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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](mailto:sutton.dhs@yrdsb.ca)

### **MESSAGE FROM ADMIN**

#### Take Our Kids to Work day (TOKW)

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is a national initiative that provides grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment or ENGAGE in pathways planning for one day. As suggested by the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the Take our Kids to Work program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

To help us plan for the day, please complete this [Informed Consent Form](#) to indicate how your child plans to engage in learning for the day.

Please check your email for a separate communication with TOKW information. On Monday, Nov 1, students will also receive information in their Google GAPS email accounts with a schedule and links for the day if they choose to take part in the live stream presentations.

#### Photo day

Photo day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd. All students will have their individual photo taken at the school throughout the day, following a class based schedule and abiding by the covid-19 safety protocols. A two meter distance will be maintained at all times and students will remove their mask at the moment the photo is taken and then put their mask back on. Students who are learning remotely can come to the school before school starts to have their photo taken. Remote learning students should arrive between 8:15 – 9:00 am and report to the main office to sign in. Prior to arriving students are to complete the daily covid-19 screening survey. In order to keep with a paperless Covid 19 protocol, student are asked to have their student number ready for the photographer.

Details regarding the purchasing of your child's photo will be made available through the photographer.

Please contact the main office with any questions.

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#### 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 in the fall window in the latter part of November. Grade 10 students will write in the spring window. **The specific date for these students to write the test will be shared in a separate communication in the coming weeks.**

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.

#### Cafeteria

For the time being the Cafeteria will not be providing hot food as an option. We are waiting for processes to be put into place between the school board and York Public Health. All process used in the Cafeteria this year are above and beyond what has been required. There are no confirmed or suspected cases of Covid-19 in relation to the Cafeteria.

The Café will be offering an assortment of cold sandwiches, salads, subs and wraps and hope to have hot food very soon.

## Renewed Computer Technology (RCT)

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards\*.

[Click here for the full letter](#)

[Click her for the Flyer](#)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE**

Next week is the Mid-term break, the school will be closed all week  
November 1 – 5 will be Week 1, periods 1 & 2

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

Sutton District High School has a Prayer/Reflection room. If your student is interested in using this room, please contact guidance for more details. We can be reached at 905-722-3281 or by emailing [SDHS.guidance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:SDHS.guidance@yrdsb.ca)



has donated feminine products to Sutton District High School. Should any student require these, please come to guidance.

## Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM!

REGISTER AT: [www.bit.ly/OYAP\\_OPENHOUSE](http://www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE)

[Click here for full poster](#)

## 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.

For award criteria please visit:

[Terryfoxawards.ca](http://Terryfoxawards.ca)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 25-29	Mid-term break
Nov 2	Photo Day
Nov 3	Take Our Kids to Work day

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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 15, 2021, February 27, 2022 and April 25, 2022.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

## **CYBER AWARENESS MONTH (CAM)**

### **Week 3: Care for your personal information – it is valuable!**

*It is more important than ever to protect our personal information.*

With personal devices, smart devices and the internet becoming a routine part of our lives, as we use them to work, learn, exercise, entertain ourselves and socialize, it is more important than ever to protect our personal information and teach our kids to develop habits that will make it part of their day-to-day routine. Like how children learn to be safe outdoors, children need to learn to be safe online.

## Topics and tips for Week 3 include:

Access the embedded links to find out more (links will take you to different websites):

- [Protect your personal information](#) as it is valuable to you but also cybercriminals.
- [How to protect yourself from identity theft](#)
- [Tips for protecting personal information](#)
- [Quick privacy tips for parents](#)
- [Privacy pursuit – Games and Activities for kids](#) (NEW)
- Familiarize yourself with the terms and conditions of applications you use as some may be sharing your personal information with third-party organizations.
- [Avoid phishing attempts](#) and [online scams](#).
  - [The 7 flags of phishing](#) and the [most common forms of phishing](#)
  - [How to shop online safely](#)
  - [How to use online banking securely](#)
- [Stay safe on social media](#) and do not overshare personal information.
- Maintain privacy while online and [gaming](#).
- Review and update [privacy settings](#) and make it a habit.

## Videos

The CAM videos created by ECNO and the Ministry of Education are perfectly tailored to be played on school hallway/atrium TVs. With simple yet effective animations, and close captions/subtitles embedded into the videos, they can easily be played on repeat with no sound distractions. They can be found at the below links:

[Week 3 – Care for your personal information, it is valuable with Niimi](#)

Stay tuned for **Week 4: Be mindful of your online presence and digital footprint!** on Monday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Keswick Optimist Club Trunk or Treat family event on October 23, 2021 from 12:00-3:00pm at S&B Motors

[Click here for the poster](#)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (BBBSY) is offering free virtual group mentoring programs designed to empower youth while keeping them connected to their peers.

[PDF link](#)

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association Workshop Series for Parents/Caregivers of Black Students and Black Students

Parents/caregivers of Black students in grades 7-11 and Black students are invited to NACCA's 2 part workshop on navigating secondary school.

Session #1 will cover the following topics:

- The criteria needed to graduate from an Ontario secondary school
- Streaming
- Admission requirements for entrance into postsecondary programs

Session #2 will cover the following topics:

- School attendance, suspensions, homework, assessment and evaluation
- Specialized opportunities and guidance
- Special Education and English as a Second Language/English Skills Development

**When:** Friday, October 22, 2021

**Time:** 7PM-8:30PM

**Register:** [bit.ly/PathwayNACCA](https://bit.ly/PathwayNACCA)

[Click here for full poster](#)

## **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/1oQ8-f42kx9b9pytmdUPhW-Jhm-BF6MpyBj5ZE9ZxvFl/edit>
- 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

Any student interested in volunteering with the Keswick Optimist Club's Trunk or Treat event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> should contact them at [keswickoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:keswickoptimist@gmail.com).

PAR (Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers) needs Volunteer Helpers for an event in October.

October 30 – Haunted Trail at Pefferlaw Ice Pad

[Click here for full poster](#)

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 October 18-22, 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.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Total Absences</b>	<b>Total Lates</b>
«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»

## **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](mailto: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.**