



## 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 Candice Mott at [candice.mott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:candice.mott@yrdsb.ca)

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

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

### **Photo Retakes – Tuesday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

School photo retakes will take place on Tuesday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. All students that have not yet had their photo taken and those that would like a retake must have their photo taken on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure that if you would like a retake of your child's photo that you return the previous photo package directly to the photographer on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent Teacher Interview Information**

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions printed further down the page.

You will be able to schedule appointments from October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm until October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm.

### **Instructions**

1. Go to the Sutton District High School scheduling webpage at <https://sdhs.parentinterview.com>
2. Enter the Parent Code (printed below) and click "Sign In"  
**Please make a note of your Confirmation #**
3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
5. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet to have your meeting
6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to meet
7. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
8. Print out, email or copy down your schedule and bring it with you

The Parent Code for this term is  
sd2016

**Do not share this code with anyone outside your school community**

Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule.

If you misplace your schedule, you may use your confirmation # to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email [support@parentinterview.com](mailto:support@parentinterview.com)

If you do not have access to the internet at home or in the workplace, please call parentInterview toll-free at 1-866-810-0076, and someone will be happy to make your appointments with you.

We look forward to seeing you on the 13th.

### **Take Our Kids to Work Day - Wednesday Nov 2**

Take Our Kids to Work Day is a national initiative to provide the opportunity for all grade 9 students to observe a work environment for one day. This year TOKW Day is on Wednesday Nov 2. An information package and permission form has been sent home with all grade 9 students. Please complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

### **Updates from our Cafeteria**

Do you want to receive a weekly reminder of the daily specials in our cafeteria sent right to your phone? Sign up for this service by texting @sdhsmenu to (289) 205-1037.

## School Council

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

November 21, 2016      February 21, 2017      May 1, 2017

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

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 11	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 13	Awards Ceremony – 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 13	Parent's Night
Oct. 20	OSSLT on-line
Oct. 25	Grade 11 distracted driving assembly
Oct. 27	Halloween Dance – 6:30 – 10:00
Oct. 28	PA Day
Nov. 2	Take our Kids to Work Day

## The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is going online!!

On Thursday, October 20, after several years of research, development, consultation, trial runs and system checks, EQAO will take the important step of holding a large-scale assessment of OSSLT-eligible students in a digital environment. Open to all of Ontario's secondary schools, this is a critical trial of EQAO's online testing system and of schools' and school boards' technological capacity to support online assessments. At SDHS, all grade 10 students will be participating in the online administration of this test. In addition, all previously-eligible students who are not enrolled in the OLC (literacy course) for the 2016/2017 school year will be participating. In addition to the classroom preparation provided for this test, there are sample materials and sample tests on the EQAO website. There is even a sample on-line version at the following link:

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/eqao-online/Pages/sample-online-osslt.aspx>

Additional support and/or practice materials can be provided by Lisa Schneppenheim, SDHS's Literacy Teacher. Lunch n' Learn sessions for students will also be offered in October.

Please note, if students are unsuccessful and/or there are technological issues during this online administration, all students will still have the regularly scheduled OSSLT in March 2017 to satisfy their literacy requirement. Those who pass the online test will not have to write the one scheduled in March.

## International Baccalaureate Program Information Evening

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the program earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We are pleased to announce the expansion of York Region District School Board's IB Program offerings. In addition to [Bayview Secondary School's](#) IB Program, YRDSB has four candidate school sites for the Diploma Program:

- [Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)
- [Dr. GW Williams Secondary School](#)
- [Maple High School](#)
- [Milliken Mills High School](#)

Current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students and families interested in YRDSB's IB Program are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the program and application process. No registration is needed.

IB Information Evening – Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Hall: to be announced

Times:

Families living EAST of Yonge St.      6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Families living WEST of Yonge St.      8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Students eligible for Grade 9 and Grade 10 in September 2017 may apply.

## **Assessment Dates – Saturday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB programs includes an assessment. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, November 19 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 22.

There is a \$35 fee to apply to this program.

For additional information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/IB](http://www.yrdsb.ca/IB).

## 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 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.** 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.**

## Holidays and Observances

### **Hinduism**

October 1-9 – **Navaratri (Fall)** is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.

October 10 – **Thanksgiving** - Many cultures have a time to celebrate the end of the growing season when all crops have been harvested for winter. The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all celebrated at harvest time and thanked their gods and goddesses. Today, throughout the world, we still celebrate at this time.

### **Judaism**

October 12 – **Yom Kippur**, the day of Atonement, is the most solemn of the Jewish Holy Days. At synagogue, the evening service is called Kol Nidre. People ask for forgiveness of their sins and forgive others. Jews refrain from all eating and drinking on this day.

### **Islam**

October 12 – **Ashura** falls on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Muharram. The 10<sup>th</sup> day commemorates the Martyrdom of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).

## Community Volunteers Hours

Parents for Children's Mental Health is offering a support group for parents with children suffering from anxiety, mood disorders, ADHD, learning disabilities or behaviour challenges. Starting October 17, 2016. Please see link for further details. [PCMH Support Group Poster October 2016.pdf](#)

Addiction Services for York Region presents an eight week program for parents/guardians dealing with youth (age 12-24) and issues around substance use, problem gaming or gambling. Starts October 5, 2016. Please see link for details. [Parent Group Flyer addictions services of York Region.pdf](#)

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.

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.

## Scholarship Opportunity for students attending Post-Secondary Institutions in September 2017

### Loran Scholarship Information

There are less than three weeks left for Grade 12 students to submit sponsored applications for the Loran Awards. Sutton District High School can sponsor up to three students for our university scholarships, 30 of which are valued at up to \$100,000 over four years.

The application process includes the submission of a reference letter and the confirmation of school sponsorship, both of which must be completed by **Wednesday October 19, 2016**. **Please note** that if you wish Sutton District High School to sponsor you that your completed application must be brought to guidance no later than **October 7, 2016** so that consideration may be given to sponsorship. **Submission of your application to guidance does not guarantee sponsorship.**

If you are interested please review the following eligibility criteria, how to apply, and FAQs. The online

application is available at <https://apply.loranscholar.ca>

### **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**

A need based scholarship of up to \$5,000.00 could be awarded to full time students in the last year of high school.

Criteria: Family income must be under \$65,000 and the student must have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity and show a commitment to pursuing a post-secondary application.  
Deadline: October 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm

The scholarship application is completely online: <https://application2.horatioalger.org/Security/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

For more information: <https://www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/frequently-asked-questions/>

### **Community Events**

Please see our website for up-coming community events.

### **Community News.**

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](#)

Wrap Group in Georgina (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) is a program for people who want to increase their feelings of wellness and empowerment in their lives. The focus of WRAP is to develop personal wellness tools that help you cope with stress, manage crises and enjoy life more fully. This Program starts September 12, 2016 at the Yorkworks Employment Centre. For details please click on the link. [WRAPhub - Fall 2016 - Georgina2.pdf](#)



**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 September 30 – October 6, 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 Website**

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