



## STITTSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### New Stittsville High School Consultation Process

A New Stittsville Secondary School Study webpage has been created to provide information to the public regarding the study and will be updated throughout the consultation process. **You can access the webpage through the following link:**

[https://ocdsb.ca/board/consultations/planning\\_reviews/new\\_stittsville\\_secondary\\_school\\_study](https://ocdsb.ca/board/consultations/planning_reviews/new_stittsville_secondary_school_study)

Also an email address ([NewStittvilleSS.Study@ocdsb.ca](mailto:NewStittvilleSS.Study@ocdsb.ca)) for the study has been created for the public to submit individual input.

Some background information: In March 2018, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board received confirmation of capital funding from the Ministry of Education for the construction of a 1,353 pupil place secondary school to serve grade 7 to 12 students in the Stittsville area.

At its meeting of October 22, 2019, the Board approved a timeline and consultation process to determine the program, attendance boundary, and opening grade structure for the new Stittsville secondary school, and make other associated changes.

The school is scheduled to open to students in September 2022 and will be located at the southwest corner of Robert Grant Avenue and Cope Drive, in the western portion of the Fernbank Community. The school site is just over 16 acres in size. Site planning and building design work for the new secondary school is now almost complete. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2020.

The approved consultation process will commence in November with the formation of a local working group. The group will meet several times over the fall and winter prior to a Public Consultation Meeting tentatively scheduled for April 2020.

Your input is important and welcome throughout the consultation process. Parents/guardians and all other members of the public are invited to attend the Public Consultation Meeting in April to provide feedback on proposed option(s) that will be presented that evening.

Staff recommendations are anticipated to be brought forward for approval to Committee of the Whole and Board in June 2020.

Additional information regarding the review will be posted over the next few months. Please keep checking this webpage for further updates and information.

Please see Report No. 19-078 New Stittsville SS Study – Approval of Timeline and Consultation Plan, which provides more background information regarding the study. For more information regarding the construction of the new school and other capital projects in progress, please use the following link: [https://ocdsb.ca/our\\_schools/capital\\_projects](https://ocdsb.ca/our_schools/capital_projects)

“Santa’s Seconds” Fundraiser

## STITTSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL’S



### *9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Santa’s Seconds”*

Due to the overwhelming success of “Santa’s Seconds, we are pleased to announce that we are holding this year’s “**Santa’s Seconds**” event on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

This initiative is designed to provide all students in our school the opportunity to “shop” for the holiday season for family, friends and loved ones. This is also a great opportunity for the students of Stittsville Public School to give back to their local community.

This year the money raised will be donated to a couple of local charities. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$1000.00 for each charity.

To this end, we are asking the SPS community to donate “**gently used or new**” items for our sale. Suggestions include toys, jewellery, books, puzzles, games, crafts and housewares. We are always in need of extra items for moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas. Also this year we **WILL** be accepting bath products (body/hand cream, bath soap, etc.) We respectfully ask that you do not send in any stuffies or aerosol sprays/perfumes. We are counting on your donations, so that all students can participate in this holiday shopping event. Once the number of donations is determined, we will assess the number of items each child can purchase. ***All gifts will cost \$1.00.***

We are also in need of donations for the following items: **GIFT WRAP, MANY GIFT BAGS, SCOTCH TAPE AND NAME TAGS** so that our elves can wrap the gifts. There will be a **\$0.50** donation for this service.

Your child's classroom teacher will warmly receive donations starting **Monday, December 9th until Monday, December 16th**. If items are too big, we kindly ask that you drop them off in the boxes located in the front foyer.

To make this a success, we are in need of **MANY parent volunteers!** If you are available to sort, set-up and sell, or count money, please sign up at using SignUp.com by **Dec. 12th**.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/iHooSSx>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact any of the teachers below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Tessier, Maura Cuffari, Darlene Carruthers, Helen Catselis, Erin Archambault, Sarah Castonguay, Jenna Craig, Jill Aristotle

## Identity-Based Data Study

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has a strong commitment to improving equity of access and opportunity for all students. We recognize the need for data to better understand our students and how they are being served. The OCDSB will be conducting a student survey between **November 26th and December 13th, 2019**. The survey will collect data for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The survey includes 2 types of questions:

- **Demographic** questions about things such as race, gender identity, ethnicity, language, and sexual orientation; and
- **Perceptual** questions about student's sense of safety, belonging, engagement, and wellbeing.

