



Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

Sep 28, 2018

Parents/Guardians' Night is on October 18

SDSS is happy to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with your child(en)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board on **September 28** with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teacher directly.

Important Timelines

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| September 28 | Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts |
| October 4 | Parents' Night schedule opens at 4 p.m. for booking. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email. |
| October 11 | Interim Report Cards sent home |
| October 16 | Interview Scheduler closes at 5 p.m. |
| October 18 | Parents' Night 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. |

Parenting Well seminar @ SDSS

Dr. Beth Veale is hosting a 'Parenting Well' seminar on Monday November 12th at 7:00pm at Stouffville District Secondary School. It will focus on maintaining your own wellness as you raise your teens. Please RSVP by November 1, 2018 if you would like to attend. sdss.seminar@gmail.com

Student Drop Off

Please use the student drop off area at the east side of the building when dropping off and picking up your child from school. As well, when driving anywhere on school property, please drive slowly and cautiously as students are often needing to cross roadways. Parents/Guardians are reminded that the front of the school is reserved for bus drop offs. Thank you.

Student Verification Forms

A friendly reminder to students to please bring their parent/guardian signed student verification forms back to the main office as soon as possible. Our school office is currently updating student records and it's important to have current phone numbers of parent/guardians to reach in case of an emergency. All students who have returned their signed verification forms will be receiving their second semester timetables in their homeroom class next week. Students who have not returned their forms will not receive their timetables until their form is returned, or until October 31st.

HOSA

HOSA is an organization that develops conferences and competitions for students wishing to pursue careers in health care. We are hoping to start a chapter at our school for a team to participate in a three day conference in late March 2019 in Toronto. If you would like more details please see Mrs. Schissler in science office (2062) or come out to Science club on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. in room 2063 for more information and get with the team! Also check out the website for HOSA information (<https://hosacanada.org/home/>)<https://hosacanada.org/home/> "

Exciting Updates from the SDSS Library Learning Commons (LLC)

You may have already started to see updates to the SDSS LLC webpage. You can find us on the SDSS website, under the Library tab. Stay in touch as we continue to curate our online space.

Online Resources

- Sora (and the Sora App for personal devices) and TumbleBooks- eBooks for kids, teens, ELLs and students with accommodations
- GVRL eBook: Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life (2017)
- 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)
- Biographies, Autobiographies and Young Adult Fiction - find these collections in dedicated new spaces near Fiction
- 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.

News from the Art Department

Come one come all and cast your vote at the Markham Fair (September 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th) for SDSS's art piece entitled "Windows"! This installation was created by the gr.12 visual art class. A donation of \$1,000.00 will be made to Markham Stouffville Hospital in the name of the winning school. It will be located at the picnic shelter.

News from the Guidance office

The Ontario Universities' Fair will be taking place on September 28-30 from 10am - 5pm at the Metro Convention Centre (free admission). Visit www.ouf.ca for more information.

The Ontario College Fair in Toronto will be held on October 23rd – 24th. Visit www.ocif.ca for more information.

On **Wednesday October 10th**, there will be an assembly during period 5 for all grade 11 students. We have six colleges who will be in attendance, along with York Works, a representative from YRDSB who will discuss Dual Credits, and the Royal Military College. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn valuable information and ask questions that will help them make the right decisions in their grade 12 year. There are some great opportunities/programs in colleges today and we hope that this will allow them to start exploring.

Also on **Wednesday October 10th**, we will be hosting a college/university fair in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students from any grade and their parents are welcome to join us. Attached is a promotional flyer and a handout with sample questions that students might use to ask the representatives attending. It's always a good idea to come prepared with questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Efy Marinis in the guidance department: efy.marinis@yrdsb.ca or 905-640-1433 extension 1194.

College Application Information Seminar

Date: October 15th, 2018 Period 2 & Period 4
 October 16th, 2018 Period 3
 October 17th, 2018 Period 2

Location: Guidance Classroom 1003

*Sign up sheets are located in the Guidance Office.

University Application Information Seminar

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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 October 4, 18, November 1, 15, 29, and December 13 from 9:00am-12:00pm located in the school parking lot.

International Languages

Have you ever considered learning another language? one that your high school doesn't offer? And the great thing is you do not need to know how to speak the language to take the course. Did you know that YRDSB offers 15 International Languages CREDIT courses at 4 different high schools? Did you know that learning another language can...

- strengthen your first language and second language skills,
- create pride in your own culture and a better understanding of other cultures, and also
- can potentially enhance your career options?!

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit your Guidance office today to get a registration form for September 2018 classes.

Current/Upcoming Events – Oct 2018

| MONDAY 1 | TUESDAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 3 | THURSDAY 4 | FRIDAY 5 |
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| MONDAY 8 | TUESDAY 9 | WEDNESDAY 10 | THURSDAY 11 | FRIDAY 12 |
| Thanksgiving (no school) | | College/University Fair 6:00pm-9:00pm | Interim Reports Sent home | |

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

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

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

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