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Stirling Senior P. S. is Growing with Character!

We demonstrate...Caring, Cooperation, Honesty, Humour, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Trustworthiness.



In preparation for a visit from **Rob McGall, Director of HPEDSB**, Mr. Young rolled out the red carpet and even invited the paparazzi! Mr. McGall visited classrooms and spoke to students about their learning. We look forward to Mr. McGall returning.

When you visit SSPS, be sure to stop by the front office and read about ways that students are demonstrating **RESPECT** at SSPS. Each month the **RESPECT** tickets are collected from classrooms with one ticket selected for a free pizza lunch. We appreciate Mr. Young for making our **Kindness Hive** to showcase students efforts to respect each other and the school environment on a daily basis.



Each month at our assemblies home-room and rotary staff have opportunities to celebrate students that are **Growing with Character**. At our October Student of the Month assembly we celebrated **RESPECTFUL** students from the month of September.

Back Row: Jade M., Aeneas L-W, Anna W. Dawson W. and Maggie H.,
Front Row: Isable H., Rory B., Holly L., Cassidy T., and Nick R.



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Stirling Senior P.S. is focused on achievement for all!
We are committed to providing programs and services to help all students succeed and grow.

Leadership Students visit Wesley Acres



On October 17th, 40 students from the **SALT** (Student Athletic Leadership Team), the **PEPPA** (Pretty Exciting People Planning Activities) and the **Earth Care** teams, along with the staff supervisors, had an opportunity to participate in the Elevate Adventure Training at **Wesley Acres**.

Through the activities, students were developing their collaborative team spirit and trust amongst their group members. The training supported the development of communication, cohesiveness, coordination and cooperation. Emerging leaders were revealed, team dynamics were strengthened and ultimately everyone had a great time (even in the cold weather)! We look forward to having our student leaders support events and activities around SSPS and in our community, in an effort to make SSPS a great place to grow and learn! Thank you to Mrs. Cooney, Miss Vandersel, Mrs. Madden and Madame Seaver for their efforts to provide unique learning opportunities for our students—great team work!



Stirling Senior P.S. supports athletic involvement!

We believe that students grow physically and socially through school athletic programs.



Congratulations to the Intermediate boys who were quarter finalists in the 'AAA' district tournament on Oct. 6th. The boys demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and athleticism. Although they lost their final game 2-1 against Bayside, they played with heart. Mrs. Madden is very proud of their efforts and standing (4th out of 43 schools).



Intermediate Girls Soccer



Intermediate Boys Soccer

Miss Vandersel would like to congratulate the intermediate girls on an excellent job at the tournament! They showed true "Stinger spirit" all day and were the models of sportsmanship at all times. Well done Stingers! We are all proud of you!

Junior Girls Soccer

The girls won their first game against Marmora 2-0, tied their next game and then the girls faced Tweed and defeated them 1-0 in the semi final match up. Moving on to the championship game, and still undefeated, the girls played a tough team from Madoc and lost a close game 2-1. The girls should be congratulated on their fine sportsmanship and team effort. Way to go girls, you competed like champions!! Mr. Keane



Junior Boys Soccer



Despite the blustery damp British weather (as soccer should be played) the junior boys represented Stirling Senior with determination and good sportsmanship on the field. Although each game ended with one goal margins we were unable to make it past quarter finals. Great job gentlemen! Mr. Clarke





Stirling Senior P. S. and Bayside Secondary School partner to support Student Success!

We wish the best for each student when they leave SSPS.

SSPS Alumnus enjoy Rugby at Bayside

The Red Devil rugby program started in 2001 at Bayside SS. Rugby is the fastest growing sport in Canada and the Quinte area has experienced a growth in the number of people enjoying the sport from the very young to the Belleville Bulldogs "old boys". At Bayside they have fielded 20 teams with over 600 participants. Collectively Bayside rugby teams have won 9 Bay of Quinte and 8 COSSA championships. The Bayside "She Devils" have won gold at the OFSAA (Provincial) championships and have finished with the silver medal 3 times.

