

The Sutton DHS Newsletter

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Dates at a Glance

August 28	Grade 9 Day
August 29	First Day for Grade 10 - 12
September 1	Last day for course changes
September 5-8	Caring and Safe Schools Week
September 14	Photo Day
September 18	Grade 9 Parent Information Night School Council Meeting
September 20	Gr. 12 Post Secondary Assembly
September 22	PA Day
September 26-27	Rosh Hashanah

Looking Ahead

October 5	Yom Kippur
October 10	Thanksgiving
October 16	Photo Retake Day
October 21-22	Ontario University Fair
October 23-27	Fall Break

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

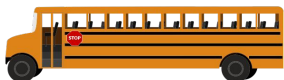
School Council Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

- September 18, 2023
- November 6, 2023
- February 5, 2024
- April 8, 2024

Student Busing and Bus Loading Zone

To find out more about pick-up times and locations please visit

<https://bp.schoolbuscity.com>



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Principal's Welcome Message

Dear SDHS Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Sutton DHS. On behalf of the SDHS staff and administration I share a very warm welcome to all new members of our community and welcome back to all returning Sutton students and families.

Staff have been eagerly preparing for this school year. We are excited to offer our students the many fantastic programs at SDHS and remain committed to providing opportunities and supports to your children. We do expect that SDHS will be a vibrant learning community where your children will find a place to belong and grow.

As the year progresses, I encourage all families to remain in close contact with the school and their children's teachers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers directly or to connect with the Main Office with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you and your family all the best this school year.

Ms. C. Spiteri-Johnson
Principal

SDHS Daily Schedule 2023-2024

Schedule	Start	End
Homeroom (5 min)	9:20 AM	9:25AM
Period 1 (75 min)	9:25AM	10:40 AM
Travel Time	10:40 AM	10:45AM
Period 2 (75 min)	10:45 AM	12:00 PM
LUNCH	12:00 pM	12:45 PM
Travel Time	12:45 PM	12:50 PM
Period 3 (75 min)	12:50 PM	2:05 PM
Travel Time	2:05 PM	2:10 PM
Period 4 (75 min)	2:10 PM	3:25 PM

Principal: Ms. C. Spiteri-Johnson, Vice Principals: Mr S. Angus (L-Z) and Ms. L. Rice (A-K)

SUTTON STUDENT START-UP

ELECTRONIC TIMETABLES AVAILABLE IN TEACHASSIST

Students are able to view their timetables through their teachassist accounts at the following link <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/>

Please check your GAPPS account often for other important information.

Courses offered at Sutton District High School are based on student requests submitted through My Pathway Planner. Please be advised that due to class maximum size limitations, we will not be able to accommodate all requests submitted for timetable changes. Students are expected to attend the classes on their current timetable unless they are notified by Guidance that their requested timetable change has been made.

If you are requesting a timetable change, please use this google form: Sutton Course Request Change Form: <https://forms.gle/LKAU4YgaffiMWBBw8>

Change Request Forms are due through this Google Form, by end of day (11:59 pm) Friday, September 1, 2023.

The SDHS Guidance Department will begin processing change requests on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Please contact Mrs. Ross at stephanie.ross@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions. Once again, we look forward to seeing you soon!



Photo Day September 14th

PHOTO DAY

On **September 14 2023**, students will be called to the gymnasium for their photo sitting. Photos will appear on the Student Activity Card. Photos are taken free of charge. Families will have the opportunity to purchase student school pictures **online only** through Lifetouch. Photo retake day is October 16, 2023.

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!
Thursday, September 14, 2023

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

REMINDER
You must be photographed to receive your student ID and be featured in the yearbook!

PHOTO DAY TIPS
edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips

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1 (866) 707-5143 | edgeimaging.ca | [edgeimaging](https://www.facebook.com/edgeimaging)
Quality & Service | Digital Archiving | Data Security | Truly Canadian | Eco Champions

GRADE 9 ORIENTATION DAY | Mon. August 28, 2023

Grade 9 Orientation Day will take place on Mon. Aug 28th, 2023. Grade 9 students will participate in an assembly, team building activities, school tour, lunch, meet their teachers and classmates and receive their technology devices. A schedule of the day and a print copy of their timetable will be provided to grade 9 students as they arrive to school. School buses will run as per regular schedule. To find out more about pick-up times and locations please visit <https://bp.schoolbuscity.com>

HIGH SCHOOL 101 FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

All parents and guardians are invited to attend a presentation entitled “High School 101 for Parents” on **September 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the library. This presentation will provide families with information about our guidance department’s counseling services, special education support, Grade 9 Math EQAO, sports teams and other activities that are offered at SDHS. Parents and Guardians will receive useful tips on how to support their child in secondary school. Parents/Guardians are also invited to stay for the first School Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

YRDSB SCHOOL START UP DOCUMENTS

Start up documents were sent centrally by YRDSB to parent email accounts. If you have not done so yet, please review the email and complete the forms. Thank you.

1. School Start up permission form
2. Student Information Consent Form
3. Please complete online and submit upon receiving

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

SDHS is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE! <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Families will receive notification via email of students’ fees and can make secure online payments by credit card or interact and receive a receipt.

