



Seneca Hill Newsletter

NEWS UPDATES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS



What's new @ Seneca Hill

As the first term of the year comes to an end, we wish the Seneca Hill community a safe and restful winter break. We look forward to seeing you in the new year. **Happy Holidays!**

SPECIAL REMINDERS

WINTER WEAR: As the winter season approaches, it is important that students come equipped with the proper attire, including indoor and outdoor shoes. All students at Seneca Hill receive daily outdoor time, we kindly ask that your child comes prepared with weather appropriate clothing.

CASUAL DAYS: The upcoming casual days for the month are: **December 9th** and **December 23rd**. Apart from these days, students are reminded to come to school in their uniforms each day, including appropriate footwear and sweaters.

Elementary (Grade 2–8) Exam Week

This term's exams are taking place throughout the week of **December 12th to 16th**. Students are writing exams in each of their classes and are reminded to come prepared with enough pencils, erasers and paper during this time. If parents have any questions or concerns about the exam process please contact the SHC Office.

Spirit Week – Our second annual Seneca Hill Student Council (SHSC) Spirit Week kicks off on December 19th! Show your Seneca Hill spirit! (Parents are encouraged to show your spirit too!)

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 9th: Casual Day
Dec 12th - 16th: Elementary Exam Week
Dec 19th - 23rd: SHSC Spirit Week
Dec 22nd: Winter Concert
Dec 23rd: Fall Term Report Card, Last Day of Classes
Dec 26th - January 6th: Winter Break

Dec 19: Mannequin Monday	Dec 20: Twinning Tuesday	Dec 21: Winter Wednesday	Dec 22: Topsy-Turvy Thursday	Dec 23 Future Friday:
Can you handle the "Mannequin Challenge"? Students will attempt the latest trend to hit the internet. Each classroom will try to stay completely still for 2 minutes! Don't blink! Students must dress in their assigned class colours to complete this challenge!	Have you ever wanted to dress like your best friend? Wish you could be like your teacher? Well this is the day, you can create your own twin. Come to school dressed as someone else and be a twin for the day!	For this Wednesday only, students are to dress in winter or winter inspired clothing (shirts with snowflakes, ugly Christmas sweaters, or things you would only wear during the winter season). We will be serving hot chocolate to match!	We are turning this day upside down! Otherwise known as Backwards day, this day students will wear their clothes inside out, upside down or backwards!	On this day, students are asked to dress up as something they aspire to be or achieve in the future. An example could be dressing up as a doctor, or a famous pop musician, lawyer, teacher, etc...be creative with this one!

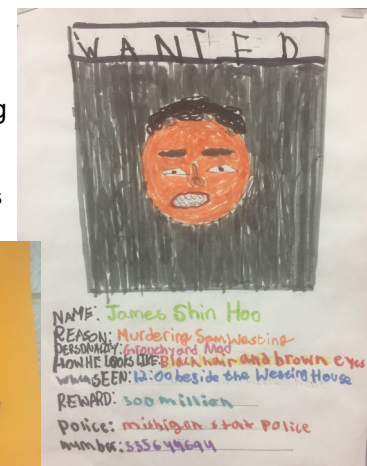
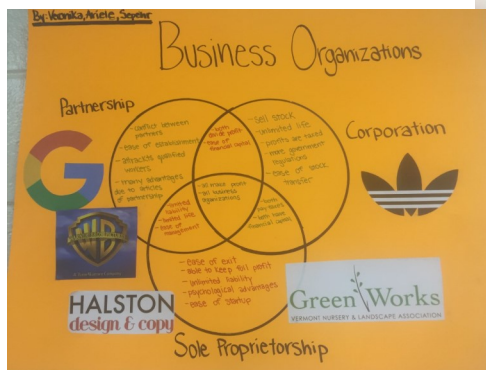
A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOMS...

English:

The Grade 5/6 English class has just solved their first mystery case: *The Westing Game*. After weeks of following the trail of the grumpy Mr. Hoo, students were beginning to lose hope of finding any real evidence to prosecute him. Many red herrings later, the sleuths were ready to give up, until they realized that Sam Westing faked his own murder, almost fooling everyone! Now that the students have gained some experience under their belt, they are ready to take on their own cases in the form of writing their own mystery stories.

Economics:

The entrepreneurs in Mr. Tony's Grade 11 Economics class have been researching and examining various types of organizations in our society to gain a better understanding of how they work and interact with each other. Their research and findings have allowed them to develop concepts for their own start-up business plan. These future CEOs are now exercising their graphic design skills by developing logos for their companies.



DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS:

Pre-K to Grade Four

Students will visit Casa Loma on December 7th to get a glimpse into the lifestyle of the living quarters of the early 1900's Edwardian Toronto. Through a tour of Sir Henry Pellatt's castle, students will explore secret passages, view original stables and antique cars, as well as climb soaring towers to view historical architecture and the city from atop.

Grades Five to Seven

Students in Grades 5-7 will participate in a Leadership workshop at the school on December 21st. This workshop will consist of various character building activities that aim to develop students' self esteem, communication skills and the ability to work with one another in a team setting.

Grades Nine to Eleven

The students in grades 9-11 will be going on a trip to Laser Quest on December 20th. Students will participate in the Quest for Knowledge program which includes a behind the scenes tour of Laser Quest, two fun-filled missions of Laser Quest, as well as hands on and live demonstrations of the various effects and equipment on site.

TIPS FOR THE WINTER BREAK:

- ◆ **STAY WARM and STAY ON TRACK**, by exercising the skills you have learned so far in the year! Winter Break is a time to relax and be with family, but it's also important to keep your study skills sharp. One way of doing this is by reading with your family. Share one of your favourite books, or pick a book together and read it by the fire. Make a cup of hot cocoa, and watch a movie with your siblings, then discuss what you watched and share your opinions. Help your parents create a shopping list for the holiday cooking and a budget, to practice those addition and subtraction skills! Stay sharp over the break doesn't mean do your homework, but apply what you learned in every way you can! Happy Holidays!
- ◆ **NEW YEAR, NEW POSSIBILITIES**. As we approach a new year, give yourself the chance to reflect on your successes and set goals to continue your progress into the new term. Consider the things you did well in your classes, the compliments given to you by your peers and your teachers on certain projects and presentations and think of ways you can develop these skills further or apply them in new situations. It is also a time where you can reflect on your areas of improvement and come up with a plan to overcome these roadblocks when school resumes in January. Reflection is an important part of the learning process! Happy New Year!
- ◆ **BE MERRY and BE OPTIMISTIC**. The break is a chance for you to plan your next steps for the new year. Don't dwell on what you didn't get to do this year, rather think about how you will get to the finish line next year. Whether it be school related or not, it is always good to have a plan of action for how you will achieve your list of things to do. A good way of doing this is by breaking up your tasks into small steps so that they are easier to achieve—it will also motivate you to get them done faster. Best wishes over the break and good luck in the new year!
- ◆ **REJOICE and RELAX**, don't forget to get your 8 hours of sleep (at least) each day! Although the idea of staying up late to play video games and watch movies is tempting (and you deserve it!), it is also important that you maintain your sleep schedule and get ENOUGH sleep during the break, so that you are not affected when you return back to school!

- Ms. Ogalino

- Ms. Dori

- Ms. Manji

- Ms. Maria