Bayside is extremely proud of its athletes! Bayside has had seven girls from their rugby squads who have competed at the provincial level representing Ontario at the National Championships. Twenty girls have gone on to play at College or University with one alumnus playing for Team Canada. She was the starting Scrum half when Canada handed England its only loss in international play. When asked why they "love rugby" a couple of grade 9 "She Devils" from the Stirling area mentioned they love rugby because, "It is a really fun sport, it allows you to get out your aggressions, you get to tackle, you get to stay in shape or stay fit, you meet new friends, and you definitely have fun with your team mates and coaches". When we asked Bayside rugby players why **you** should think of playing they commented: "Rugby is an amazing sport and I would recommend it to anyone". So we ask SSPS students...what will you get involved in when you are in high school?



SSPS Alumnus celebrated at BSS Awards Ceremony

Bayside SS held its Recognition Awards Ceremony on October 27th and we are pleased to report that **45 of the awards** were presented to **past SSPS students** (many students received more than one award)! Of the five top average certificates presented to grade 9 students 3 of the students were from Stirling Senior! It is also wonderful to share that 3 of the 8 awards in total presented to students who have modeled Character attributes went to past SSPS students. Way to go Stingers!

Bayside Secondary has added a new communication channel to keep the school and community up to date. News of BSS events, activities and achievements can now be found on **Twitter** at @BSSnews

Fun and Fitness Day for Grade 8's at Bayside

Bayside SS continues to show great school spirit through their house system, in which students and staff are organized into four different teams (houses). The house names are Rutilus, Atra, Niveus and Aurum, which translate into the Latin names for BSS school colours (red, black, white and gold). Students can earn points for their houses through participation in school events, spirit days, clubs, committees and teams, perfect attendance and academic achievement. Our grade 8 students will have their first taste of the house system when they participate in the **Fun and Fitness day** that BSS has planned for them on **November 17th**. It will be an opportunity for the "Red Devils in training" get a feel for the exciting sports and events that occur at Bayside Secondary School.



Stirling Senior P.S. is a safe school!

We believe that a safe school is a prerequisite for student success and academic achievement.



Bus Patroller Program

Approximately 20 SSPS students were trained as Bus Patrollers to assist younger children when entering and exiting the bus. The Bus Patrollers also help in emergency and evacuation situations. It was made very clear to our Bus Patrollers that the bus driver is still always in charge. Bus evacuation drills have been occurring for all students that ride buses to and from school. These drills help students know what to expect and how to react in an emergency.



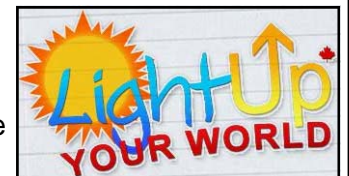
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

School communities throughout Ontario will celebrate Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week November 14 to 18, 2011. Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board has partnered with local police services, Parent Involvement Committee, student groups, Loyalist College and several community agencies to plan activities. The slogan for the local campaign is **Be Kind to Me**. Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is one way to involve the school community in promoting safe learning environments for all students, which is essential to their success. It is also a time to raise awareness of bullying-related issues with parents/guardians and the local community.

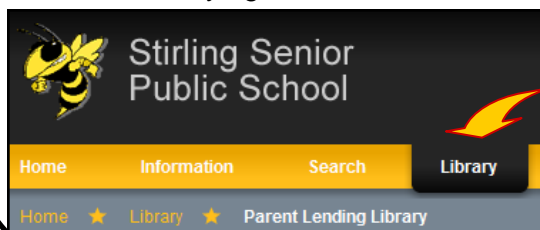


On **Wednesday, November 16th**, Bayside Secondary will be hosting an Internet Safety session from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for the Bayside School Group secondary and elementary school parents. Constable Fuller from the Quinte West OPP detachment will be the guest speaker for the evening. Constable Fuller has recently returned from training in this area and is looking forward to working with parents to provide them with more information and how they can support their children in Internet related issues including cyberbullying. Please join us at Bayside SS on the 16th at 7:00 pm.

During the last weeks of November and the beginning of December, SSPS students will once again have an opportunity to participate in the Light Up Your World program to help them understand that choices they make affect their life and the world around them. The program will give students skills and tools needed to be a positive world changer. Sessions will occur in each of the grade 7 and 8 classrooms over the course of three days and the grade 6 students will have an assembly.



We would also like to remind parents to check out our **Parent Lending Library** there are many resources that address bullying. Some titles include Odd Girl Out by Rachel Simmons, The Primal Teen by Barbara Strauch, and The Bully, the Bullied and The Bystander by Barbara Coloroso, to name just a few.



All titles are listed on the school webpage under the 'Library tab'. Just send in a note with your child for a selection of your choice or stop by for a visit!





