



Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **THE SPARTAN GAMES: A New Beginning of Tradition**

The transition from grade 8 to grade 9 is an exciting time for our newest Stouffville District S.S. students. Meeting new teachers, getting used to a new environment, and making new friends are some of the challenges our 9 students face. The first month of school is a hectic one for everyone but understandably more for those students new to high school.

In an attempt to ease the transition into S.D.S.S. and to help promote a sense of community amongst our grade 9's, we have arranged for a number of activities during the opening weeks of the school year. These events will culminate in our **ultimate orientation experience, The Spartan Games**, held at the Robin Hood Leadership Centre in Markham.

Students will engage in a variety of cooperative and recreational activities that do not require previous experience or skill. With the leadership of our senior student-mentors, your child will experience positive role models, establish new friendships and develop a sense of pride and connection to S.D.S.S. We feel that this experience is so valuable to grade 9 students that a portion of its cost is paid for by our Student Leadership Council.

The date of this program is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**. The bus will be departing at 9:30 a.m. and returning to the school by 3:30 p.m. **Lunch will be provided** at the facility. Please indicate whether or not your child has any dietary needs or other restrictions that we should be aware of. Please list details in the space provided on the form.

The program is outside, so students should dress for the weather. Students need to **complete the TWO (2) attached permission forms and submit them along with \$35. The fee can be paid online through School Cash Online, cash or by a cheque payable to S.D.S.S.** by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Signed permission forms will be collected during the Orientation/Registration Day. Early online payment is appreciated as the event occurs early in the school year. Online payment can be made starting in July at [www.yrdsb.schoolcashionline.ca](http://www.yrdsb.schoolcashionline.ca).

Stouffville District Secondary School is very excited to be offering this event again in 2017. Those students that remain at school will be participating in an alternative academic program to be determined on a later date. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (905) 640-1433.

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Principal