

**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 Anton Skerritt, at [anton.skerritt@yrdsb.ca](mailto:anton.skerritt@yrdsb.ca)

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

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

### **Office Schedule for March Break**

The School Office will be closed from March 13-17 for the March Break. We wish everyone and safe and enjoyable holiday.

### **Lunch and Learn for OSSLT**

All students who are writing the OSSLT this year are invited to attend a series of Lunch n' Learns in room 325 to practice the various tasks that they will see during this year's literacy test. During each of the sessions, students will complete one OSSLT task and self-assess the task using the scoring tools that are appropriate to each task. The schedule of these sessions is listed below:

<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Writing: Short Answer	Reading: Information Paragraph	Writing: Series of Paragraphs	Reading: News Report	Long Writing Tasks (revisit)
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
Reading Tasks (revisit)	Open Forum *	Open Forum *	OSSLT (a.m.) Modified School Day	

\* assistance for tasks on an individualized basis (missed sessions, extra practice, reviewing strategies, etc.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Schneppenheim at [lisa.schneppenheim@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lisa.schneppenheim@yrdsb.ca).

### **Modified School Day Letter for OSSLT – Thursday March 30, 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

***RE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day  
Thursday, March 30, 2017***

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Thursday, March 30, 2017** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best environment possible for the students writing the test, the Board has agreed to a modified school day structure for the day in which the OSSLT will be written. This practice is very similar to that followed by other GTA school boards.

**Sutton District High School** has a regular start time of **9:20 a.m.** This year, students writing the test will come to school as per their normal start time and complete the test. Students **not** writing the OSSLT would be asked to commence their school day approximately **three and a half hours later** to coincide with the conclusion of the OSSLT on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Students requiring

accommodation will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. School will finish for all students at the normal time.

The school day timetable will proceed as follows:

Times	Periods
9:20 – 12:25	Literacy Test
12:25 – 1:05	Lunch
1:10 – 1:40	Period 1
1:45 – 2:15	Period 2
2:20 – 2:50	Period 3
2:55 – 3:25	Period 4

Please note students in Self-Contained Special Education Classes (Developmentally Delayed, Autism, Intensive Support, etc.) will follow their regular schedule.

Student Transportation Services has been advised of these arrangements and will adjust bus schedules as follows:

- Students who are eligible for school bus transportation and are writing the OSSLT, will be picked up in the morning at their regular service time.
- Students who are eligible for transportation and are not writing the OSSLT test will be picked up 3 ½ hours later than their regular service time.
- All students will be transported home at regular service times.

We anticipate that student achievement will be enhanced by this modification since the entire school staff will be available to administer the test and supervise students; ample classroom space will be available, eliminating the need to write in specialty rooms; and sufficient technology will be available to support students receiving accommodation. In addition, a calmer student environment during the OSSLT designated writing time will result as only students writing the test will be in school.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dianne Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,

**Dawn Laliberte**  
Principal

### **Important immunization information from the Ministry of Health**

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (the Act), requires Public Health to collect and review immunization records to ensure students are up to date with their immunizations. The Act also gives the medical officer of health the authority to direct school principals to suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date. In the spring of 2017, York Region Public Health is focusing on students who are seven and 17 years of age in the Public and French school boards. Students who do not provide up to date immunization information or a valid exemption will be suspended from school on **April 5, 2017**. In order to minimize the number of suspended students, York Region Public Health will provide support to parents, guardians and students to help them update their immunizations.

Please see below for important dates related to immunization, and information regarding additional immunization clinics. If you have any questions, please contact Martina Cuillerier, Supervisor – Vaccination clinics, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 76078 or [martina.cuillerier@york.ca](mailto:martina.cuillerier@york.ca). Thank you for supporting immunization in the community.

- **April 5, 2017** - First day of suspension period. Suspension orders will be issued.
- April 5, 2017 to May 2, 2017 - Suspension period. Students who are suspended may return to school once up to date immunization information is provided to Public Health.

- Students who have attended public health immunization clinics will present to the school principal a “**Return to School Notice**” which can be interpreted by the principal as clearance for that student to return to school.

**There will be an immunization clinic at Sutton DHS on Wednesday, March 21,**

- Community Immunization Clinics are also available weekday evenings in Keswick, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.
- March break immunization clinics will be available in Vaughan and Richmond Hill.
- View clinic schedules and book appointments by visiting [york.ca/immunizations](http://york.ca/immunizations), then selecting **Community Immunization Clinics** or by calling 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044.
- York Region Public Health visits each high school for an immunization clinic during the school day. No appointment is required to attend the clinic. Visit [york.ca/immunizations](http://york.ca/immunizations) for more information.
- Update immunization information online at [eimmunization.york.ca](http://eimmunization.york.ca) or by calling York Region Public Health at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456**.
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### Allergies/Medical Conditions

There are students and staff members in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens. If they smell or come into contact with these foods, they may have an anaphylactic reaction.

**To help create an allergen-safe environment, do not bring nut or nut products (especially peanut products), or sprays with odour (such as perfume or colognes) to school.**

If your child has a serious or life-threatening allergy or medical condition, let the school know immediately and speak to the school office about completing the appropriate medical forms. There are students in our school who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts and other allergens. If they smell or come into contact with these foods, they may have an anaphylactic reaction.

We request that staff and students refrain from bringing peanut products into the building. Peanut products are not sold in our school vending machines or cafeteria. Please inform the school, if your son or daughter has any allergies. Care and caution must be used when eating outside the cafeteria. Additional items may be restricted based on information that we receive throughout the year.

