



Sutton District High School
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To the parents/guardians of «First_Name» «Last_Name»

INFORMATION ITEMS

This e-bulletin contains important school information and a summary of your student's attendance. If you have any comments or feedback, please email Jean Janzen at jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Hailey Robinson for being chosen as this week's "Student of the Week". Well done!

Holiday Dinner

The Students and Staff of Sutton District High School cordially invite you to our Annual Holiday Dinner Thursday, December 19, 2019 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for a Turkey Dinner.

It our way of saying thank you to the community who support us so generously throughout each school year. We hope you can make it!

Community Events

Parent' for Children's Mental Health - Monday December 16th - all are welcome please see flyer for details.  [PCMH Support Group Poster Dec 2019.pdf](#)

Guidance News

Class of 2020

Have you signed up for Remind yet? Parents/guardians and students who are planning on graduating June 2020 are encouraged to sign up for Remind to get important information sent to your phones or email.

Sign up for the SDHS Class of 2020 group and get notifications or messages through your phone or email. If you have a smartphone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/fbbd99 and follow the instructions to sign up for Remind (this will also work for email notifications).

No smartphone? No problem!

Text @fbbd99 to the number (587) 316-6156

*standard text message rates apply

School Council

The SDHS School Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following dates:

Feb. 18, 2020; and Apr 21, 2020.

(all dates are subject to change)

Attendance

Student attendance is directly related to student success. It is very important that students are at school on time and in class daily.

At Sutton District High School, when a student misses a class without a valid reason, our automated attendance program will phone home and email in the evening stating what grade the student is in and what class(es) were missed that day. If parents have any questions regarding the reported absence, they should check with their child and his or her teacher, as well as the appropriate Vice Principal if necessary.

Valid Absences

Only absences due to illness, medical/dental/legal appointments, bereavement, and school-sponsored activities are valid. All other absences, including missed buses and oversleeping are invalid. When a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) confirm knowledge of the validity of the absence. **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are asked to call or email the Attendance Office at 722-3267 or sutton.dhs@yrdsb.ca (accessible 24 hours daily) on the morning of each day their child will be absent or write a note verifying the absence.** Informing of the absence prior to the day or on the day of the absence will allow the information to be entered and will prevent the need for a phone call home or for the student to obtain an admit slip upon return. If no phone call or note is received, students must obtain an admit slip from the office. In certain

instances, medical documentation may be required. Students who are 18 years of age or older are to sign in and out at the Attendance Office when leaving or entering the school for any reason. **Students are responsible for informing teachers in advance of an anticipated absence. Students are responsible for all missed work (tests, assignments, class notes) when absent and are encouraged to obtain this work from their teacher beforehand when possible.**

Upcoming Events

December 18	Distribution of exam schedule
December 19	Staff/Student Hockey game – 1:00 p.m.
December 19	Community Dinner – 5:00 p.m.
December 20	Holiday Assembly (pd. 4)
December 23-January 3	Winter Break
January 13-17	Grad Photos
January 16&17	EQAO Math
January 23-29	Exams
January 30	Exam Review Day
January 31	PA Day

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Students are required to submit the form for Community Volunteer Hours PRIOR to volunteering. The students will need to get pre-approval from a Guidance Counsellor and have the form returned to them BEFORE they volunteer. This will require a minimum one week turnaround time. Please ensure that you follow these procedures so that you can get credit for all of your Community Volunteer Hours.

Students are reminded that any hours obtained over the summer should be handed into the Guidance office.

As a graduation requirement, students are required to complete 40 hours of community volunteer hours. It is recommended that students complete these hours in grades 9, 10 and 11. «First_Name» «Last_Name» has completed «Community_Servi» hours of community volunteer hours. Community volunteer hour forms can be found in the Guidance Office. Please be advised the completed forms are processed periodically, the hours submitted to the office may not appear for up to four weeks. Please contact the Guidance Office to follow up should community service hours not appear after that time.

