

Welcome to
Stouffville District
Secondary School!



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The Guidance Department

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The Guidance Department

We are here to support **YOU**!

We offer...

- Career/Pathway Counselling
- Social-Emotional Counselling
- Mental Health Support
- Student Success Support



How to Book an Appointment

- 1. Log into your Teach Assist Account https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb
- 2. Under the sub-heading, select "Appointment Bookings"
- 3. Choose your counsellor (based on your last name)
- Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment
- 5. If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click "Cancel"





How to Book an Appointment

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How to Stay Informed

Join the SDSS Guidance Google Classroom to stay updated and access information related to Guidance

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Follow Guidance on Instagram!



Q. Why is it good to participate in Community Involvement Activities? (There are 6 great reasons!)



Volunteer Hours

- 1. Develop transferable skills
- 2. Discover areas of interest
- 3. Support your post-secondary or career pathway
- 4. Support scholarship applications
- 5. Support applications into competitive post-secondary programs
- 6. Make your community/world a better place!



Q. How do I find activities that qualify for my Community Involvement Hours?



Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. SDSS Guidance Google Classroom (stream and websites posted)
- 2. Guidance Instagram
- Guidance bulletin board
- Any registered charitable, not-for-profit organization (Get Guidance pre-approval to ensure it's safe and qualifies)
- 5. For 2022-23 school year...up to 10 hours for both chores at home OR paid part-time employment count!

Q. How do I submit my Community Involvement Hours?



Submitting CI Hours



- Complete CI Activities Form
 (found in Guidance office or SDSS Guidance Google Classroom)
- Complete CIH Reflection Form for chores or part-time work (posted in the Guidance Google Classroom)
- Submit completed forms with signatures to Guidance Secretary



Submitting Community Service Hours

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Student Telephone				High School					
School Year (xxxx - xxxx)				Principal	Principal				
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Q. Why should I participate in extra-curricular clubs and/or teams? (There are 6 great reasons!)



Extra-curricular Activities

- 1) Learn something new!
- 2) Support your mental health
- 3) Make new friends
- Make high school more fun!
- 5) Develop leadership & transferable skills
- 6) Support your applications for competitive post-secondary programs and/or scholarships



Q. How do I learn about clubs and teams at SDSS?



Extra-curricular Activities

- 1) Morning announcements
- 2) Flyers in the hallways
- 3) Main office or Guidance



- 4) Phys. Ed. Office or department related to club
- 5) Start a new club!! (find a teacher advisor complete a form found on bulletin board across from Guidance office)

Q. What types of habits, activities or strategies help you to manage stress or improve your mood?



Take Care of Your Mental Health!

- Improve physical energy
- Be mindful of the present moment
- Develop good daily habits & routines
- Create / build relationships
- Practice and express gratitude
- Perform acts of kindness
- Reach out for help when you need it





Q. How do I determine if I need to reach out for mental health support?



Signs That You Need Support

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- O2 Seriously trying to harm or kill yourself, or making plans to do so
- Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart or fast breathing
- 14 Involvement in many fights, using a weapon, or wanting to badly hurt others
- 05 Severe out-of-control behaviour that can hurt yourself or others
- Not eating, throwing up, or using laxatives to make yourself lose weight
- O7 Intense worries or fears that get in the way of your daily activities
- Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still that puts you in physical danger or causes school failure
- Repeated use of drugs or alcohol
- Severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- 11 Drastic changes in your behaviour or personality



IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND WHERE TO GET HELP, WISHT MILITARY OR RESIDENCE: 1-800-273-TALK





The Guidance Department

Your Counsellor...

- 1) Listens as a caring adult
- 2) Advocates for you
- 3) Suggests strategies to support mental health or academic success
- 4) Connects you to community support services
- 5) Refers you to other school support workers





MOBYSS

- A Youth Walk-In Clinic that provides medical and mental health support
- Services: Nurse Practitioner, Youth Mental Health Worker & Peer Support Specialist
- No health card required!
- The MOBYSS bus will be at SDSS on Oct 12, 26, Nov 9, 23 & Dec 7, 21
 From 12:30 - 3:30pm
- Learn more about MOBYSS by visiting our <u>SDSS Guidance Google Classroom</u>







Student Support

Who?

Student Success Teacher: Ms. Laura Taccone

Special Education Resource Teachers

CYW's: Ms. Lindsey Simick

Ms. Denise Rotondi

Why?

Academic, Social Emotional Support

Where?

Room 1042A & 1042B (across from Guidance)
Room 1006 (Learning Centre)



Q. What attitudes and actions will support my academic success?



The A.B.C.'S. of Student Success How to thrive in grade 9!!

- Accept feelings, challenges, circumstances, learning needs, responsibility
- Believe develop a growth mindset, positive self talk and a belief in your ability to learn & grow through hard work and learning from mistakes
- Create SMART goals, action plans, schedules, course selections that suit you and support success
- Seek help and support from teachers, friends, family, Guidance and/or Student Success



So now what?

Stay connected to Guidance by:

- Joining the Guidance Classroom (ljh6ex6)
- Following us on Instagram @stouffville_guidance

Start exploring volunteer opportunities (using websites in the Guidance google classroom)

Develop a weekly schedule that supports your academic success and mental health

Look into joining or starting a club or team

Any questions?

