



**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](mailto:jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca)

### **Secret Path Week, October 14 -18**

SDHS is now a Downie/Wenjack Legacy School. This organization focuses on Chanie Wenjack, a child who was taken away from his family and community to be sent to the Cecilia Jeffreys Residential School. Chanie left the school and tried to make his way home, but sadly died of exposure at the age of twelve. When Tragically Hip singer Gord Downie heard of this travesty, he felt called to action. This led to the creation of the album, book and film of 'The Secret Path'.

From October 14 to 18, SDHS will be learning more about Chanie Wenjack's legacy and the work of Gord Downie to highlight the injustices done to First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in Canada. Our theme for the week is the Gord Downie quote - "We are not the country we thought we were."

Tuesday and Wednesday will focus on Truth; Thursday and Friday on Reconciliations. We will start the week off in a good way with a smudge open to all in the courtyard, and will have a 'Human Library' available all that week. Documentaries from the Hot Doc festival will be shown in the library at lunch all week. The week will end with match card reconciliation (a promise to learn more about FNMI) that we will be sending to the Wenjack family.



### **Cell Phones in Classrooms**

We would like to remind families that cell phone use in the classrooms is only permitted for educational purposes as assigned by a teacher. Any other use of cell phones in classrooms is not permitted. Should you need to reach your child during class, please call the main office instead of contacting your child directly. We ask that you review this school policy with your child as we work towards increasing student achievement and continue with our commitment to a respectful classroom environment.

Thank you for your support.

### **Guidance News**

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Our student awards ceremony that was planned for October 16 has been postponed to November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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](https://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](https://rmd.at/fbbd99) to the number **(587) 316-6156**

\*standard text message rates apply

**Fresh from the Farm**

SHDS is excited to partner with **Fresh From the Farm!**

Fresh from the Farm, Healthy Fundraising for Ontario Schools, provides schools the opportunity to raise funds by selling fresh, Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to the community, while promoting healthy eating and supporting Ontario farmers. Fresh from the Farm is a single fundraising event, with the school delivery scheduled for a pre-advised date in November through to early December.

Two ‘bundles’ of Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables are offered for sale.

- Vegetable Bundle contains: 5 lb potatoes, 3 lb carrots, 3 lb yellow onions, 3 lb sweet potatoes and sells for \$14.00.
- Apple Bundle contains: 8 lb Empire apples and sells for \$15.00.

Fruit and vegetable products are supplied by growers throughout various regions of Ontario.

Stay tuned for more information on ordering your fruit and vegetable bundles!

**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](mailto: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**

<b>October 14</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Photo retake day</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>PA Day</b>
<b>October 21-30</b>	<b>Greece Trip</b>

**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.

### **Community Events**

Please see our website for up-coming community events.

Farmer's Harvest Dinner/Dance – Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> Please see the below link for details.

[Harvest Dinner/Dance](#)



**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.

### **HOLIDAYS, CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

#### **BUDDHISM**

October 13 Kathina Ceremony marks Buddha's "descent from heaven." The day is dedicated to remembering the dead and respecting elders.

October 13 Pavarana Day signals the completion of the Rains of Retreat.

#### **JUDAISM**

October 14-20 - Sukkot is a harvest festival or thanksgiving. Small huts are constructed in which meals are eaten, weather permitting, to commemorate the time when the Israelites dwelled in booths in the desert for 40 years.

October 21 - Shemini Atzeret is a festival marking the end of the holiday of Sukkot on which a special prayer for rain is recited.

October 22 - Simchat Torah is marked by singing and dancing which celebrates the end of public reading of the Torah in the synagogue and the beginning of its reading anew.

### **Attendance Report**

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of October 4-10, 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>