



**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 Jean Janzen at [jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jean.janzen@yrdsb.ca)

**Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing Mid-Term Break!**

### **Asbestos Remediation Work**

Asbestos remediation work will take place at our school during the Fall break, next week, between October 28 and November 1, 2019.

As you may know, asbestos was used as an insulating material in the construction of all buildings up until the mid-1980s. As a result of health concerns, provincial legislation was created to manage asbestos in buildings. The York Region District School Board has an Asbestos Management Program in place. The Board has been actively monitoring the condition of existing asbestos in schools, and safely securing and removing asbestos for nearly two decades.

All removal of asbestos from our schools is in full compliance with government regulations. Upon completion of the remediation work, the area of work will be inspected to ensure that is safe for all staff and students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the safety of the school, please feel free to contact me during normal school hours. For health information related to asbestos, please contact the York Region Health Services Department Hotline at 1-800-361-5653.

### **Guidance News**

#### **Class of 2020**

Have you signed up for Remind yet? Parents/guardians and students who are planning on graduating June 2020 are encouraged to sign up for Remind to get important information sent to your phones or email.

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](https://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

### **Transportation Information for Bus Route 4024/4025**

In some circumstances temporary transportation is provided until safe routes to schools are in place. Temporary transportation is currently provided for your child(ren) to Sutton District High School as access along Baseline Road did not have a sidewalk or crosswalk. As both a sidewalk and crosswalk are now in place, transportation will no longer be provided by the board after the conclusion of the school year in June 2020.

### **School Council**

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

**November 18, 2019; Feb. 18, 2020; and Apr 21, 2020.**

(all dates are subject to change)

### **Attendance**

*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](mailto: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**

<b>October 28 – Nov.2</b>	<b>Mid-Term Break</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Take our Kids to Work Day</b>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Mid-semester marks due</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>PA Day</b>

**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.

Farmer’s Harvest Dinner/Dance – Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> Please see the below link for details.

[Harvest Dinner/Dance](#)

**Islamic Heritage – Beyond Islamic Heritage Month**

Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) invites our YRDSB school communities (families, staff, and students) to an exciting evening of learning and dialogue. Children will have an opportunity to listen to stories by Muslim authors, while families, staff, and community engage in learning and dialogue that celebrates diverse Islamic Heritages. Please share with your school communities!

**When :Wednesday, November 6, 2019 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Where: Bill Hogarth Secondary School Cafeteria, 100 Donald Sim Avenue, Markham Program**

1. YRDSB Greetings
2. Community Greetings by *York Region Muslims & The National Council of Canadian Muslims*
3. Dialogue by Gilarly Massa - Framing Intersectionality in Muslim communities
4. Keynote by Timaj Garad - Acting in Solidarity with Muslim communities
5. Keynote by Rania El Mugammar – Centering Muslim & Minoritized Voices in Institutional Decision-Making
6. Children’s Story-time and Crafts

\*Bookstores, community resource displays and more.

### Registration

Please register [here](#).

**Keynote Presenters: Rania El Mugammar, Timaj Garad, Gilary Massa**

(details on next page)

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**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**

#### HINDUISM

October 27 ♦ Diwali (Deepavali) both names mean a row or garland of lights. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is probably the most widely celebrated Hindu festival. This festival may be celebrated over a five-day period. The diwas (clay pots filled with oil and a wick) herald the start of the new year and symbolize the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness.

#### JAINISM

October 27 Mahavir Nirvana Mahostav (Diwali). The Jain year begins with Moksha (attainment of final enlightenment and release) by Lord Mahavira. It is popularly known as Deepavali, festival of lamps. Lamps symbolize the light of knowledge.

#### BAHA'I FAITH

October 29 The Birth of the Bab. The Bab was born Siyyid' Ali Muhammad in Shiraz in southwestern Iran in 1819 C.E. His title, in Arabic, means "The Gate". Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.

October 30 The Birth of Baha'u'llah. Baha'u'llah was born Mizra Husayn Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817 C.E. His name is a title in Arabic meaning "the Glory of God". He is the founder of the Baha'i faith. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day

#### WICCA

October 31 Samhain The third harvest, meaning "summer's end", when the ancestors are honoured. It is a magical interval when the mundane laws of time and space are temporarily suspended, and the thin veil between the worlds is lifted, symbolized by the Crone and her aged Consort.

**Attendance Report**

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of October 18-24, 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.

<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_E»
«Course_D»	«Period_D»	«Teacher_Last_D»	«Absence_D»	«Lates_F»
Totals			«Total_Abs»	«Total_Lates»

**SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS**

Sutton District High School Website

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

York Region District School Board

<http://www.yrdsb.ca>