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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](mailto:candice.mott@yrdsb.ca)

### **Student of the Week:**

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

### **Administration Change**

We would like to extend our warm wishes and congratulations Mr. Erik Gordon on his promotion to Principal at Newmarket H.S. His care and commitment to our students, staff and families will be greatly missed.

We also would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Anton Skerritt from Milliken Mills High School, who has been appointed Vice Principal at Sutton DHS.

### **Semester One Exam schedule and Student guidelines**

The examination period for semester one final exams is Jan. 26 –Feb.1, 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 click on this link for the [schedule and student guidelines](#). Please be reminded that Feb. 2 is our exam review day where students are able to come in and look over their marked exam. Feb. 3 is a PA day and Semester two starts on Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Letter from Philip Parappally, o Director of Education**

January 26, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon, the Minister of Education announced the appointment of Patrick Case and Suzanne Herbert to examine issues of governance and equity in our Board.

These are critical issues and we welcome this opportunity to work with the reviewers in an open and transparent manner. This review will foster a common understanding of how we need to move forward with our community, the Board and staff members alike. I will ensure that all staff members cooperate fully throughout this important review.

I want to assure you that we take these issues very seriously, and will not shy away from the difficult conversations and the important work that lies ahead to address these concerns.

Our Board has long had a reputation for excellence and I want to acknowledge the good work that continues to take place in our schools and workplaces to advance student achievement and well-being.

We remain committed to providing our students and staff with safe, welcoming and inclusive learning and working environments that enable all of our students and staff to succeed.

I will continue to communicate with you as we take steps to address these important concerns.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally

Director of Education

### **Message from our Trustee**

We are now halfway through the school year. This is a good time to reflect on all that your child has learned and to look at setting goals for the rest of the school year.

Our Board believes that student well-being and achievement go hand-in-hand. One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning."

The Ministry of Education has recently identified four priorities for well-being: positive mental health, safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, and equity and inclusive education. As a Board of Trustees, we will continue to further work in all of these areas to support student well-being in line with these priorities.


There are many resources on the Board website to help support student well-being, including tips for talking about mental health, managing stress, packing healthy lunches and addressing incidents of bullying.

Creating a healthy, safe and welcoming learning environment is key to helping our students reach their full potential. All of us have an important role to play in creating an environment that enables our students to thrive.

I wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.

### **Arts Camp**

For nearly thirty years on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students. Arts Camp is an intensive one-week immersion in performance-based and product-generating art programs and experiences. To ensure the student experience is memorable, dynamic and fun, teachers, local and regional artists as well as student counsellors plan and facilitate amazing art programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers. 250 students ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12 from across York Region attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and activities. Camp culminates in an Art Show/Gallery Tour and Performance Night. The camp runs from May 27 – June 3, 2017.

This  [Student Application Information package](#) includes comprehensive information about camp, the cost and the application process. Please carefully review the information before applying.

## SDHS Café Card

For your convenience, we are now offering "CAFÉ CASH CARDS"! No need to worry about sending money for lunch any longer! Simply go on <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and you can purchase a \$25.00 card with a credit or debit card. Once purchased, cards can be picked up in the main office. If you prefer to pay by cash, have your son or daughter come to the main office to purchase and receive the card.

Our cafeteria prepares a variety of healthy choices daily including our sub sandwich shop, salad bar, a Café special and homemade soup. Please note that lost/stolen cards are non refundable.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office.

## Eco Tip

Did you know your plastic bags can be recycled?

Retailers across York Region have joined the *Plastic Bag Take-Back* program. You can drop off your plastic bags at their stores so they can be sent for recycling. Recycled plastic bags are used to make things like new plastic bags, plastic lumber, patio furniture and park benches.

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How do I Recycle my Plastic Bags?

It is easy to recycle plastic bags:

1. Turn your plastic shopping bags inside out
2. Stuff your plastic shopping bags into one bag
3. Drop them off at a *Take-Back* bin at a participating store (Sobeys at 20954 Dalton Rd)



## Free Workshops

Understanding Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pauline.costello@yrdsb.ca) or [jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca) 905 895 5155 or LDAYR [info@ldayr.org](mailto:info@ldayr.org) 905 884 7933 ext. 24

## York Region Public Health Information

Attached please find an important message from York Region Public Health regarding increased flu activity this season.



Message from York  
Region Public Health -

## 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

Jan. 26-Feb.1	Semester One Exams
Feb. 2	Exam Review Day
Feb. 3	PA Day
Feb. 6	Semester Two begins
Feb. 10	Report card distribution in homerooms

### Holidays and Observances

#### Buddhism

January 28 – **Lunar New Year** the day after the new moon, marks the beginning of the new lunar year. It is the year of the Rooster. Irrespective of their religion or country, all Chinese, Vietnamese and many Koreans celebrate the cultural aspect of this day. This is the beginning of year 4715 in the Chinese calendar. It is a time for renewal and personal relationships, and pledges of prosperity.

#### 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**

Please note that there will be no late buses running during exam week. The late bus will resume on Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**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 January 20 - 25, 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.

<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_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

<http://www.suttondistrict.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

York Region District School Board

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