



## 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](mailto:candice.mott@yrdsb.ca)

### **Student of the Week:**

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

### **Grade 9 Ontario Pioneer Camp**

Our Grade 9 overnight camp at Ontario Pioneer Camp is coming up fast. For those who haven't yet signed up, please do not miss out on this great opportunity. Two days, one night filled with group activities meant for the students to have fun while getting to know other Grade 9 students and make those lasting relationships. Please contact the office for more information/to sign up. We would like all Grade 9 students to participate.

### **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 online 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.

### Cell Phones and Electronic devices

We offer free Wi-Fi 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.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Upcoming Events

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
Sept. 29	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 26-30	Safety Week

## 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**

### **Christianity**

September 11, 2016 – Coptic/Ethiopian Orthodox New Year. This is the day for Copts (Christians and 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.

### **Islam**

September 10 - Day of Hajj (Day of Arafat), or Pilgrimage to Mecca, is undertaken once in a lifetime for those who can afford it. Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam after the Belief in One God, daily prayers fasting and charity. On the Islamic calendar; it falls on the 9<sup>th</sup> day in the last month of Zul-Hijjah.

September 11 – 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.

### **Jainism**

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

### **Attendance Report**

Please review the following attendance report. The report includes all lates and absences for your son/daughter for the week of September 6-8, 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.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Total Absences</b>	<b>Total Lates</b>
«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**

Sutton District High School Website

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

York Region District School Board

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