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Important Upcoming Dates

- February 10- Course Selection Department Fair for Students
- Feb 11-14 2024-2025 Course Selection Presentation
- Feb 13 2024-2025 Course Selection Opens
- February 17 Family Day
- February 19 Black History Month Assembly
- February 20 Photo Day for new students and grad retake
- February 24 Lockdown Drill

School Cash Online

Graduation Ceremony

School News

Renewed Computer Technology Program

Dear Families,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286

3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the <u>online</u> <u>application page</u> for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

- If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is <u>RCT OTR Order Form</u> a \$25 charge for laptops and a \$35 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
- 2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
- You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at 945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255 using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from January 16, 2025 – March 17, 2025 with delivery to schools taking place before the end of the school year.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Grad Photo Retakes



Families planning to move or students not returning in September

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

Black History Month Presentation

On February 19, 2025, during our Black History Month Assembly we will be having Mr. Williams speaking to students. Mr. Williams is an award-winning motivational speaker, singer, percussionist, recording artist, trumpet and saxophone player, ethnomusicologist, music director, writer and Griot (African historian and storyteller) who has been featured on Ted Talk and other academic forums. He was born in Nigeria, West Africa and had been playing drums as soon as he could walk. His most unforgettable experience was playing for Nelson Mandela when he paid a visit to the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Guidance/Course Selection 2025-26

Course Selection for 2025-2026

Course Selection presentations will be provided to students next week for the 2025-26 and Course Selection will Open on February 13, 2025

Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
 Period 1-Gr. 9 Course Selection Presentation Period 3- Gr. 10 Course Selection Presentation 	 Period 2-Gr.11 Course Selection Presentation MLL Course Selection Presentation Presentation Periods 1,2,3-ESLA/B/C/D 	Period 2-Gr. 12 MLL Course Selection Presentation Periods 4, 5- ESLB and ESLE	Period 1 and 5 music classes Course Selection Presentation

Mental Health and Well-being Session

A Compassionate Approach to Support Your Child's Emotional Well-being is scheduled on Feb 25th, 2025, from 6-7 p.m. Mandarin session & 7-8 p.m. Cantonese Session, at 7:00-8:00 p.m. virtual event (link will be provided upon registration).

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to understand and manage their emotions in a constructive way. We aim to foster their mental well-being and equip them with coping skills that serve them throughout their lives. There will be opportunities for families to connect with staff from the agency noted above, and to gather more information about their specific supports. Please join us for an evening event about positive mental health strategies and engage in a chance to ask general questions (registration link for language specific sessions are in the flyer).

Student Attendance

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca.

You may also call the school Main Office directly at 905-884-0554.

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment or another reason, please ensure that you confirm their late arrival with a call or email to our attendance office. Thank you.