



**Sutton District High School**  
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**Principal Dan Gillis**  
**Vice Principals Candice Mott and Jean Janzen**

To the parents/guardians of «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

This e-bulletin contains important school information and a summary of your child's attendance. If you have any comments or feedback, please email Jean Janzen at [jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca)

### **Happy Holidays Everyone!**

The staff at SDHS would like to wish all families and friends of our school community a very happy holiday season. We also extend our best wishes for a happy, peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2018!



### **Message from Leslie Johnstone Acting Director of Education**

To all those celebrating [Christmas](#), [Kwanzaa](#), [New Year's Eve/Day](#) and [Orthodox Christmas](#), I would like to wish you and your families happy celebrations.

### **Semester One Final Examinations**

The first semester exam schedule was sent home today. Exams run from Thursday, January 25 – January 31, 2018. Exam Review day is on February 1. Please go over the exam schedule with your children and support their preparation. Teachers will be supporting students by providing strategies for studying and reviewing significant learning goals of each course.



DEC. 14 FINAL  
JANUARY EXAM SCHE

### **Grade 9 Math EQAO Assessment**

The Grade 9 EQAO assessments will be administered on **January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Information regarding this test went home on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised that all secondary schools in the York Region District School Board are to continue to include student work from the Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics as **5%** of the student's final mark for the mathematics course. The 5% will be factored into the 30% summative portion of the final mark. Please ensure that if you have a student currently enrolled in Grade 9 math that they are in attendance during the assessment dates. Teachers have been supporting students through practice tests, reviewing significant learning goals and informing students which parts of the test will also count toward their final grades in the math class.

### **Grad Photos – January 15-19, 2018**

Edge Imaging will be coming to Sutton District High School to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best with your schedule.

**Photo Dates: view online at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)**

Your school code is: SUT

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Enter your school code and student number to get started.

**Appointment**

*Session Fees are due at or before the time of your sitting. Cash or cheque are accepted. Please make cheques payable to Edge Imaging.*

**Your \$30 Session Fee is due before or at the time of your sitting.**

Your fee includes a professional portrait session with both classic Cap & Gown and new Casual poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

### **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee**

#### **Anti-Black Racism Sub-Committee**

**You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:**

**Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families**

#### *Agenda*

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
- Board
- School
- Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

#### **Dates, times and locations**

Thursday January 18, 2018 6:00pm – 9:30pm Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5 *(Refreshments will be provided)* / Saturday January 27, 2018 10:00am – 2:00pm Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4 *(Lunch will be provided)*

#### **Registration**

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips [freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca](mailto:freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca).

### **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee**

#### **Classism Sub-Committee**

#### **Community Conversations**

**Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?**

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

**January 15 Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**

**January 22 Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**

**January 29 Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**

**February 5 Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**

**February 12 Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

*All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm*

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

**For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:**

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis

905-895-3126

[k\\_carbis@hotmail.com](mailto:k_carbis@hotmail.com)

### **Yearbook Early Order Sale**

This year's yearbook order guarantee deadline is quickly approaching! Order your yearbook by Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to secure a copy. Prices will also be going up from \$45 to \$55 as of February 2<sup>nd</sup>,

2018. You can purchase a yearbook online via credit card or interac at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com>. You may also purchase a yearbook with cash in the Main Office.

### Upcoming Events

Dec. 25- Jan. 5	Christmas/Winter Break
January 15- 19	Graduation Photos
January 18	Grade 8 Open House 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25-31	Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day

### Guidance News

#### Class of 2018- Remind App

Is your son/daughter graduating this year? Students and their parents are encouraged to sign up and receive texts/notifications from SDHS Guidance regarding post-secondary pathway information, application deadlines and graduation updates.

From your smartphone: open your web browser and go to the following link [rmd.at/6h7adg](https://rmd.at/6h7adg) OR  
Text the message **@6h7adg** to the number **(587) 316-6156**

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/6h7adg](https://rmd.at/6h7adg) on a desktop computer and sign up for email notifications.

### School Council Information

The SDHS School Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following dates:

**Feb. 20, 2018; and May 22, 2018.**

(all dates are subject to change)

School Council Co-Chairs: Tiffany Drummond and Tracy Sedore-Drinkwater

School Council e-mail address [sutton.dhs@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:sutton.dhs@sc.yrdsb.ca)

### Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of December 15-21, 2017 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_C»
«Course_D»	«Period_D»	«Teacher_Last_D»	«Absence_D»	«Lates_D»
Totals			«Total_Abs»	«Total_Lates»

### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS**

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 Information**

Late Bus Pass Schedule  
Monday - Thursday - Pefferlaw  
Tuesday and Thursday - Keswick  
No late busses on Fridays

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

#### **Christianity**

December 25 ♦ Christmas (Western calendar) celebrates the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the son of God, and accept him as their Saviour and Lord. In many families, Christmas Eve is celebrated with big dinners, visiting and carol-singing, often followed by midnight church services.

January 6 Epiphany (Western Calendar) is the 12th day of Christmas and the end of the Christmas season. It comes from a Greek word referring to the baptism of Jesus and the arrival in Bethlehem of the Three Wise Men who came to worship Jesus. The Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on this day.

January 7 ♦ Christmas (Eastern Calendar). Some Orthodox churches celebrate the birth of Jesus on this day. The Julian (Eastern) calendar is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian (Western) calendar. In York Region, this is often referred to as "Ukrainian Christmas"

#### **Kwanzaa**

December 26 Kwanzaa named after the Swahili word for "first fruits" is a seven day cultural celebration initiated by African Americans starting on December 26th. Each day a candle is lit and placed in a seven-cup candelabrum called a kinara that sits on a straw mat adorned with fruit and vegetables. The participants discuss the principles or Nguzo Saba of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. On the final night of the celebration,

friends and relatives gather for a feast known as Karamu. ZOROASTRIANISM December 26 Death of Prophet Zarathustra who was the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. His dates are uncertain but Westerners believe he lived in the first or the second millennium B.C.E.

### Buddism

January 1 Temple Day has become a day for Canadian Buddhists to attend a special service in the local temple.

### Sikhism

January 5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The tenth guru (1666- 1708 C.E.) was the final master who created the Sikh Brotherhood, the Khalsa.

January 13 Maghi commemorates the forgiveness shown by Guru Gobind Singh to forty deserters who returned to fight the Mughal army and sacrificed their lives under the leadership of a brave Khalsa woman named Mae Bhaago.

### **SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS**

Sutton District High School Website

<http://www.suttondistrict.hs.ca>

York Region District School Board

<http://www.yrdsb.ca>

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