The survey is voluntary and confidential. The survey will be completed by parents of students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 (one survey per child). Students in grades 7-12 will complete the survey during class time. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. Participants were sent an email earlier this month with a direct link to the survey to complete it electronically. A paper copy is available upon request.



## Looking for a Parent/Volunteer for the Library

If you like books we have a job for you! SPS is currently looking for an additional volunteer to help shelve books in our library on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Training is provided and the hours are flexible to fit into your schedule. Please contact our office if you would be interested in volunteering.



## Cross Country Team

The Cross Country team had a fabulous day at the Regional Meet on Monday, October 21st. All of our athletes showed great sportsmanship, perseverance and kindness towards, not only their teammates, but to other students as well. The coaches are very proud of every athlete's success!

**SPS finished 5th overall out of 18 schools. WOW!!! Congratulations.**

Grade 3 girls finished 3rd & Grade 3 boys finished 5th: Grade 4 girls finished 3rd & Grade 4 boys finished 9<sup>th</sup>; Grade 5 girls finished 6th & Grade 5 boys finished 11th; Grade 6 girls finished 11th & Grade 6 boys finished 3rd

A special shout out to Keira for her 4th place finish, Evangeline 7th and Leighton 10th (gr.3 girls), Dexter 7th and Spencer 18th (gr. 3 boys) Chloe 8th (gr. 4 girls), Talan 18th (gr. 4 boys) Dylan H. 11th (gr. 5 boys) Emre 9th, Braeden K. 15th & Austin K. 20th (gr. 6 boys)

We look forward to coaching the students again next year :- ) Mlle Tessier, Mme Castonguay, Mme Sheppard, Mme Reed, Mrs.Macdonald, Mr.Currah and Ms.O'Halloran



## Bus Cancellations

Because of the inevitability of inclement winter weather, school buses may run late at times. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run after school.** Therefore, **if your child normally takes the bus and you drop your child off at school in the morning, you must come and pick them up at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal. Please allow time for your own travel in order to pick up your child on time.** Please listen to local radio stations after 7 a.m. for cancellations or check the OCDSB website or OSTA website.

## Snow Days Dismissal Procedures



All grade 1-6 students will gather in the gym at 2:55 pm. Students will sit in a line, by grade or by after school program. At 3:00 students who normally walk to and from school will be dismissed and then parents who walk their children home or pick them up can enter the gym and pick up their child(ren). For students who are bused parents can also pick them up in the gym at 3:00. We ask for your patience while the classes make their way into the gym – parents can wait in the lobby area until the bell on snow days.

## Snow Forts and Snow Hills

We do our best at SPS to balance having fun at recess and keeping safe – a delicate balance, especially in the winter time.

We could use your help in reinforcing the safety rules that have been established in order for all students to have fun outside playing in snow forts and on the hills. Snow forts in particular are challenging to manage when students don't follow the snow fort rules or get upset with others who aren't following the rules. Please discuss with your child that if play is not going well they should use their WITS strategies (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) and be sure to get help before a situation leads to name calling, pushing, shoving or other physical interactions. Other recommended strategies are to change to another activity, move to a different area of the yard or join a different group of friends. Please review the snow fort and snow hill rules with your child(ren).

### Snow Forts:

- 1- Everyone is allowed in a fort.
- 2- Once a fort has been built the snow "boulders" stay with that fort.
- 3- No taking boulders from other forts.
- 4- No breaking other people's forts.
- 5- If there are issues/problems in the forts, the teacher on yard duty will close the forts and ask students to play elsewhere.
- 6- Students who are having trouble following the rules will be asked to play on the pavement.

Sliding on the hills: Each grade will have a specific day to slide down the hills:

1. Form a line
2. One at a time
3. Wait until the person who has just gone clears out of the way
4. Slide on your bottoms only
5. Students who can't follow the rules will be asked to play on the pavement

#### October "Gotcha" Awards

Students "caught" displaying exceptional positive character are given a "Gotcha" and recognized for promoting a positive school climate. Congratulations to ....

**Mila Grade 1 (Aristotle)**

**Grace Grade 1 (Aristotle)**

**Alyssa Grade 3 (Tessier)**

**Rylan Grade 2 (Shedden)**

**Mia 3 (Doherty)**

**Chloe Grade 4 (Kupo)**

**Avery Grade 6 (Goodyear)**

**Carter Grade 5 (Evans)**

**Freddy Grade 5 (Evans)**

...for being Gotcha winners for October. Way to go!!!