Stirling Senior P. S. supports Community Connections!

We know it takes the support of many people outside of our school for our students to achieve their potential.

School Council

At our October school council meeting some items we discussed included fundraising, EQAO results and Bullying Awareness and Prevention activities at SSPS. Our meetings are generally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except our next meeting will be **Wed. Dec. 14th at 6:00 pm** in the school library.



Stirling Hockeyville

It's time to Kraft your letter for Stirling Hockeyville 2012. Your letter should show community spirit and a passion for hockey. Requirements: 500 words or less. Can be written on lined paper. Include your name, age, address and email (if you have one). Drop off boxes for letters written on paper are located at Foodland, Pro One Stop and the Stirling Arena. If you want to submit a letter (no picture required) and upload to www.stirlinghockeyville.com today or submit your letter directly to the Kraft Hockeyville website starting on November 19th (you must include a picture and be no more than 500 words) If you have any questions, please call Cindy Brandt 613.395.1482 or email brandts@sympatico.ca



The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library will help in letter writing for those that need it. For the month of November the library has a display with hockey books for your enjoyment. They are also having raffles for new registrations and book loans.

Let's show Canada just how much spirit we have in this community!

Most ice skating injuries are the result of a fall. And the face and head are the most commonly injured parts. A hockey helmet is the only approved helmet for falls on ice surfaces.



So, *if you've got blades...* join us for a **FREE** public skate at the *Wally Dever Arena* on Fri., Nov. 25th, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. And remember... **Wear a helmet!**

Triple P Positive Parenting Program

Triple P promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children.

Triple P builds on your strengths and knowledge as a parent.

For more information on the Triple P program in your area, please call the Child Health CARELine at 613-966-5513 ext. 223 or toll-free 1-800-267-2803 ext. 223.



Flu & cold season is here.

Prevent the spread by:

- * Frequent handwashing.
- * Coughing/sneezing into a sleeve instead of the air.
- * Keep sick children at home.
- * Consider the flu vaccine.



KRAFT non-perishable goods food drive

SSPS is doing a food drive to support the Food Bank but we are also hoping to show our community support for **Stirling Hockeyville** so we are trying to get as many KRAFT products as possible. Our goal is **200 KRAFT products**. That is just one per student! The food drive will run during the month of November. **Help fill the Zamboni!**



Stirling Senior Public School Fundraising

Fundraising helps enhance programs & services for our students.
We appreciate the support of our community!



Choir sings at Bulls game!

On Saturday Oct. 15th the SSPS Choir, wearing Stirling Hockleyville shirts performed O'Canada prior to the Belleville Bulls victory over Brampton Battalion. It was a great community event with over 120 members of the Stirling community present to support our choir and cheer the bulls on to their victory! We can't wait to do it again! Funds raised support technology enhancements at SSPS.



New Fundraising! Great Food! Great Prizes!



We are trying something new! This year we have chosen to work with **MacMillan's** to offer a large variety of products to the community prior to the holiday season. Yes, there is the ever popular frozen nut free cookie mix and muffin mixes but there is also so much more!

Sales begin on Friday, Nov. 4th and will run until Monday, Nov. 21st. Products will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. If you are available to help out on December 13th with the distribution of the products, please call the school.

Please remember that because these items are a frozen product, they must be picked up that day! Pick up times will be between 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

Our fundraising efforts this year will support technology enhancements for students. Order forms will be sent home on Friday, November 4th following our school wide kick off assembly. Watch for yours and get ready to sell! Thank you for supporting Stirling Senior Public School.

Cheesecake
Cookie Mix
Muffin Batter
Gourmet Pizza
Cinnamon Bites
Tarts
Pies
Gingerbread
So Much More!

GREAT PRIZES

Each student selling 5 items or more will be eligible to enter a draw for some outstanding prizes!! The prizes will be various I-tunes gift cards (totaling \$150.00 value). The more you sell, the more tickets you receive and the better chance you have of winning

- 5 sales = 1 ticket
- 10 sales = 4 tickets
- 15 sales = 10 tickets
- 20 sales = 15 ticket
- 25 sales = 20 tickets