SUTTON STUDENT START-UP

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is undergoing renovations and will be open to students for food service, including breakfast and lunch on September 6th.

LOCKERS

All students will be provided their lockers and locks on Tuesday, August 29th in their homeroom classes.

CARING AND SAFE SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

YRDSB is committed to creating and maintaining caring and safe environments where students, staff, families and others feel safe at school and at all school-related events and activities. The Caring and Safe Schools student start-up presentations are a way to establish such environments at the start of the school year. A powerpoint document of this presentation will be posted on our school website for your viewing the week of September 5th..

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Health care plans are created for students who are at known risk for specific medical emergencies due to **diabetes, asthma, anaphylactic allergies** and/or **diabetes** or who may require daily medical routine management that at school. These plans inform staff of the necessary steps to keep your child safe. If your child has **diabetes, asthma, anaphylactic allergies, diabetes** or any other condition, all necessary forms can be found on our website or if you would prefer an electronic form, please contact the main office.

Once you've completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it to the main office WITH the appropriate medication to school with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student name marked on the bag and left at the office.

ANAPHYLAXIS

We have students and staff in our school who have food and scent allergies. If some of these students or staff smell or come into contact with certain foods or scents, they may go into "anaphylactic shock" - a potentially life-threatening condition. To ensure the health and safety of all of our students, please let the school know if your child has a life-threatening allergy. We also encourage that all nut and nut products remain at home.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/guardians are required to call, email or send a note when their child will be missing a full or partial school day on/before the day of the absence. **It is important to provide a reason for the absence so we can apply the appropriate code against the student's record. All students must sign out at the office before they leave the building.** Absences are verified on a daily basis and appropriate codes are required for unexplained absences.

EXTENDED ABSENCES (for example, vacation)

If you know your child is going to be absent for three or more days in a row for non-medical reasons, please visit the main office to complete an **Extended Absence form** at least one week prior to the absence. Please be advised, we do not recommend extended absences for vacation purposes and will not approve extended absences during exam period.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

High School is a partnership between families, teachers, school staff and community members. Timely communication is an important aspect of this partnership. Parents who provide their email addresses also receive weekly bulletins and attendance notifications. Mark reports are issued at the middle and end of each semester. Administration, counsellors, and teachers are always available to discuss student progress and to help plan for success.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS Students will have an opportunity to participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities, including sports, drama, music and other after school optional programs. While some costs may be covered through student fees, it may be necessary for the student to pay for additional expenses related to the activity.

EXAMINATION DATES FOR 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Semester One January 25 - January 31, 2024 Semester Two
June 19 - June 25, 2024



Guidance Department Information

Community Involvement Hours

As part of the diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities.

Accumulation of community involvement hours may begin the summer after grade 8.

All graduating students will need to complete and submit their Community Involvement Hours by May 19 , 2024

Our Community Involvement Form can be found at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Documents/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

Please drop off your forms to the Guidance Office

The Guidance Department will invite students to a Google Classroom shortly. Please check your GAPPS account frequently. This is the place to visit for all important information related to school, pathway planning, volunteer opportunities, mental health supports and personal leadership opportunities.

Please join the classroom that coincides with your Grade.

The joining codes are as follows:

Grade 9:**3nb2v67**

Grade 10:**olpfri2**

Grade 11:**pqo34hu**

Grade 12:**fto3z3f**

Dual Credits: Dual Credits allow students in secondary school to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification. Visit the link below for course offerings and how to apply.

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2022-12/Dual%20Credit%20Handout_0.pdf

SHSM: The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a specialized program that allows students to gain credits toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and focus their learning on a specific economic sector at the same time. The SHSM is a Ministry of Education approved program.

Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they:

- complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field
- earn industry certifications like first aid and CPR qualifications
- gain important skills on the job through cooperative education placements

SHSM's are available in 4 sectors at SDHS- Visit Guidance for more information.

Continuing Education Registration for Fall Courses

ONLINE Learning Night School (formerly E-learning)

(<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning>)

Teachers interact with students on weekdays both synchronously (real-time) and asynchronously (pre-recorded lessons, discussions, etc.) to deliver the curriculum. Students are not required to log in at a specific time each day, there is flexibility so that they may log in at a convenient time for them. Students can expect to do a minimum of 6 hours of learning each week per course.

Semester One Courses run: September 27, 2023 to January 22, 2024

YRDSB students who are enrolled in courses worth less than 4 credits in a given semester might be eligible.

Note: Night Online Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year.

After receiving permission from their home school guidance counsellor, MyPathway Planner will be used to register for a course offered through Online Learning Night School. Registration opens September 14th and closes October 4th.

Night School Credit Classes (<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/night-school-credit-courses>)

Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrollment and teacher availability

A remote learning model delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous) will be used.

Classes will be on Tuesdays and thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Semester One Courses Run: October 5, 2023 to February 1, 2024

Fall Registration: Sign up through MyPathwayPlanner after discussing with your Guidance Counsellor.