#### News From the Classrooms.....

Pictures, numbers, WORDS and more,  
Counting in a line galore

Talking, talking, thinking, thinking  
Show me ALL your ways of tinkering  
Buttons, counters, teddy bears  
These are things I graph and share

Me and you, you and me,  
Lining up on the graph to see  
How much is more? How much is less?  
Many ways to find the answer,  
I confess!

Really, truly, I must tell,  
The best thing about math issss,  
How I show it so VERY well!

Grade one math is looking fine!

Discovering lots of answers  
Is truly DIVINE!

With Many happy stories to share in Grade One Math! Poem by Mrs. Kerwin

- Grade ones are having *Scientists in Schools* come in December to do the "Energy in our lives" workshop.
- Grade ones will also be having a "Glitterbug" coming for primary classes to learn about the importance of washing hands.
- The Humane Society will be coming in to present to some Grade one classes this week.
- The Grade two classes will be putting on a dance/gymnastics/singing show, called "A Winter Spectacular", on Friday, Dec.13th at 2:00pm. More information will be coming home soon to those parents.
- Grade 3 students will be going to the Bill Mason in early December to learn all about wayfinding/mapping as part of Social Studies.
- 82 students participating in bordenball intramurals for Grades 3 and 4 students. Those began last week!
- Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments took place after our last meeting in October: Boys finished the day in third place and Girls were fourth and fifth place :)
- Inuit Games and Inuit Art Presentations are happening in a variety of classes across all ages. This will resume again in January. It is very fun and engaging!
- Pedestrian Safety Presentations for several classes will be taking place this month.
- This is the tenth year for the Global Read Aloud. What is it? It is an opportunity to connect with classrooms around the world who are reading the same book at the same time. This year Global Read Aloud for grades 3-6 (really can be enjoyed right up to grade 8) is Kelly Yang's book *Front Desk*. This book explores topics of racism, prejudice and ultimately acceptance. How we are connecting. Weekly Q and A videos from the author Kelly Yang, she is answering questions from students all over the world, we have even come up with our own questions and emailed them to her! Some classes (Doherty and Goodyear) are participating in a postcard exchange with 50 schools around North America. Both classes are also enjoying weekly Kahoot challenges created by other teachers.
- Mme Reed and Mme Kupo's class had a visit from the Ottawa Humane Society in October. We learned about wild animals in urban habitats and got to visit with Jasper the dog! Those classes have also been building some pretty amazing Habitat dioramas of a Canadian animal.
- For Remembrance Day, Mme Evans' Grade 5 EFI class did a mini-research on Marc Leger, for whom our school library is named after. Students learned about Mr. Leger's life and why he is a Canadian Hero.
- **Virtual Ventures Presentations From Carleton University:** Grade 3s and 4s have done coding workshops. The Grade 4 students used TinkerCAD to build 3D model of a habitat on the computer
- Mme Slewidge's Grade 5 class is doing the following at the end of the month: 3D modelling (human organ systems, and Lego Robotics!
- Mme Cuffari and Mrs. Goodyear's classes had presentations that involved students making the solar system appear in a merge cube. They each had their own MacBook where they used 3-D modelling technology to create the solar system, then they shared and iPad and a merge cube

and were able to project this into their cube! We will be doing a circuit workshop in early December.

- Grade 6 EFI classes have begun their bilingual Genius Hour projects and we will be presenting them in early December..
- Me to WE Food Drive was a huge success! We collected a total of 525 items.
- Me to We Speaker coming in on Thursday to inspire and empower the students.
- Me to We upcoming events will be our Holiday Rafiki Sale at the end of the month and a Holiday Art Sale in December.
- The Knitting Club will be starting up again soon! We hope to begin the middle of November.
- Santa's Seconds will be on Tuesday, December 17th this year. Thank you to school council volunteer Cathy Coote for putting up the volunteer signup information online.

## Mabel's Labels

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A great solution to reducing “lost forever” items is to label, label, label! Stittsville PS is registered with Mabel's Labels as a fundraiser. You can order a wide variety of label items which makes it so much easier to locate lost items and for items to make it back to their original owners. You can order through the link below:

<https://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser/>

## School Cash Online



*A quick and secure way to pay for student items online*

We are pleased to inform you that the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will now be offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and office staff to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. Plus, you get to stay informed of your child's activities and needs!

You are now able to register – a simple task that takes less than five minutes – by visiting <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com>. Visit [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) if you'd like more information and to view Frequently Asked Questions. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or email: [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)