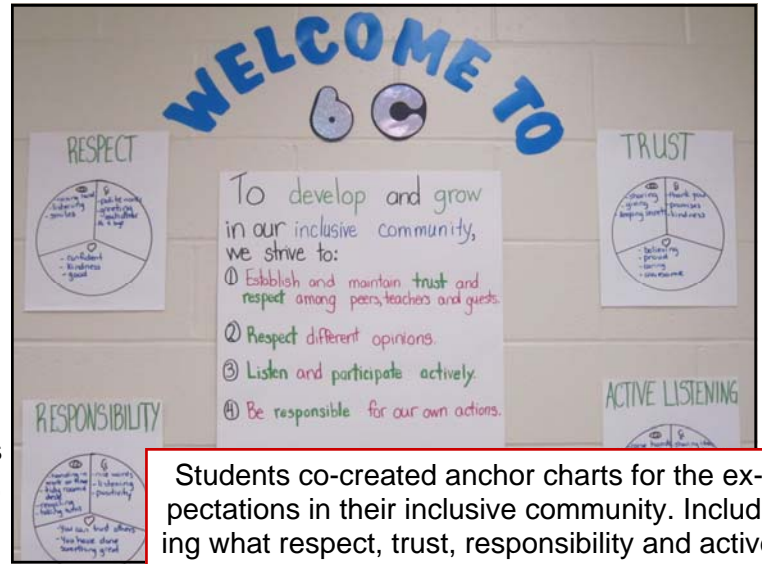
Stirling Senior P.S. is focused on school improvement!

Students are provided with intentional learning experiences and specific feedback to support their growth across subjects.

Curriculum Chat with 6C

The academic success of every student relies on how they feel they are treated in the classroom. Mrs. Cooney's class continuously works toward creating an inclusive community where students feel that they are respected and trusted by every individual. We strive to actively listen and participate in all activities – small group, class or school. This active participation is key to our daily discussions in all subject areas.

In our community, active participation is more than just listening to other ideas. It involves explaining strategies used, responding to ideas by asking probing questions, questioning to further understanding and building upon peer responses.



Students co-created anchor charts for the expectations in their inclusive community. Including what respect, trust, responsibility and active listening looks like, sounds like and feels like.

	Guiding Questions	Just Beginning	Almost There	Got it
Accountable Talk	<i>How did you share your thinking within your group?</i>	I listened to the conversations of my peers and/or teacher. I need to participate in the conversation (e.g., give information, ask questions).	I listened and responded to the conversations of my peers and/or teacher. I need to reflect on the mathematical knowledge experienced in class to make purposeful contributions (e.g., on topic questions, relevant information).	I listened, reflected (asked probing questions) and responded with connections to the mathematical knowledge experienced in class (e.g., I asked, "Why did you use that? How did you get that information? Could we do it like this...?").

Sample from our Communicating Mathematical Thinking matrix. Students can self assess their achievement and set goals.

To build our trust and participation, once a week we hold a community circle. This circle allows every person in our room to have a voice and be heard. Our community circles include topics from how other students have shown various character traits, to what students want to see from their peers during collaborative work, to discussing issues that students want to discuss.

Our inclusive community also provides many opportunities for collaboration. Our students are learning how to work together to complete group goals of solving a problem, deconstructing learning goals and brainstorming ideas. We look forward to watching our students learn and grow in our inclusive community.



Students work collaboratively to complete investigations and answer critical questions across the curriculum.



Stirling Senior Public School is Eco Friendly!

For our complete newsletter please visit our school website at <http://edu.hpedsb.on.ca/stirs/>



SSPS Spirit Wear

Additional items of specific size and colour are available for purchase. We will be selling all items \$2.00 off to encourage sales before Christmas. If interested please contact the school for a list of available items.

Use of Restorative Justice at SSPS

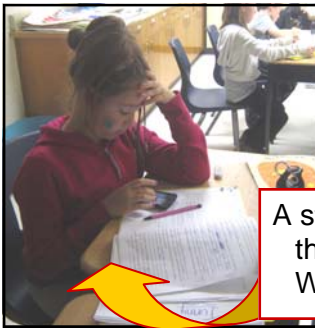
Use of Restorative Justice is a practical approach to making things right. Restorative Justice can be defined as an approach that focuses on repairing the harm caused by the offending behaviour while holding the person accountable for his or her actions. If a student is involved in an incident they will be asked, "What happened", "Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?" and "What do we need to do to move forward". We want students to learn from their mistakes and apply their new learning.

