

## **Silverthorn C.I. – School Council – September 27, 2017**

### **NOTES:**

#### ***SAC Update:***

- Halloween Spirit Week:
  - Day 1 – Pumpkin Carving Contest
  - Day 2 – Costume Contest
- Semi- Formal: potentially November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Grad Sweaters:
  - Design Contest – October
  - Order – November
  - Delivery – December

#### ***School Council Update:***

- Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00
  - November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>
  - February 7<sup>th</sup>
  - April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for any nominations for Chair / Co-Chair, Secretary or Voting Members to be submitted prior to our next meeting – Please find Nomination forms attached. Submit to main office by **October 6, 2017 at noon.**

#### ***Silverthorn High Skills Major (SHSM):***

- Program is looking to provide Arts students with unique opportunities now and in the future
- Co-op Placement : looking for parents to provide any connections they may have in the Arts for potential placements for the SHSM students
- Workshops & Certificates: Offer students various workshops throughout the year such as First Aid, Book Binding etc.
- Experiential Learning: Shaw, AGO National Canada film day – various connections to the arts
- Native Arts Culture course (NAC10) – new program that will be offered focusing on the history of indigenous people through the arts

#### ***Camp Manitou:***

- Great week! Leaders did a great job of organizing the programs.
- Thanks to Mr. Arnott for another successful year!

#### ***Get Ready for High School:***

- Well attended by the incoming Grade 9 students
- Thanks to Mr. Arnott for another successful Transition program for grade 9's

**School Resource Officer (SRO) Program:**

- The TDSB Board of Trustees have voted to approve a plan to review the School Resource Officer (SRO) program beginning this September. The SRO program sees officers from the Toronto Police Service (TPS) assigned to 45 of the TDSB's 584 schools. To allow for open and unbiased input during the course of the review, trustees voted on August 30 to suspend the program in the schools in which it was operating while the review takes place.
- 6 Consultation Meetings will be held, the next 2 are:
  - September 28 – 6:00-7:30 @ Scarborough Village Recreation Centre, 3600 Kingston Road, Scarborough
  - October 2 – 6:00-7:30 @ Regent Park Community Centre, 402 Shuter Street, Toronto
- Students will be receiving a paper based Survey by October 6<sup>th</sup> and their responses will be anonymous
- The Board will be making a decision by the end of November

**Debit Machines:**

- The era of debit machines at SCI is coming to an end. As we move towards the School Cash Online program a decision was made to remove the debit machine
- School Cash Online is the way of the future – currently three items available to purchase on line: Gym Uniforms, shirt & shorts & Athletic Fee
- Athletic Fee \$10 is required to play on any sport team and is in addition to any sport specific fee that may be required.

**EQAO Results:**

- Math results were released last week:
  - Academic Results:
    - SCI 82% of the students were level 3 or 4 – up 5% from the previous year
    - Board 80%
    - Provincially 83%
  - Applied Results:
    - SCI 20% of the students were level 3 or 4 – down 16% from the previous year
    - Board 28%
    - Provincially 44%
- Students will be receiving individual reports in October and a copy will be kept in their files
- EQAO testing for Grade 9 students this year will be completed in January for students taking Math in Semester 1 and in June for students taking Math in Semester 2
- Math Counts Club – extra help with math either before or after school for all grades
- Grade 9 Individual Learning Centre provides students with online math tutorials
- Renewed Math Strategy – bringing extra help into math classes to help students
- Mock EQAO Test prior to the actual test and will then provide students with support in the areas they are struggling with
- EQAO website is available with additional resources: <http://www.eqao.com/en>

**School Parking Lots:**

- For any parents picking up their students in the Parking Lot off Mill Road, please park in parking spots when waiting for your kids and do not block the Fire Route
- The school has been asked by the management of 299 Mill Road to ask parents not to use their driveway and parking lot to pick up your kids
- Regarding the parking lot off Markland Drive, students are being asked to use the paths to exit the school and not walk down the parking lot.

**Yearbook:**

- More copies of the 2016/2017 Yearbook have been ordered for those students who did not receive their yearbook last year due to a shortage.
- A request has been made to try and get the yearbooks out sooner at year end but this is challenging as the Yearbook committee is trying to get as much of the school year into the final version

**Calendar of Events:**

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Grab & Go Nutrition program will be starting the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Photo Retake Day – around 100 employees missed the initial Photo Day – Any students who have ordered packages and are looking to have a Photo Retake must drop by the office and let Mr. Brethour know ASAP
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – PD Day
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – Pep Rally & Buy Out for the Varsity Football game – students can pay \$2 to miss the last class of the day and cheer on our Spartans.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Awards Assembly in the morning
- **Week of October 30<sup>th</sup> the Late Start will be moved to Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Take Your Kids to Work Day – Grade 9 students only – registration packs should be distributed shortly
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Night – teacher interviews
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Post Secondary Fair (30 Universities and Colleges will be present)
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Next Silverthorn School Council meeting

**Teachers Report:**

- Social Justice Club will be focused on some food drives and supported by Ms. Lucic.
- WE Day on September 28<sup>th</sup> @ACC
- France / Italy March Break Trip – students must be academically eligible. First priority will be either SHSM or Language students from grades 9-12. However, there will be a number of spots for students not enrolled in one of the above programs.