



# Spartan Speaks Weekly

Friday December 15, 2017

## ATMOSPHERE

*S.D.S.S. is a model of learning excellence providing a rich diversity of academic and social opportunities. Its caring, dedicated staff and responsible, motivated students encourage the development of values and character to promote lifelong learning.*

<http://www.stouffvilledistrict.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>  
for more information.

## **JANUARY 2018 EXAMS**

The exam schedule was released on December 11, each student has received a copy, which is also available on our website. Please ensure your son/daughter makes note of the date/time and room number for each of their exams. Please do not schedule holidays or appointments during exam time.

## **News from the Guidance Department**

### Semester 2 Course Changes

It is important to reserve a Guidance Appointment NOW if you would like to make any changes to your Semester 2 course selections. All appointments must be completed prior to Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### 2018-2019 Course Selections

If you would like to discuss course selections for the 2018-2019 school year please visit the Guidance Office now to reserve your appointment.

Community Involvement Activities (Volunteer Hours) - New volunteer opportunities have been posted on the bulletin board by the Guidance Office. Remember that 40 hours must be completed before you can graduate. OUAC PINS - Just a reminder that all Grade 12 students who are applying to University need to obtain their OUAC letters in the Guidance Office.

## **SDSS Semi-Formal**

Mark it in your calendars and 'Save the Date' for Semi-Formal @ Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall on Thursday, February 15th, 2018. **Ticket sales are now available online.**

## **Students with IEPs:**

Grade 9 math students writing EQAO in January have selected their accommodations. A letter outlining these accommodations will be sent home shortly.

Exam accommodation forms will be distributed to students with IEPs starting December 13th.

## **Free Seminar – Raising Awesome Kids**

SDSS invites you to attend Gary Dierenfeld's presentation "Raising Awesome Kids" on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Learn how to create the conditions that will help you build a great relationship with your kids. Parenting can be a challenge, but also a reward! Please RSVP at [sdss.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:sdss.seminar@gmail.com) to confirm your seat.

Please see flyer on our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.



### News from the Art Department

As part of the program, the Gr. 12 Visual Arts Class hosts an annual art exhibit at the Latcham Gallery. The title of our show this year is " 17:Moments" and artwork from the Graduating Class of Stouffville District Secondary School will be on display at the Lacham Gallery from Dec 14th 2017 to Jan. 6th 2018. All are welcome to attend the opening night on Thursday, Dec. 14th at the Latcham Gallery from 7-9 pm to meet the artists and see the Art Show.

The Latcham Gallery presents: IMAGES 2017/18



Artwork from the Graduating Class of Stouffville District Secondary School

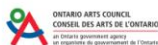
December 14, 2017 - January 6, 2018

Opening reception: Thursday, December 14, 7 - 9pm. ALL WELCOME.

Please note: The Gallery will be closed for holidays Dec 24 - Jan 1.

This year's IMAGES exhibition generously sponsored by:

Button Armstrong & Ness



The Latcham Gallery 6240 Main St. Stouffville 905 640 8954 www.latchamgallery.ca

### Tamil Women's Group Information Sessions – Family Services York Region

Family Services of York Region invite you every Tuesday evening starting January 23/18 at Stouffville District Secondary School for information on positive parenting skills, effective communication, managing stress and many more topics discussed weekly. For registration and more information please see flyer on our school website under News and Events, Spartan Speaks tab.

### CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Dec 2017

MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22
		2 Community Classes Ripley's Aquarium 9:30am-2:45pm	Ugly Sweater Day	Student Council Talent Show 1:31 – 3:46
MONDAY 25	TUESDAY 26	WEDNESDAY 27	THURSDAY 28	FRIDAY 29
Winter Break ♦ Christmas Day	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break

## **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**

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

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