



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

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

Acceptable Use of Technology in Classrooms

Dear families of Sutton District High School,

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. To support this environment, the Ontario Ministry of Education has revised the provincial Code of Conduct (Policy/Program Memorandum No. 128) to include a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time as of November 4, 2019.

The revision states that the use of personal mobile devices (i.e. cell phones) during instructional time is not permitted unless under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
- for health and medical purposes;
- to support special education needs and/or English-Language Learners.

We recognize that learning can be enhanced by technology and we have created opportunities in our classrooms to leverage digital tools to enhance teaching, learning and communication.

As shared in the [Guide to the School Year 2019-20](#), it has always been our policy that cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the clear permission of the principal or the classroom teacher. Additionally, camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher. At no time may mobile devices be used in washrooms or change rooms.

Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under [Caring and Safe Schools Policy](#) and its related procedures. Students are responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss or theft.

For more information on why the Ontario Ministry of Education is making this revision, please see their [Cellphones and Other Personal Mobile Devices in Schools: Questions and Answers guide](#).

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Guidance News

Georgina Post Secondary Fair

Hosted by Keswick High School. – November 19th at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students are welcome. Please see attached flyer [here](#).

Full Disclosure

The Ministry of Education has legislated that students taking grade 11 and 12 courses are subject to a Full Disclosure Policy. This policy states that all grade 11 and 12 courses attempted by students must be recorded on Ontario Student Transcripts. This means that any course completed, dropped, failed, taken at day school, night school or summer school will appear on a student's transcript along with the marks earned in the program. This semester the Full Disclosure date for courses completed at SDHS is November 22, 2019. This means that all courses must be dropped by the end of this day so that they do not appear on transcripts. Parents and students who have questions about this policy should contact the Guidance Department at 905-722-3281.

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](https://remind101.com/join/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

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.

School Council

The SDHS School Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following dates:
November 18, 2019; 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

November 13	Awards Ceremony 9:30 a.m.
November 14	Mid-semester report cards to be distributed
November 15	PA Day
November 18	School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
November 19	Georgina Post Secondary Fair – Keswick HS
November 22	Full Disclosure

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 - Pefferlaw
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.

HOLIDAYS, CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

BAHA’I FAITH

November 26 -The Day of the Covenant. The eldest son and appointed successor of Baha’u’llah Abdu’l-Baha is referred to as the “Centre of the Covenant”. The covenant was established by Baha’u’llah to safeguard the unity of the Baha’i community. It was Abdu’l-Baha’s wish that the Covenant be celebrated rather than his own birth date.

November 28 - Ascension of Abdu’l-Baha. After years of serving both his father and the growing Baha’i community, Abdu’l-Baha passed away in Haifa, Israel in 1921 C.E. CHRISTIANITY November 1 All Saints’ Day is observed as a special day in many Christian churches.

ISLAM

November 9 - Mawlid-un-Nabi celebrates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). JAINISM November 1 Gyan Panchami, the day of knowledge, observed with Pooja (ritualistic offering) to pay homage to Saraswati Devi, the deity of knowledge and learning.

SIKHISM

November 12 - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The founder of the Sikh faith was born in 1469 C.E.

November 24 - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji. The Guru was executed in 1675 C.E. by a Mughal emperor. Sikhs believe that he gave his life to save the Hindu faith and religious liberty.

Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for October 25, and the week of November 4-7, 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>