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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 Candice Mott at candice.mott@yrdsb.ca

Happy Holidays Everyone!

The staff at SDHS would like to wish all the 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 2017!



Office closure

The office will be closed on the Winter Break from December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017. We will reopen January 9, 2017.

Student of the Week:

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

SDHS 7th Annual Holiday Dinner

Each year, the students and staff host a holiday dinner inviting all members of the community into our "home" to enjoy a complete festive meal. This year we served **680 meals** to members of our community! The meal included turkey, stuffing, roasted potatoes, carrots, beans and rolls. There were lots of delicious desserts including pumpkin and apple pie and a kid's favourite, cotton candy made by our students on site!

This event is made possible by the great students and staff at SDHS including our resident chef and hospitality teacher George Christoforou. We also have a great number of community partners who assist with this event, specifically Bill's Turkey Farm in Queensville ON, who have graciously donated all the turkeys all 7 annual dinners! Thank you to those of you who were able to join us last night!

Semester one exam schedule and student guidelines

The examination period for semester one final exams is Jan 26-Feb1,2017 with all exams beginning at 9:30 each day. Students are required to be in school only when they are writing a scheduled exam. Please see the below links for the schedule and student guidelines. Hard copies will be distributed in homerooms on Monday, December 19th.



2017 SDHS Winter Exams for Students
Student Guidelines for Exams Jan 2016.r

Yorkworks Employment Services

[YorkWorks](#) is hosting a variety of activities and workshops during the month of January.

"Are you between the ages 15-29 and looking for employment? Contact yorkworks Employment Services and learn more about the Youth Job Link (YJL) program. Receive support with:

- Job Search: resume, cover letter, interview skills
- Job Readiness: Information and training on employment standards and health and safety in the workplace
- Job Matching: connect with employers

Eligible youth may receive employment supports towards training, attire, and transportation. All at no cost to you! Call 905.722.1480 to book your appointment today!"

If you're unemployed and looking for work, yorkworks Employment Services can provide you with all the resources and tools you need to find suitable employment. Call (905) 722 – 1480 or click www.yorkworks.ca or visit us at 20887 Dalton Road, Sutton to learn more!"

Pathways to Employment Open House

Get a degree, diploma or certificate or upgrade your skills through on-line learning, with personalized support in your community.



2016-Georgina Open House.pdf



Free Workshops

Understanding Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

Wednesday, Jan 25th at CEC North – 130 Carlson Drive, **Newmarket** 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Thursday, Feb 2nd at RL Graham P.S. – 70 Biscayne Blvd, **Keswick** 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Free child minding, light refreshments, students welcome to attend with their family.

For more information and to **pre-register** contact pauline.costello@yrdsb.ca or jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca 905 895 5155 or LDAYR info@ldayr.org 905 884 7933 ext. 24

Graduation Photographs

Dates: Mon. Jan. 16 - Fri. Jan. 20

All students who plan on graduating this year must book an appointment to have their picture taken. This picture will be featured on the graduation composite. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a photo package. Book the appointment by going to bookmygrad.ca use school code SUT

Students will need their student ID card number when booking.

OSAP Information for students apply for College and University

If your child is currently in Grade 12, you should know that applications are now open for college and university programs. The last date for university applications is January 11th. College applications for the fall term should be submitted before February 1st.

Your child may benefit from financial assistance for postsecondary education from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). As part of the most significant reform of student assistance in North America, the government of Ontario is removing the financial barriers to attending college or university.

If your family income is under \$50,000, your child's tuition is covered. Even if you earn more, the new OSAP is still there to help with generous grants that will make sending your child to college or university more affordable.

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development has launched a new online calculator to help students and their families find out quickly and easily whether they qualify for free tuition or other grants and supports from the province. We encourage you to find out more at ontario.ca/osap.

Immunization information from York Region Public Health

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

School Council

Come out and join our school council. The SDHS School Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following dates:

February 21, 2017 **May 1, 2017**

(dates are subject to change and will be posted on our school outdoor signs and website.)

Upcoming Events

Dec. 24-Jan. 6	Winter Break
Jan. 11	Last day to apply to University
Jan. 16-20	Graduation Photographs
Jan. 19	Grade 8 Parents' night
Jan. 23 & 24	Grade 9 EQAO Math testing
Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Semester One Exams
Feb. 2	Exam Review Day
Feb. 3	PA Day
Feb. 6	Semester Two begins

Holidays and Observances

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.

Judism

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 Chanukah (Festival of Lights) celebrates religious freedom by commemorating the victory of the Jews over Antiochus who tried to outlaw the practice of Judaism. Starting on the evening of December 24, candles are lit in increasing numbers for eight nights in a "Chanukah" which is a special candelabrum containing nine candles.

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

Reporting a Student Absence

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are asked to call the Attendance Office at 722-3267 (accessible 24 hours daily) on the morning of each day their child will be absent or write a note verifying the absence.

Community Volunteers Hours

Students are now 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. **Holiday season is a great time to acquire some 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

Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of December 16 - 22, 2016 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»

SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS

Sutton District High School Website

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York Region District School Board

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