



Sutton District High School
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Principal *Dan Gillis*
Vice Principals *Candice Mott and Jean Janzen*

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

Message from our Administrators

The administrative team would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone (new and returning) to Sutton DHS for another exciting school year. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. If you need to contact the school our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at 905.722.3281.

Please feel free to contact an administrator, if you have any questions or inquiries. Note the Vice-Principals have divided the school alphabetically by the student's last name.

Dan Gillis	Principal	Ext. 188
Candice Mott	Vice-Principal	Ext. 186 (A-K)
Jean Janzen	Vice-Principal	Ext. 185 (L-Z)

Letter regarding recruitment for a Director of Education

Please see the attached letter from Lorelea Carruthers, Chair, York Region District School Board regarding the process of selecting a new Director of Education.



Letter to Families -
Director of Education

Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year like me - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

As your new trustee, I have had a busy summer working with other trustees, the Board, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process of selecting a new Director of Education](#). We have also been hard at work implementing the [Minister of Education's other directives](#).

For me, an important part of the director recruitment and selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members, input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) which will be made available this September. Board staff and I will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses. Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities.

I firmly believe partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we all have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year. Feel free to contact me should you have any concerns or questions about YRDSB.

School Council

S.D.H.S. School Council is looking for candidate nominations, please complete the below link for the form and submit to the office.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/suttondistrict.hs/SchoolCouncil/Documents/FOR-SchoolCouncilNomination.pdf>

School councils are advisory bodies which may make recommendations to the school principal or to the Board on matters as stated in Board policy and procedure. School councils are comprised of parents (constituting the majority of members of the school council), one student representative (optional at elementary level), at least

one community representative, the school principal, one teaching staff representative, and one support staff representative.

School councils are responsible for:

- supporting and promoting parent, family and community engagement in support of student learning;
- participating in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan;
- communicating with, and providing ongoing advice to, the principal on matters pertaining to the school; and,
- collaborating with the principal to coordinate community resources that support student learning needs.

At Sutton District High School, the School Council is not directly involved in any fundraising. The council offers advice to the Principal regarding fundraising. Individual members may provide additional support on a voluntary basis.

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

September 18, 2017; November 20, 2017; Feb. 20, 2018; and May 22, 2018.

(all dates are subject to change)

Information for Parents/Guardians and students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry

Students with First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry can identify their ancestry to the school board. Students with any degree of aboriginal ancestry are able to self-identify. Students under the age of 18 require parental approval. No proof of ancestry required. For more information please see link. [Self-Identification Brochure](#)

This is a link to a [video](#) created by our FNMI students in the Board. This short video highlights First Nation, Métis and Inuit students in YRDSB and builds an understanding of the self identification process. Additional supports and resources can be accessed at www.yrdsb.ca under First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education.

Photo Day

Photo day is on **Thursday September 7**. Students have received a portrait package in their homerooms. Extra packages are available in the main office.

Extra-Curricular Sports Teams starting now at Sutton!

The following sports teams have now started at Sutton. Cross Country, Jr. and Sr. Girls' Basketball, Jr. and Sr. Boys' Volleyball, Varsity Boys' soccer, Boys' and Girls' Jr. and Sr. Golf and Girls' and Boys' Rugby 7's. Clubs will be starting soon. More information to follow. All are welcome to try-out for any team or join a club/committee and get involved in your school! Please listen to the morning announcements for more information.

School Start up Package for 2017/18

Below is a link to our *2017-2018 School Start up Package*. Please refer to this package for valuable information about our school, expectations, student policies and responsibilities.

[Start up Package](#)

Cell Phones and Electronic devices

Our school is equipped with Wi-Fi for our students and staff. Cell phones and electronic devices are only permitted in classrooms if:

- it is for educational purposes;
- its use is supporting student learning; and
- the teacher has given explicit direction around how and when the devices are to be used to support learning.

If these conditions are not met, cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and out of sight.

Dress Code

To set an appropriate tone for a respectful learning environment and workplace, all students are expected to maintain an appropriate level of dress and personal hygiene within the school. It is expected that students will dress in an acceptable manner which reflects the School's Code of Behaviour, and the York Region District School Board's Safe, Caring and Supportive Schools, Equity and Inclusive Education, and Respectful Workplaces Policies. To this end:

- Students must wear appropriate clothing that does not convey negative messages related to sexual innuendo, racism, tobacco, drugs, alcohol or violence.
- No string tops or tops that have a strap that are less than 2 finger widths will be allowed. Any sleeveless tops should not have gaping arm holes. The top of the bottom article of clothing must touch (reach) the bottom of the top article of clothing all the way around. There should be no mid-riff visible.
- No visibility of bandanas; worn or attached to clothing or backpacks, etc.
- If students are wearing hooded sweaters, we ask that they keep their hoods off when in class or in the halls.
- The wearing of hats inside the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher.
- Coats should not be worn in the classroom but rather left in your locker at the beginning of the day.

Attendance

Student attendance is directly related to student success. It is very important that students are at school on time and in class daily. Starting next week, at Sutton District High School, when a student misses a class without a

valid reason, our automated attendance program will phone home 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. **Starting next week you will receive a weekly attendance report in the Bulletin.**

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.**

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4	Labour Day Holiday
Sept. 7	Photo Day
Sept. 12-13	Ontario Pioneer Camp (Grade 9)
Sept. 15	Hoe Down
Sept. 18	School Council Meeting
Sept. 19	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 25	PA Day

Salad Bar Increase

Due to the fluctuating cost in produce we have had to raise the price for a salad by twenty-five cents. A small salad will be \$2.75 A large salad \$4.25

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.

Community News.

To celebrate our 20th anniversary of incorporation, we are collecting stories for a book in the Hearts Linked by Courage series. If you have been involved as a volunteer, client, family member, staff or Board member, please share your story. Please see link for details.

[Hearts Linked by Courage flier.pdf](#)

Late bus Information

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report

<http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>



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

ISLAM

September 1 ◆ - Eid-ul-Adha is the Festival of Sacrifice. It honours Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael to God. In commemoration, Muslims sacrifice a sheep or goat and donate the meat or its equivalent value in cash to charity. This is the "minimum" requirement for those who can afford it. September 21 Muharram (New Year's Day) begins the new Islamic year. This is the year 1439.

SIKHISM

September 1 - First Parkash observes the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib, the first edition of the Sikh Scriptures, in the Golden Temple by the fifth Guru, Arjan Dev, in 1604 C.E.

JAINISM

September 4 - Ananta Chaturdasi is regarded as the holiest period of the year.

SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS

Sutton District High School Website

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

York Region District School Board

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