



SEPTEMBER 2015

Character Matters!

From The Office



**September's
Character Trait
is
RESPECT**

*Respect for
ourselves guides
our morals,
respect for
others guides
our manners.*

Laurence Sterne



For the safety of our students, no peanuts or nut products please



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The Sutton Stinger

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Welcome back students and parents. We hope you had a wonderful summer with family and friends. It is an exciting time of year as we begin our learning routines and work together on student success. A daily reading and homework routine will help your child succeed this year. Please contact your child's teacher to find out what they are learning in class so you can support at home. Arrange the best way for the teacher to communicate with you regarding your child's progress this year.

We would like to welcome the new staff members: Mrs. Martin (DECE), Mrs. Bragan (FDK teacher), Mr. Counter (Gr. 5/6 teacher), Mr. Halstead (Gr. 7/8 teacher), Mrs. Bond (CYW), and Mr. Rielly (CYW). Welcome back to Mrs. Aston (Gr. 4/5 teacher) and Mrs. Collingham (Gr. 3/4 teacher). Thank you to the caretaking team, Mr. Holborn, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Marr for the very clean and inviting learning environment. The team is very skilled at keeping the school a place to be proud of all year long and everyone appreciates their pride in our school environment. Also thank you to Ms. Kirton and Ms. McAndrew for their work during the last couple of weeks to set up classrooms and programs.

Remember that classes may change at the end of September. Families are still registering and we may have to shuffle students and grades the teachers teach as we ensure we meet the cap of 20 students in primary classes. We appreciate your patience as we work through our class placements. We do have a number of combined classes which are composed of students from two or more adjacent grades who are grouped with one teacher for instruction. "In all classrooms, no matter how they are organized, teachers need to provide for the individual needs of students. To achieve this, they use a variety of methods on a daily basis to assess the needs of each student, and then adjust the focus of instruction for skill development accordingly. In all classrooms, there is a range of students, and a teacher's goal to meet the needs of all learners remains the same regardless of classroom organization. Also, the focus of instruction for all subjects is on helping students to advance regardless of age, grade, or current level of performance" (Combined Grades - Ministry of Education, Ontario).

At Sutton PS we will be continuing our work on respectful workplace and learning environment. This means **"that we create and maintain a healthy and productive working and learning environment that fosters respect for and is supportive of the dignity, self-esteem and fair treatment of everyone taking part in its activities."** Respect is the character trait this month which links to our school and community focus of respectful workplace and learning environment. Respect plays an important role in a school. We need to take a person's feelings, needs and thoughts into consideration as we build relationships within the school community. It is important that this message of treating each other with respect is a similar message a student receives at home and at school in order for them to build positive relationships with staff and their peers. What can members of our school communities do to support Respectful Workplaces and Learning Environments? (YRDSB)

Treat all people with dignity and respect.

Serve as a model of respectful behavior to others in your daily life.

Voice complaints in a constructive manner, beginning directly with the person whose behaviour has offended. (YRDSB)

September Events



September	
Safety Week Starts	25th
P.A. Day No School	28th
October	
Thanksgiving No School	12th
Picture Day	14th

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first school council meeting will be on **Sept. 29** and runs from **6:00pm to 7:30pm**. Meetings occur in the school library and all parents are welcomed!! Please come and join us!

York Region Mission:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Welcome back to another school year.

I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and those who are new to our Board. I am the trustee for your child's school and your representative on the York Region District School Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to continuing my work to ensure that all YRDSB students receive a high-quality education within safe, caring and inclusive learning environments.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and the responsible stewardship of Board resources. We know that partnerships with families are essential to achieving this goal. Good schools become better schools when they are connected to parents and families.

I hope that you will find positive and meaningful ways to engage with your child's school over the course of the year. There will be many events and activities to look forward to throughout the year and many opportunities across the Region that support parent engagement.

2015-16 promises to be an exciting year. All the best for the upcoming school year!

Nancy Elgie

Milk Program/Breakfast Program

The Milk sales will begin again in October.
Please watch for information and order forms coming soon.

The Breakfast Program has started. The breakfast room opens at 7:55am.
All students are welcome.

Thank you.

**A Message from Anaphylaxis Canada**

Anaphylaxis Canada would like to remind everyone to always read the ingredient list and precautionary statements (e.g. May contain), whether you are purchasing a product for yourself, your child, or to share with others. Be careful not to rely solely on a "free-from" claim on the front of a package for important allergen information. Of special note, for those with peanut and tree nut allergies, please be aware that there are currently several products that have a "peanut-free" claim on the front of the package and a "May contain tree nuts" warning on the back. If you have any questions regarding a product or ingredient/labelling information, kindly contact the manufacturer directly.

For tips on how to read a food label please visit us at
http://www.anaphylaxis.ca/en/daily_living/food_labelling.html

In addition, we also recommend the "Triple Check" when reading food labels
(http://www.anaphylaxis.ca/en/daily_living/food_labelling.html)

Reading Food Labels

Make a habit of reading ingredient labels every time you buy or eat a product.
To be safe, do the Triple Check and read the label:

- When buying an item
- When putting the product away at home
- Just before serving the product



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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number. Please confirm bus stop service for September by checking www.schoolbuscity.com as of August 19. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *ten minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times

Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. *Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.*

Eligibility JK- Grade 8

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

Eligibility Grade 9-12

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 who live within a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at www.schoolbuscity.com. Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.vrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.

4th Annual
Fall Family Fun Day
Gem Theatre 18th Anniversary
Sunday, September 13, 2015

Free Event 11 am - 3:30 pm
The Gem Theatre



Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Georgina Food Pantry or a monetary donation for United Way Toronto York Region

905 722-5540

Free Movies
1 & 3:30 pm

Home
Jurassic World
Man from U.N.C.L.E.
Pixels
Shaun the Sheep



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