old and Wednesdays are reserved for older youth.

Monday Classes - 5:30PM- 6:15PM **Wednesday Classes** - 6:30PM - 7:15PM
Space is limited so register early. More info at naccacommunity.ca



AFIWI ROOTS & REVIVAL

Virtual workshops for youth to connect with their roots and identity through the power of African Dance and Drumming!

In partnership with community organizations and funded by the Canadian Red Cross, Afiwi Groove School is offering a series of virtual workshops for youth across Canada

October 5 - November 28
Monday and Wednesday evenings

Afro Beats Dance
West African Ghanaian Dance
West African Malinke Dance
Afro Caribbean Dance
Djembe drumming

For more information, contact
outreach@afiwigroove.ca



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