Late Bus Pass Schedule
Monday - Thursday - Pepperlaw
Tuesday and Thursday - Keswick
No late busses on Fridays

BUS SAFETY

Students riding school buses must observe the following procedures:

- Be at the bus stop five minutes before scheduled pick up.
- Keep well away from the road until the bus has stopped. Do not move toward the bus until it has stopped.
- Watch for the bus driver’s signal before crossing the road. Look both ways and then cross the road.
- Board the bus quickly using the handrail and go directly to your seat.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus as these are prohibited.
- Keep the aisle clear of books, knapsacks, lunch bags and other items.
- Keep windows closed unless the driver permits you to open them and never put hands, arms, head or legs out of the window.
- Never throw anything inside the bus or out of the window.
- Talk quietly, so as not to distract the driver.
- Shouting, horseplay and fighting are strictly prohibited; students engaging in these activities will have their bus privileges suspended.

Transportation Information for Bus Route 4024/4025

In some circumstances temporary transportation is provided until safe routes to schools are in place. Temporary transportation is currently provided for your child(ren) to Sutton District High School as access along Baseline Road did not have a sidewalk or crosswalk. As both a sidewalk and crosswalk are now in place, transportation will no longer be provided by the board after the conclusion of the school year in June 2020.

HOLIDAYS, CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

CHRISTIANITY

December 25 ♦ Christmas (Western calendar) celebrates the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the son of God, and accept him as their Saviour and Lord. In many families, Christmas Eve is celebrated with big dinners, visiting and carol-singing, often followed by midnight church services.

ISLAM

December 13 Birthday of Aga Khan (Ismaili) December 13 marks the birthday of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th hereditary Imam of the Time descended from the progeny of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It is referred to as Salgirah Khushiali and is a celebratory occasion for Ismaili Muslims to express love, loyalty and devotion to their Imam.

JUDAISM

Dec. 23 - 30 Chanukah (Festival of Lights) celebrates religious freedom by commemorating the victory of the Jews over Antiochus who tried to outlaw the practice of Judaism. Starting on the evening of December 12, candles are lit in increasing numbers for eight nights in a “Chanukiah” which is a special candelabrum containing nine candles.

KWANZAA

Dec. 26 - Jan. 1 Kwanzaa named after the Swahili word for “first fruits” is a seven day cultural celebration initiated by African Americans starting on December 26th. Each day a candle is lit and placed in a seven cup candelabrum called a kinara that sits on a straw mat adorned with fruit and vegetables. The participants discuss the principles or Nguzo Saba of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. On the final night of the celebration, friends and relatives gather for a feast known as Karamu.

WICCA

December 22 Yule In most traditions, Yule is the Sabbath that begins the Wiccan Year. This is the Winter Solstice—the shortest day and longest night we will experience in the Northern Hemisphere

ZOROASTRIANISM

December 26 Death of Prophet Zarathushtra who was the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. His dates are uncertain but Westerners believe he lived in the first or the second millennium B.C.E.

Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of December 6-12, 2019 inclusive.

The attendance report below contains information for all courses attended. Classes with zero lates and zero absences may not appear on the report.

Please note: the midterm and final report card is the official document for reporting attendance. Students and/or their parents can pick up a detailed attendance report from the Attendance Office.

Course	Period	Teacher	Total Absences	Total Lates
«Course_A»	«Period_A»	«Teacher_Last_A»	«Absence_A»	«Lates_A»
«Course_B»	«Period_B»	«Teacher_Last_B»	«Absence_B»	«Lates_B»
«Course_C»	«Period_C»	«Teacher_Last_C»	«Absence_C»	«Lates_E»
«Course_D»	«Period_D»	«Teacher_Last_D»	«Absence_D»	«Lates_F»
Totals			«Total_Abs»	«Total_Lates»

SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS

Sutton District High School Website

<http://www.suttondistrict.hs.ca>

York Region District School Board

<http://www.yrdsb.ca>