

Spartan Speaks - Stouffville District Secondary School

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The Week Ahead at a Glance: Sept 27-Oct. 1

Friday, September 24, 2021

Monday Sept 27	Tuesday Sept 28	Wednesday Sept 29	Thursday Sept 30	Friday Oct. 1
Students follow their Week 1 schedule				
Please join us for your first School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	Grade 12 Post Secondary Planning Visits	Terry Fox Walk--PM	LockDown Drill #1--PM Orange Shirt Day Virtual Ceremony 9:45 am	Hold & Secure Drill #1 Grade 12 Post Secondary Planning Visits

Return of Textbooks and Technology

In an effort to ensure our school resources are fully stocked, we are asking families/students who have returned to in-person learning but have not yet returned their **borrowed loaner device(s) (chromebooks and phones) and textbooks from the previous school year to please return them to the main office as soon as possible.**

Please remember that all power adapters and charger cords are to be returned with the device(s).

- If a student is a remote/on-line learner this year and has not returned the loaner device, they can continue to use the device as needed.
- If students have transferred to another YRDSB school for September 2021, their loaner device should be returned to the YRDSB school they attended when they received the technology.
- Any of our Grade 9 students who borrowed technology from their elementary school must return that technology to the school it was borrowed from.
- If you have a child who graduated last year please ensure that their items are also returned

School Start-Up Forms

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions.

The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. A link to the forms can also be found on the Family Resources page of the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources. Click on the [Need Help link](#) beside Family Startup Forms for additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPs account to complete the forms.

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account.

Please note:

- You **must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account** to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on [how to login to the student account to complete the forms](#).
- The forms should be completed for each student, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning.
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Parents/guardians must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.

Upcoming Events

- Terry Fox set an incredible example of leadership that will never be forgotten. Stouffville District Secondary School will continue to follow in his footsteps, empowered to carry on his legacy and help in the fight to conquer cancer. On Wednesday September 29th Stouffville District Secondary School will participate in our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run Event. Students, family members, neighbours, and friends can donate online by going to <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/> and searching for Stouffville District or by visiting this direct link [SDSS Terry Fox Walk 2021](#). Within the website students/classrooms can set up their own fundraising page to share! There is no minimum dollar amount when donating online, every dollar counts. Students may also bring **Toonies for Terry** and drop their donation in the collection jar outside during their walk. Let's make a difference Stouffville and help raise money to conquer cancer!
- Educators for Tamil Student Success and Inclusive School and Community Services of York Region District School Board would like to invite you to our Tamil parent(s) / guardian(s) and families' discussion on student success and wellbeing. [Please click here for details.](#)
- Please click here for important information to register in the [Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Secondary Credit Programs](#)

Resources for Families

Please click here for the [YRDSB September Mental Health Newsletter](#) containing information, supports and resources for students and families.

Please click here to view the [September calendar of events from Hook Fong](#) as well as the [Walk in Counselling](#) offered in Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, English for Asian Identifying young people age 12-25.

[Please click here to see information about JVS Youth Reach Program](#) which supports students 15-30 years old living in the York Region. Topics include help replacing lost or stolen documents, free certification courses for WHMIS; smart serve, food handler and First Aid and CPR, job search and employment support.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 3-9 and this year's theme is "Learn the sounds of fire safety."

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online. Hear the beep, get on your feet!

Messages from Guidance

OTHER YRDSB PROGRAMS OFFERING CREDIT COURSES

Students who would like or need a course added to their current 2021-22 timetable can benefit from courses offered through the following YRDSB Programs. More information about the programs below and the course offerings is available on the Guidance Google Classroom (ljh6ex6) or the board website.

Night School

A remote learning model will replace in-person Night School this fall as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes will occur online using a synchronous model. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30p.m. to 9:45p.m. and will run from October 5, 2021 to February 3, 2022. Students can register for a Night School course using My Pathway Planner (clicking on Continuing Education) and should submit a Sign Off Sheet with parent/guardian signatures to the Guidance office in order to be approved for the course.

Online Learning Night School

Night School Online Learning courses are specifically designed to be delivered in a fully online format. Classes will be delivered online using an asynchronous model. Weekly synchronous opportunities with teachers are available. These courses will run from September 21, 2021 to January 17, 2022. Students who have at least 1 spare on their timetable, can register for an Online Learning Night School course using My Pathway Planner (clicking on Continuing Education) and should submit a Sign Off Sheet with parent/guardian signatures to the Guidance office in order to be approved for the course.

Day School Online Learning (Semester 2 only)

Day School Online Learning courses are available semester 2 and are scheduled within the periods of the school day. Students must have at least 2 but less than 4 courses on their semester 2 timetable to enroll in a course. Classes will be delivered online using an asynchronous model with synchronous opportunities to meet with the teacher of the course. Students who wish to register for a Day School Online Learning course, should email Ms. Gray at erin.gray@yrdsb.ca and should also have a parent/guardian send an email giving permission. Ms. Gray will contact students once they have been registered in this program.

Dual Credit Program

Dual Credits allow students in secondary school to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification. Students who take a Dual Credit course:

- *Experience college while still in high school at no cost
- *Earn high school credits AND college credits at the same time in the same course
- *Learn in college state-of-the-art facilities
- *Explore different pathway options
- *Try something new

Students who are interested in this program should email Mrs. Luciani at rose.luciani@yrdsb.ca or visit the Guidance Office.

THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIRS

Students who have not decided where to apply to university and/or are looking for information about universities are encouraged to attend one of the Ontario Universities' Fairs. The fairs will be taking place on Saturday, September 25, from 12 to 2 pm, and Tuesday, October 26, from 5 to 7 pm. These virtual events are free and students do not need to pre-register. Learn more at: www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

Students and parents who are interested in learning about scholarships should read "The Scholarship Report", an electronic newsletter that the Guidance Department has purchased to support our students' transition to post-secondary education. Please use the password **SBA3247** to access the website page that contains the report and other useful information about post-secondary institutions.

LINK TO [THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT, THE POSTING SCHEDULE, AND SCHOLARSHIP SAFETY GUIDELINES.](#)

GUIDANCE VISITS TO GRADE 12 CLASSES

The Guidance Department will be visiting grade 12 classes next week to discuss graduation requirements and how to prepare

for post-secondary education. Students who require additional assistance with their post-secondary decision making should make an appointment with their guidance counsellor following this presentation. Any student who does not have a grade 12 period 1 class is invited to the presentation on Friday, October 1 at 9:30am in period 1 in the library.

Guidance Google Classroom

Students are reminded to join the Guidance Google Classroom if they haven't already – the code is **ljh6ex6**.

Daily Screening

Please find here a link to the [Daily Screening Tool](#) that students must complete *before* arriving at school daily.

Please be aware that students are no longer required to complete and present the confirmation upon entering the school.

Connecting with Us

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/>

There are many ways to stay connected with what's happening in our school. Visit our school website for up-to-date information about events. Look for our weekly school newsletters, Spartan Speaks and follow us on Twitter @StouffvilleDSS and/or Instagram @stouffvilledss. You can also find updated information about the Board at www.yrdsb.ca and Twitter @YRDSB. **Follow us on Twitter & Instagram**



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