Many students and staff members are highly sensitive to perfumes, colognes, aftershaves and other scented products. By choosing to use unscented personal care products, we can make Sutton District High School a better place for all of us to learn and work.

### The Charitable Trust of the Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket Inc.

The CFUW members are dedicated to helping young people reach their education goals. As a result, four 1000.00 award will be presented to students graduating from the following schools:

Aurora High School	Dr. GW Williams Secondary School
King City Secondary School	Dr. John M. Denison
Newmarket High School	Huron Heights SS
Keswick H.S.	Sir William Mulock SS
Sutton DHS	Stouffville D.S.S.

One applicant per school will be accepted. Please see below link for details. Interested applicants should submit application to Guidance by April 28, 2017.



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### What is MOBYSS?

- Confidential, non-judgmental space for youth aged 12 – 25

- Operated by Canadian Mental Health Association YR
- Walk-in format
- Health cards not required
- Staff include: Nurse Practitioner, Youth Mental Health Worker, Peer Support Specialist
- Services reflect a holistic approach to healthcare: primary care and mental health support, including:
  - Assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses (such as a sore throat or bladder infection)
  - Preventative health care (such as yearly health exams or cervical screening)
  - Lab testing
  - Medical referrals including video access to specialists through the Ontario Telemedicine Network
  - Mental health support including counseling, skills building, referrals and peer support
  - Health education and prevention strategies, including harm reduction



YRDSB MOBYSS  
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For information specific to the service provided, please reference:

Glen Gifford, Program Manager, [ggifford@cmha-yr.on.ca](mailto:ggifford@cmha-yr.on.ca). Or call 905-841-3977 ext 2222.

### Program Schedule for MOBYSS

The next visit to our school will be on Thursday March 23

### Eco Tip

March is Monitors-Off Month

Did you know that computer monitors average 30 watts when they are turned on?

If a monitor is on all day, it would use 720 watt-hours. That's over 26kw-h each year. Even when "sleeping" or "hibernating", energy efficient monitors average 2 watts. If a monitor is turned off instead of sleeping for twelve hours each day, it would save almost 9KW-h each year.

While that may only save \$ 1.30 a year, if everyone turned off all their monitors when not in use, we would greatly decrease energy consumption.

Please turn off computer monitors when not in use to reduce your eco-footprint!

### Greece Student Trip 2018

We have started planning our next Europe Trip for November 2018 and our destination will be Greece. Any interested students should come and see Ms. Kontozis and if parents have any questions please contact Ms. Kontozis directly through her email at [elena.kontozis@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elena.kontozis@yrdsb.ca). We will be having a parent meeting within the next few weeks to discuss all the details. We have many fundraising opportunities for our students to help alleviate some of the cost. This is a fantastic opportunity for your son/daughter to experience international travel.

### 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.

### School Council

Come out and join our School Council. The SDHS School Council last meeting for this school year is May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the school library on the following date:

### Upcoming Events

March 13-17	March Break
March 21	Immunization Clinic at SDHS
March 23	Interim Reports distributed in Homerooms
March 30	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
March 30	Parent's Night 5:30 – 7:30

### Reporting a Student Absence

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are asked to call the Attendance Office at 722-3267, (accessible 24 hours daily) or write a note to verify their child's absence.

### Holiday and Observances

#### BAHA'I FAITH

March 2 - 20 The 19-Day Fast is observed every year from March 2 until March 20. During this time those who are physically able, abstain from food and drink from sunrise until sunset each day.

March 20 Naw Ruz (Baha'i New Year). Baha'is celebrate New Year on the first day of spring. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day. This date is also celebrated as a cultural event or faith day by many faith groups throughout the world.

#### BUDDHISM

March 20 - Spring Ohigon is a special time to listen to the teaching of the Buddha and to meditate on the perfection of enlightenment. This day is of particular importance for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. CHRISTIANITY March 1 Ash Wednesday (Western Calendar) is the beginning of Lent, the forty day period (excluding Sundays) of prayer, repentance and self-denial that precedes Easter. It is a reminder of the days Jesus spent alone in the wilderness.

#### HINDUISM

March 13 - Holi is a colourful spring festival observed widely in Hindu communities around the world. The myths, customs and rituals associated with Holi vary considerably from place to place. Mar. 28 - Apr. 5 Navaratri (Spring) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.

#### JUDAISM

March 12 Purim celebrates the victory over an oppressive ruler by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordecai. SIKHISM March 14 Sikh New Year's Day is the first day of the new Nanakshahi solar calendar. This is year 549 of the new era.

#### ZOROASTRIANISM

March 17 - Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem celebrates the creation of human beings.

March 21 - Naw Ruz (New Year's Day) in Fasli calendars. - This is the first day of the Zoroastrian and Persian year. It is a time of religious observance preceded by ten days of remembrance of the dead. It symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. Irrespective of their religion, many Iranians celebrate this day. This celebration may also fall on March 20 based on the time of sunrise.

March 28 - Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.

### 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.

### Community Events:

Parents for Children's Mental Health – Parent Support Group for children suffering from Anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disabilities or behaviour challenges. Please see attachment for locations and dates.



PCMH Support Group  
Poster March 2017.pc

Would you like upgrade your skills in English, Math or Computers? Are you seeking for employment? Applying for College, second career or apprenticeships? Free courses are being offered at no cost. Please see link for further information. [i-WinComputer-Skills-Training.pdf](#)

**Late Bus Pass Schedule**  
**Monday - Thursday - Pefferlaw**  
**Tuesday and Thursday - Keswick**  
**No late buses 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 March 3-9, 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»

**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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