



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

Student of the Week:

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

Orange Shirt Day



In the Fall of 1973, six-year-old Phyllis Webstad's grandmother took her to the local general store and bought her a brand new orange shirt for her first day of school. She was so proud of this beautiful new garment and she beamed as she wore it looking forward to going to school.

When Phyllis arrived at St. Joseph Mission however, the shirt was ripped away from her never to be seen again.

Forty years later, Phyllis Webstad began the Orange Shirt Day movement to raise awareness and promote healing for crimes committed against aboriginal children between 1831 and 1996 in the residential school system.

Today we honoured the day by wearing orange shirts. A documentary, called 8th Fire, was shown in the Lecture

Theatre at lunch to educate both staff and students on residential schooling. Thank you to all those who helped to raise awareness.

Post Secondary Application Session

Students who are interested in applying to College or University next year should sign up for a post secondary application session in guidance. The session will take place on Wednesday, Oct 5th at 1 pm in the Lecture theatre.

Students must sign up by the end of the day on Tuesday. "

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.

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
Oct. 5	Post-Secondary Application Session in the Lecture Theatre 1:00-2:00 p.m.
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

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.

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.

Being Punctual and Prepared to Learn

We are supporting our students in arriving to class on time every day, for every period. There are strong links between being late, missing classes and lowered academic achievement. We want all students to succeed here at SDHS. So we will be consequencing those who are late or who miss too much time from class due to excessive hall-walking. Starting on Monday, September 12th all students who are late to class, meaning arriving after the bell, will be issued one warning for their tardiness. Any subsequent late, students will be issued a 20-minute **lunch detention**. Detentions will run from 12:05 -12:25 in a central location within the school. The detention room is supervised by teaching staff and our expectation is that students sit quietly to serve their detention. They can choose to use the time productively and complete assignments, homework, read or engage in other individual quiet study. The intention is to promote being punctual and prepared to learn at the beginning of class.

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.

Christianity

October 2 – World Communion Sunday is observed worldwide. Communion is the most fundamental of all Christian rituals.

Islam

October 2 - Muharram (New Year's Day) begins the new Islamic year. This is the year 1438.

Judaism

October 3-4 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, 5777)

Community Volunteers Hours

New! 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](#)

New! 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 23-29, 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 LINKS

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