

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Our Mission: *“Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference”*
Our Vision: *“We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities”*
Our Values: *“Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation”*
Our Motto: *“Small schools make a difference”*

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 — 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

On-Site at Marathon Board Meeting Room
Electronic Access via Videoconference and/or Teleconference

Acting Chair: ?

Director: David Tamblin
Recorder: Andree MacGillivray

1.0 Roll Call

<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>											
Parent Involvement Committee											
Elementary Schools	O	T	V	A	R	Secondary Schools	O	T	V	A	R
	S	C	C				S	C	C		
BAPS – Jenefer Poirier... <i>School Council & PIC</i>						GCHS – ?... <i>School Council</i>					
BAPS – Bernadine O'Brien... <i>School Council</i>						GCHS – Lynne Lafrance... <i>School Council</i>					
BEPS – Dominique Orban... <i>PIC & School Cncl (TBA)</i>						LSHS – ?... <i>PIC</i>					
BEPS –						MNHS - ?... <i>School Council</i>					
CAPS - <i>(no students enrolled)</i>						MNHS – ?... <i>School Council</i>					
DOPS - Kitty Dumonski... <i>PIC & School Council</i>						MRHS – Jennifer Lake... <i>School Council</i>					
DOPS – Kim Landry, Chair... <i>School Council</i>						MRHS – Pearl Cooper... <i>PIC</i>					
GOPS - Suzanne Kukko, Chair... <i>School Council</i>						NRHS - ?... <i>School Council</i>					
GOPS – Michelle Bird... <i>PIC</i>											
MNPS – ?... <i>School Council</i>						NRHS – Martha Verville... <i>PIC</i>					
MMPS – Trina Regan... <i>PIC</i>											
MMPS – Mari Mannisto... <i>PIC</i>						Trustees/Administration	O	T	V	A	R
MTPS – Annette Heath... <i>PIC</i>						Darlene Keenan					
MTPS – Pearl Cooper... <i>School Council & PIC</i>						Mark Mannisto					
NAPS - Mathew Donavan... <i>PIC & School Council</i>						Angel Santerre					
RRPS - ?... <i>PIC & School Council</i>						Pinky McRae <i>(Ex-Officio)</i>					
RRPS - Tara Thompson... <i>School Council</i>						David Tamblin					
SCPS –Tosha Borutski... <i>PIC</i>						John Mutch					
SCPS – Tina Hamel... <i>School Council</i>						Nancy Petrick					
TBPS – Terry Bell... <i>PIC</i>						Donna Fry					
TBPS – ?... <i>School Council</i>						Andrée MacGillivray <i>(Recorder)</i>					

1.0 Welcome

David Tamblin

2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2012

(Attached)

Mover: _____ Second: _____

That, the minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated May 14, 2012 be accepted and approved.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Mover: _____ Second: _____

That, the agenda for the Parent Involvement Committee meeting of May 14, 2012 be accepted.

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Election of Chairperson

(David Tamblyn)

5.0 Chair: Parent Involvement Committee

(David Tamblyn)

5.1 Homework Help

(Stacey Wallwin, Attached)

6.0 Director of Education

(David Tamblyn)

6.1 New PIC Handbook (Ministry of Education)

6.2 2012 Annual Report on School Councils – People for Education

6.3 Mental Health and Addictions Nurses in Ontario School Board Districts

6.4 Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week, November 18th-24th

6.5 Update on “Job Action”

7.0 Open Discussion

8.0 Suggestions: Future Agenda Items

9.0 Next Meeting Dates

Note: Reg. 330/10 requires that **four meetings** be held in each school year.

10.0 Adjournment

Mover: _____ Second: _____

That, the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on November 14, 2012, adjourn at _____ p.m.

Superior-Greenstone District School Board Students Register for Homework Help!



Superior-Greenstone District School Board has once again partnered with the Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre to offer an exciting math support initiative for Superior-Greenstone District School Board students. Homework Help is an interactive website that provides math tutorials for all grade 7-10 students in Ontario.

Eligible students are able to access online math tutoring, provided by certified teachers, during Sunday to Thursday evenings. Between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., students can ask a math teacher for help and work through the problem, with their online teacher, using the interactive whiteboard. As well, students are provided with a wealth of math resources and tools to enhance and support their understanding of math. These resources are available 24/7 on the Homework Help site.

Concerned about your son/daughter's online safety? To ensure the online safety of the students, the real identity of the students is never revealed on the website as students created usernames that do not provide any details about their real identity. Students like the anonymity of being able to ask for help without the tutor or their fellow math chat room students knowing who they really are. Parents, guardians and educators like that the site is a safe, secure website and that the tutors are qualified math tutors registered with the Ontario College of Teachers. Unlike social media sites, students can only communicate with their online teacher and not with each other.

