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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

Student of the Week:

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

Student Hoedown



On Friday, September 16th just under a 1000 students enjoyed the Hoedown in Aurora. Thanks to all of the teachers, EAs, CYWs and Magna employees for supporting our students. **It must certainly be the largest joint event for ALL students with special needs in York Region Secondary Schools. Participation included students from 33 secondary schools across York Region.**

22 secondary schools out of our 31 = **70% in YRDSB**

11 secondary schools out of their 15 = **73% in YCDSB**

The winner of the singing contest that night was a 15 year old young man from Keswick who opened our show. Many of our students have probably never been to such a professional concert and may never have the opportunity again....let alone only for the cost of contributing a small donation!

Thanks so much for the PT/OT staff for providing and maintaining the two change tables and lifts in the tents. Wonderful day full of smiles, music, dancing, hundreds (500) of orange foam cowboy/girl hats, a photo booth and even one live bull and a heifer.

Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2016

The orange shirt day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt on September 30th.

NON-BOARD GRADUATION ACTIVITIES: SAFETY ADVISORY

Every year, there are individuals/businesses that seek to recruit students for ticketed trips or parties at local or international destinations. The York Region District School Board and Sutton District High School, do **not** support, promote or endorse any form of involvement in these activities. This advisory is being shared in the interest of students' personal safety.

Online Mathematics Homework Help : Free

The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre has partnered together to bring a new project called *Homework Help* to students. This year, all Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 - 10 have access to this resource.

Students log on to Homework Help and using an interactive chat room and electronic whiteboard, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teacher.

Homework Help is no cost, live, and anonymous.

Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30pm - 9:30pm and all sessions are recorded.

To learn more about this program, please visit the YRDSB website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Students/Pages/Online-Mathematics-Homework-Help.aspx>

Dragons' Nest Gr. 9-12

The Dragons' Nest is an in-class high school business program designed to encourage students to explore their creative and entrepreneurial potential and help them identify and build confidence in their entrepreneurial abilities by creating a real business venture. The Learning Partnership matches mentors from the business community with teachers to ignite a passion for entrepreneurship in the classroom. Two regional activities, a video pitch and a [Dragons' Nest Finale](#) are organized in semester two to provide a challenging environment for students to strengthen their go-to-market skills. The Dragons' Nest Finalists in the GTA program are given automatic entry to the Launch Zone at Ryerson Summer Company with up to \$3,000 so they can operate their venture and generate income in the summer. [Susan Wakutz](#) is the Program Manager.

Library News

The Library Commons is excited to announce that our Makerspace is now up and running. What is a makerspace? It is a DIY space where students can gather to create, invent, and learn. We want to spark curiosity and creativity by inviting students to explore and experiment with various items- see list below. The library team wants to spark ideas and your child's imagination.

What we have to offer:

- Lego kits and block
- Colouring Books
- Crayon, Markers, Pencil Crayons in every colour imaginable
- Rubik's cube (come solve it)
- Brain teaser wooden puzzles
- Robotics

These items have been placed around the library. Students can use these items either at lunch, on spare or before/after school.

The library commons team welcomes suggestions, ideas for improvement and new items. Come check it out!!

Fight the Bite!

Protect yourself against West Nile virus and Lyme disease

If you are heading outdoors to keep active, go camping or work in your garden, protect yourself and your family against West Nile virus and Lyme disease. West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito; Lyme disease is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

What you can do:

- Cover up when you go outdoors with light coloured long sleeved shirts and pants;
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET;
- Check yourself and your children for ticks;
- Remove attached ticks as quickly as possible; and
- Clean up standing water around your home where mosquitoes like to breed.

You can still enjoy the great outdoors; just remember to *Fight the Bite!* For more information about West Nile virus and Lyme disease, including the safe removal of ticks, contact York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653,

TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit the website: york.ca/westnile or york.ca/lymedisease.



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

Sept. 26	P.A. Day
Sept. 29	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 26-30	Safety Week
Oct. 5	Interim Reports Distributed