Assistive Technology Suggestion

We wanted to remind parents who are interested in having Premier (which includes text to speech software and a talking word processor) to use at home they can log in at www.premierathome.com. The username is **hpedsb** and the password is **family**. For more information please contact our resource teacher Mr. Calberry at the school.



iPods at SSPS



We are pleased to share that through grant application and fundraising efforts we have purchased 8 iPods (and hopefully more on the way). It is very important that students are aware that devices brought from home or school owned are NOT used for social media at school but to support learning experiences.

A student in Mrs. Cooney's class uses one of the SSPS iPods and access to the school WiFi network to complete some research.

Scholastic Book Fair at SSPS

A Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SSPS!

Hours for book fair:

- ⇒ Tues. Nov. 22nd 9:00 am to 11:30 am
- ⇒ Wed. Nov. 23rd 9:00 am to 11:30 am
- ⇒ Thurs. Nov. 24th 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

A variety of fiction and non-fiction books will be available at the fair. We will be giving away free books during the weeks and an additional \$50.00 in free books. At our Family Event on Thursday evening families have a chance to win \$25.00 in free books and the winning student's classroom will also win \$25.00 in free books.

This book fair is a fundraiser for new library books. 50% of the profit from books sold at the book fair go towards new library books. So please come out and support the book fair and support reading and our library.

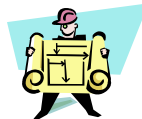


Highlights of our November on-line newsletter include:

- ⇒ Respectful students recognized
- ⇒ Leadership students take part in team building at Wesley Acres
- ⇒ Junior and Intermediate Soccer teams demonstrate Stinger spirit
- ⇒ SSPS Alumnus shine athletically and academically at BSS
- ⇒ Bullying Awareness and Prevention activities
- ⇒ SSPS supports Stirling Hockeyville 2012 with letter writing campaign and KRAFT product food drive during November
- ⇒ New Fundraising campaign begins Nov. 4th and will run until Nov. 21st. Products will be delivered to the school on Dec. 13th. \$150.00 worth of i-Tunes gift cards to be won!
- ⇒ Curriculum Chat with 6C

New School in Stirling

Meetings are occurring to develop a plan for consultation. HPEDSB will be sharing the plan for consultation with students, staff, parents and the community as soon as it is ready.



Congratulations to **Charlotte** from 6D who was our October newsletter draw winner. Don't forget to hand in your slip (found on the calendar) for your chance to win!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
		1 (Day 3) Grade 6 classes to French concert 	2 (Day 4)	3 (Day 5) Picture Retake day 	4 (Day 1) - Student of the Month Assembly - MacMillan's Fundraising begins  	5	
6	7 (Day 2)	8 (Day 3) Bus Safety presentation  	9 (Day 4)	10 (Day 5) Skills Canada presentation for grade 7 & 8	11 (Day 1) Remembrance Day Assembly and Cenotaph visit 	12	
13	14 (Day 2) Stirling Youth Advisory Council meeting 6:00pm 613-395-6511	15 (Day 3) 	16 (Day 4) - Frink Centre 8M, 8W 7:00 pm - Internet Safety presentation at BSS	17 (Day 5) Bayside SS Fun and Fitness day for grade 8's 	18 (Day 1) Progress Report s carried home (please return conference request form) 	19	
20	21 (Day 2) MacMillan's Fundraising orders and money due 	22 (Day 3) Frink Centre 6C, 6D, 6/7V 	Scholastic Book Fair		24 (Day 5) 4:00 to 8:00 Parent, student, teacher conferences	25 PA Day	26
27	28 (Day 1)	29 (Day 2) 	30 (Day 3) SG Int Volleyball (CHSS) 	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Parents / Guardians - Did you check out our November newsletter on-line?</p> <p>Please answer the question below and return this slip for your child to have a chance to win a literacy prize .</p> <p>Question: What is SSPS's goal for donations of KRAFT products to fill the Hockeyville Zamboni?</p> <p>Answer: _____</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Student _____ Class _____</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Parent / Guardian Signature _____</p> </div>			

Upcoming Dates / Events:
 => Dec. 5, 6 & 7 - Light Up Your World - Grade 7
 => Dec 7-boys/ 8-girls - Jr. Volleyball
 => Dec 13 - MacMillan's fundraising pick up from 2:30 to 5:30
 => Dec. 15 - Speeches in the gym

Bully Awareness and Prevention Week



MacMillan's Fundraising orders and money due

Light Up Your World - 8M, 8M/C and 8W

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