Students, parents and educators can access the resources available on the site 24/7 by going to www.homeworkhelp.il.org. Parents/Guardians and teachers can create accounts so that they can view the site as well.

Should you require additional information about Homework Help please contact your child's classroom math teacher or Stacey Wallwin, the e-learning co-ordinator for Superior-Greenstone District School. Stacey can be reached at Lake Superior High School at 825-3271 or at swallwin@sgdsb.on.ca.



Homework Help

Resources Available:

Best Sessions

- The best and most common examples of questions that are asked in the Tutor Chat Rooms are posted to make available for all students. These can be accessed 24/7 and can be tagged into a student's locker for future reference.

Listen & Learn

- Students have access to interactive lessons, mini-quizzes, and printable presentation notes. These lessons are longer – paced presentations and are similar to a classroom lesson.

Interactive Tutorials

- Colourful, animated tutorials that provide support for solving word problems, and possibly shine a new light on math concepts. These sessions are meant to build upon skills.

Chat Rooms

Students can enter grade and level specific chat rooms to receive tutoring on a specific math question. A whiteboard makes the process interactive between the tutor and the student and some teachers have audio capabilities with their sessions.

Tools Available

Virtual Locker

- All student chat sessions are automatically saved to a personal Virtual Locker can be accessed at any time. Students can “tag” other sessions and best practices to his/her locker for future reference.

Scientific Calculator

- If students don't have a calculator handy they can easily access a scientific calculator from both the main-site and in the Tutor Chat Room.

Glossary

- If a student is struggling with a math question or concept, the glossary provides not only “student-friendly” definitions, but diagrams for common mathematical terms as well.

Why use Homework Help?

Homework Help

- can build student confidence in mathematics
- supports what is being taught in math classrooms in Ontario schools
- supports students outside of the classroom

Homework Help resources are available 24/7. Students have the opportunity to develop numeracy skills at any time.

This year, math students in Grades 7 to 10 will have access to live, interactive online math tutoring. This site is called Homework help and it's free! The site offers interactive, live math tutoring as well as tools and resources for students, teachers, and parents-24/7!

Homework Help is NOT “Homework Do”

Tutors are Ontario teachers and they understand that giving away the answer does not help anyone. Homework Help supports and encourages students to conquer concepts themselves. Tutors tailor teaching strategies to each student, taking the time to understand the specific needs of each learner.

Tutor Chat Room Best Practices

**The Tutor Chat Rooms are open 5 nights a week
– Sunday through Thursday from 5:30 – 9:30 pm.**

- ✓ Choose the appropriate grade level
- ✓ “Ask” (by typing it) a question as soon as you enter the chat room-this lets your tutor know that you are in line and what topic you are asking about.
- ✓ If you find a tutor you learn well from, visit them often, however, to reduce your wait time, pick a tutor with less of a line up! Tutors are listed from not busies to the busiest.
- ✓ You can only ask one question at a time, but if you need to ask another question get back in line or go to another chat room-make sure to “ask” your question!

Safety and Privacy

When students sign into Homework Help they remain completely anonymous-the tutors see only the student’s username when he/she is online; not the real identity of a particular student.

Students cannot interact with one another at any time.

Tutors are registered with the Ontario College of Teachers and are certified math teachers.

Students choose a logon name that is unique to them but does not reveal their identity.

All tutor sessions are recorded.

Each student’s OEN number is only used once to verify that the student is an eligible, Ontario student.

Parents can logon to the site as a guest. Parents can view all aspects of the site, except the chat rooms.



Homework Help Parent, Guardian and Teacher Registration



What is Homework Help?

Homework Help is an online resource that math students in grades 7-10 can access. It provides a variety of math resources 24/7 or online, one-on-one math tutoring with a qualified math teacher on Sunday-Thursday evenings, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Why Would Parents, Guardians and Educators Create an User Account?

Parents, guardians and educators can access the resources that students can access 24/7, such as “Best Sessions” and “Listen and Learn”. Parents, guardians and educators can feel more comfortable encouraging their son/daughter or students to access the site if they themselves feel comfortable with the site. They can remind students to access the resource when needed.

Can Parents, Guardians and Teachers Ask a Math Question in the Chat Room?

Parents and educators cannot access the live chat and ask a tutor a math question! To ensure that the math tutorial needs of the students are met in a timely manner, only students can enter a math chat room and receive one-on-one math tutoring.

Want an Account? It's Free and Easy!

Go to: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org

Select the “Free Registration” button.

