



## Sutton District High School

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Vice Principals *Erik Gordon, Candice Mott*

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/suttondistrict.hs/Pages/default.aspx>

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)

### **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.

Dawn Laliberte	Principal	Ext. 188
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Erik Gordon	Vice-Principal	Ext. 185 (L-Z)

### **Grade 9 Day**

Our student leaders and teacher advisors had the opportunity to work with Andy Thibodeau in the morning of August 29. We worked on improving our leadership skills and how to get more students involved in school activities and events.

In the afternoon, the Grade 9 students met with the peer mentors and began to form relationships through ice-breakers, games and conversations about high school in general.

Thank you to all of the parents /guardians who were able to join us for the day / part of the day. Your continued support is valued and appreciated as we continue to pursue relationships with members of our community.



### **Extra-Curricular Sports Teams starting now at Sutton!**

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

### **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 policies. 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; &
- 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 19, 2016      November 21, 2016      February 2, 2017      May 1, 2017  
(all dates are subject to change and will be posted on our school outdoor signs and website.)

### **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 test will not have to write the one scheduled in March.

### **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](http://www.yrdsb.ca) under First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education.

### **Welcome Back from our Library Team**

The library information centre team is excited for a new school year. My name is Ms. Sagar and I'm the department head of the library. I would like to introduce Ms. Duncan who is our new library technician. Mr. Soini and Mr. Langhorst are also part of the library team.

The library is open 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Monday - Thursday. The library opens up after the Staff Update meeting on Friday mornings. We are open during the lunch hour and before and after school.

At lunch starting shortly, we will be offering opportunities for students to engage in makerspaces. Makerspaces are designed to inspire students to explore, create, and collaborate with others. We currently have lego, art supplies, mindstorm robots etc. We're open to new ideas from students and staff.

The Library information centre offers the following services to students:

- 27 computers
- Databases and electronic resources (found on our website)
- Printer and Photocopier
- Charger table
- Fiction books
- Graphic Novels
- Non-Fiction books
- Art Supplies
- Headphones
- Colour Printer (copies are \$1 per page)

We offer a wide selection of school supplies including scientific calculators and Bristol board at low prices. Come check us out. We're your first stop for all your SDHS needs.

New this year:

The library team is excited to announce that we will be offering 1-on-1 research support to students and staff. Students can come and speak with a member of the library team for more information. We can personalize support on databases, internet searches and citation or a topic of your choice.

You can find us on the web. We have our own tab on the Sutton District High School website. Links to electronic resources, passwords and support material can all be found there.

### **Cell Phones and Electronic devices**

We offer free wifi throughout our building. We understand that technology is extremely useful to support learning. Cell phones and electronic devices are only permitted in classrooms if:

-it is for educational purposes; 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. In other words, no exposed midriffs.
- No visibility of bandanas; worn or attached to clothing.
- 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.*

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.

### 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. 5	Labour Day Holiday
Sept. 8	Photo Day
Sept. 12-14	Peer Mentors to Pioneer Camp
Sept. 13-14	Grade 9 Pioneer Camp Overnight trip
Sept. 19	School Council Meeting
Sept. 26	P.A. Day

### 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.

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

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.](#)

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**

### [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 – September 4 – Ganesh Chaturthi celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, God of success and one of the major Hindu deities. He is invoked at the beginning of all new undertakings.

### [SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL LINKS](#)

Sutton District High School Website

<http://www.suttondistrict.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

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