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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

Letter to Families - Sept 2017

Please see below a letter to families recognizing the importance of equity and inclusion in our board.

 [Letter to Families - Sept 2017.pdf](#)

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

York Region District Community Liason Meeting



This past week two of our students, Michael Gardiner-Davis and Sarah Brash attended the York Regional Police District Community Liaison Meeting. This meeting was an opportunity for our school to connect with YRP and other community partners and share events that are taking place at SDHS. In addition YRP always includes an educational component to the meeting. In this meeting we were able to see the YRP helicopter and hear about how the helicopter is used for policing.

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/sutondistrict.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)

Upcoming Events

Sept. 18	School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Terry Fox Run – Period 2
Sept. 25	PA Day
Oct. 5	Interim Reports Distributed
Oct. 5	Awards Assembly
Oct. 9	Thanks Giving Holiday
Oct.10	Photo Retake Day

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](#)

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.**

Attendance Report

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of September 8-14, 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»

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.



Ontario Universities' Fair

Come to the Fair!

September 22-24, 2017


10 am to 5 pm daily

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Students and parents are encouraged to attend this year's Ontario Universities' Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Meet representatives from all 21 Ontario Universities and ask about programs, admission requirements and so much more!

Please check out www.ouf.ca for more details.

Community News.

New! Would you like to upgrade your skills in English, Math or Computers? Are you seeking 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](#)

New! Free classes for Adults Build A Better Future - Free classes for Adults. English as a Second Language, Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC), Academic Upgrading Computer Skills, Citizenship and IELTS Preparation. Please see attach flyers for details.

 [ContEd Ad.pdf](#)  [ContEd ProgramBooklet v15 web \(1\).pdf](#)

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

Christianity

September 11 - Coptic/Ethiopian Orthodox New Year. This is the day for Copts (Christians of Egyptian origin) to celebrate the New Year and the Feast of Martyrs. For members of the Ethiopian Orthodox community, the New Year is a chance to celebrate the new month as well as the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Jainism

September 15 Ananta Chaturdasi is regarded as the holiest period of the year. Fasting, worship, meditation and confession characterize this period.

Hinduism

Sept. 20 - 28 Navaratri (Fall) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.

Islam

September 21 Muharram (New Year's Day) begins the new Islamic year. This is the year 1439.

Judaism

Sept. 21 - 22 ♦ Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, marks the start of a ten day period of spiritual self examination and repentance which ends with Yom Kippur. Families celebrate with a festive dinner at which apples dipped in honey are eaten. (New Year's Day, 5778).

SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS

Sutton District High School Website

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

York Region District School Board

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