The screenshot shows the Homework Help website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Homework Help logo and the text 'Math Help for Grades 7 to 10'. A 'Log In' button is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there is a central banner area with a 'Register Now' button. A red arrow points from the text 'Select the “Free Registration” button.' to this 'Register Now' button. The banner also contains the text: 'Register to gain access to everything that Homework Help has to offer. Ask A Tutor, 24/7 Resources, and our math specific tools. It's FREE!' and 'FREE REGISTRATION'. Below the banner, there is a 'Welcome to Math Homework Help' section with a 'Listen & Learn' feature highlighted. The left sidebar contains a menu with options like 'Ask A Tutor Demo', 'HOME', 'Ask A Tutor', '24/7 Resources', 'BEST SESSIONS', 'INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS', 'LISTEN & LEARN', 'Tools', 'CALCULATOR', and 'GLOSSARY'. The right sidebar contains 'Ask A Tutor Hours', 'Connect' (with social media icons), and 'Awards' (including an IMA award).

Scroll down to the bottom of the page, beneath the Student Registration box, to the “Guest Registration” section. Select the appropriate box and click “Register”

You will need to create a username and provide an e-mail address in order to register.

Once you have provided the necessary information, select the box declaring you have read the “Terms and Conditions” of the site and select “register”. Record your user account information somewhere safe.

Have a Question? Please contact:

Stacey Wallwin

Superior-Greenstone District School Board, e-Learning Co-ordinator

(807) 825-3271

swallwin@sgdsb.on.ca

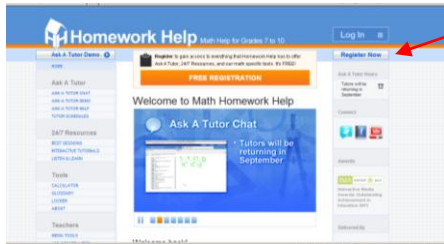


Re-Activating Your Homework Help Account

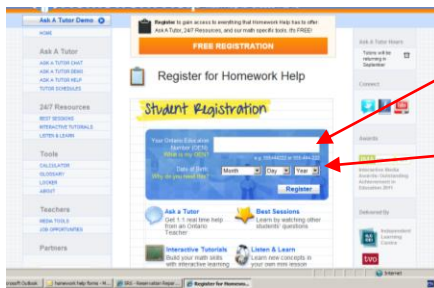
Logging into the Homework Help site for the first time this year? Did you create an account last year? Follow these easy steps to login and activate your account for the 2012-2013 school year!

Step 1: Go to: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org

Step 2: Select the “Register Now” button



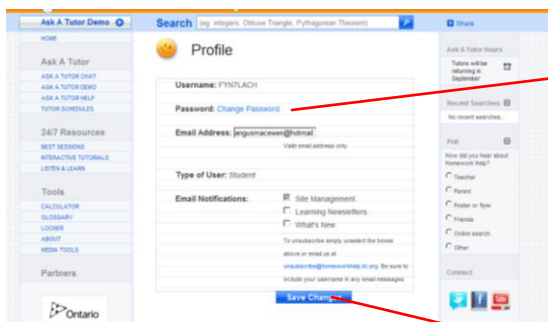
Step 3: Enter your Ontario Education Number and your actual birth date. Once you have entered in this information click, on the “Register” button.



Ontario Education Number (OEN)

Provide your actual birth date information

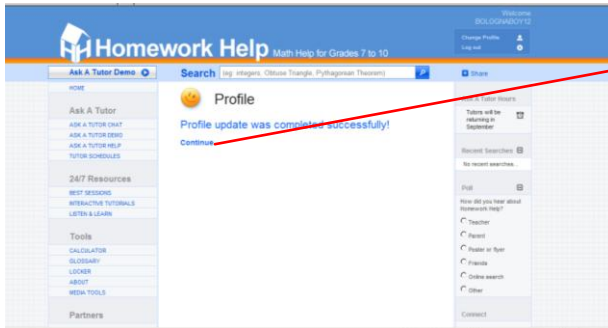
Step 4: You will be prompted to your existing profile. Your username will appear as well as an opportunity for you to **change your password**. Forgot your password from last year? That's ok! Click on “Change Password”. You will be prompted to enter in a new password and you will not need to know your password from last year! Don't forget to click the “Save Password” button when you are done!



Click to enter a new password for your account-You do not need to remember last year's password!

Don't forget to save your changes!

Step 7: Once the process is complete you will receive a “Successfully Completed” message. Click “continue”



Click “continue” to return to the Homework Help Main Page

Step 8: Upon successful completion of the registration process, you will be directed back to the homepage where you can begin to access all the fantastic resources available! Good luck!

Student Resources available 24/7

