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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 Insurance

At this time the Board of Education no longer has a provider for student insurance. There are however insurance providers you can use to get coverage for your son/daughter. A comparable one to the one we have used in the past is <u>https://insuremykids.com/</u>

Threat Assessment and Intervention

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Student Threat Assessment and Intervention pamphlet.

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms have been given out to students in homeroom classes on Wednesday, September 11. Kindly look over the information to ensure it is accurate, sign and have your son/daughter return it to their homeroom teacher. Thank you.

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

S.D.H.S. School Council is looking for candidate nominations, please complete the below link for the form and submit to the office.

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

School councils are advisory bodies which may make recommendations to the school principal or to the Board on matters as stated in Board policy and procedure. School councils are comprised of parents (constituting the majority of members of the school council), one student representative (optional at elementary level), at least one community representative, the school principal, one teaching staff representative, and one support staff representative.

School councils are responsible for:

• supporting and promoting parent, family and community engagement in support of student learning;

• participating in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan;

• communicating with, and providing ongoing advice to, the principal on matters pertaining to the school; and,

• collaborating with the principal to coordinate community resources that support student learning needs.

At Sutton District High School, the School Council is not directly involved in any fundraising. The council offers advice to the Principal regarding fundraising. Individual members may provide additional support on a voluntary basis.

The SDHS School Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following dates: September 16, 2019; November 18, 2019; Feb. 18, 2020; and Apr 21, 2020. (all dates are subject to change)

Guidance News

Ontario Universities' Fair Trip- September 27, 2019

Any Grade 11 or 12 student interested in applying to an Ontario University should attend the Ontario Universities' Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Please see School Cash Online or the Guidance office for permission forms and information. Permission forms are due September 26th.

Class of 2020

Want the latest news about post-secondary pathways, scholarship or bursary opportunities and general graduation information? 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

<u>Attendance</u>

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

Sept. 16	School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	
Sept. 23	PA Day	
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run	

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.



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

<u>WICCA</u>

September 23 - Mabon Autumn Equinox and the second harvest. Wiccans take a moment to pay their respect to the impending dark. They celebrate the aging Goddess as she passes from Mother to Crone, and her consort the God as he prepares for death and rebirth.

<u>HINDUISM</u>

September 29 – October 6 – Navarati (Fall) is a nine day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.

<u>JUDAISM</u>

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 ◆ - Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, marks the start of a ten day period of spiritual self examination and repentance which ends with Yom Kippur. Families celebrate with a festive dinner at which apples dipped in honey are eaten. (New Year's Day, 5779).

Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of September 9, 2019 – September 13, 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»