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To the parents/guardians of «[First_Name](#)» «[Last_Name](#)»

INFORMATION ITEMS

This e-bulletin contains important school information. If you have any comments or feedback, please email our school at sutton.dhs@yrdsb.ca

MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

November 15th PA Day

The Secondary School Professional Activity (PA) Day originally scheduled for November 19, 2021 is changing and will now occur on **November 15, 2021**. Secondary schools will be closed to students on November 15, 2021 and reopen on November 16, 2021. A regular school day is scheduled for November 19, 2021, and students are expected to attend.

As all staff will be participating in the Professional Activities, the school and office will be closed for the day.

OSSLT

EQAO is administering the OSSLT in the fall and spring in a fully online platform. Eligible Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12s will write on November 25th. Grade 10 students will write in the spring window. A practice test will be scheduled for grade 11 students during period 3 am classes from Nov 22-24th by class. Schedule to follow. Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's [online practice test](#). You can also receive more information and support by contacting Tara Marshall, our Literacy Teacher or Vice-Principal Scot Angus.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Next week is Week 1, periods 1 & 2

GUIDANCE NEWS

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards are open to graduating secondary level students and those studying toward a first university degree or diploma in a Canadian post-secondary institution. Dead line is December 1st.

For award criteria please visit:

Terryfoxawards.ca

[Click here for full poster](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 15	PA Day
Nov 15	Term 2 begins
Nov 19	Regular school day
Nov 22	School Council meeting
Nov 22-24	Grade 11 practice OSSLT
Nov 25	OSSLT

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We've run into a hiccup in a couple of schedules and have had to reschedule our next school council meeting to Monday, November 22 starting at 7 pm.

The link will be: <https://meet.google.com/svp-jmyy-xgf>

S.D.H.S. School Council is looking for candidate nominations. Below is the link for the form. Please complete and submit to the office.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/suttondistrict.hs/SchoolCouncil/Documents/FOR- SchoolCouncilNomination.pdf>

School council will meet virtually this year at 7pm on November 22, 2021, February 27, 2022 and April 25, 2022.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

To see our School Calendar with important upcoming dates please [click here](#).

SCHOOL NEWS

French for the Future

Are you a grade 10, 11 or 12 student (in secondary IV, secondary V or CEGEP 1 in the province of Quebec)? Do you like to eat and want to learn more about how your food is produced? The National Essay Contest is for you! In addition to reflecting on a global issue, you could win a scholarship of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 to continue your studies at the French-language post-secondary institution of your dreams.

In 750 words, answer the following question: "In a future where everything is possible, how will the food we eat and the way it is produced have changed?" Make your submission before December 17th and may the odds be in your favor!



For help with submissions or any questions, please see Mme Sagar in Room 321 or email anne.sagar@yrdsb.ca

[Website link](#)

Sports

The school has been told by the York Region Athletics Association that we will be able to offer Hockey, Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball for the winter season (along with Alpine/SB, Curling and Nordic skiing)The policy states that all players must provide proof of double vaccination to participate.

[Click here for letter](#)

Participating **students** will be required to attest that they have been fully-vaccinated utilizing the current YRDSB Attestation portal under the drop down heading of 'Secondary Students for Inter-school Sports'.

[\(https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/\)](https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Salvation Army is looking for support of local businesses and organizations who could volunteer their time to staff a kettle in one of our partnering retail locations.

They are reaching out to ask if would your business or organization would be willing to 'adopt' a kettle during our 2021 campaign running November 22 through to December 24. All you would need to do is have someone from your group stand at a kettle at your chosen time (this can be divided up amongst your helpers depending on the length you choose to 'adopt'), thank people who donate, chat with people – it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know new people and reconnect with some you have not seen in a while, and wish passersby a Merry Christmas.

If you will assist with this year's Christmas Kettle Campaign, please call, or text Lauri Cunningham at 416-722-4563 or email her at laurel.cunningham@salvationarmy.ca to set up a time/location, or please reach out if you have any questions.

[See attached letter for full information](#)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

For a complete guide to community hours, please see the following [Student Guide to Community Hours](#)

- Students are required to get school approval and provide a copy of the form **prior** to completing their activities
- As a general rule students **can not** complete hours in a for-profit-business

Due to COVID restrictions, **For 2021 - 2022 school year only**, the Ministry of Education has allowed the following activities that are not normally acceptable:

Activities that include **up to 10 hours** of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others. Please use this link to record and write your reflection: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelp4mmgnu582RleGtueB2h37d8khyYKB_RNt6mhx36HKblEw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- Activities such as walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school or helping younger siblings with their homework
- Activities that consist of duties normally performed in the home (e.g. students could help an elderly relative with errands, provide after-school care for a sibling)
- Students who **graduate** within the 2021-2022 school year (prior to June 30, 2022) will need **20** community hours - the requirement for graduation after this date remains at 40 hours

«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.

Community Involvement Hours opportunity

New opportunities become available throughout the year. Please check Community Involvement Hours board in Guidance

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of November 8-12, 2021 inclusive.

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

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_C»
«Course_D»	«Period_D»	«Teacher_Last_D»	«Absence_D»	«Lates_D»
Totals			«Total_Abs»	«Total_Lates»

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 their child's teacher.

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.** 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. In certain instances, medical documentation may be required. 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.**