

Announcement to be Read

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Arts, Culture, Clubs	The first Debate meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 27th, from 3 to 4 in room 336. Hope to see you there!
Events	<p>Since the date of September 30, 2018 falls on a Sunday, our board will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 28, 2018 in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for the future generations.</p> <p>The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.</p> <p>Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.</p> <p>Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."</p> <p>The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters. We encourage YRDSB staff and students to wear an orange shirt on September 28, 2018 to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.</p>
Other	There are several school-nominated scholarships that are available to graduating Grade 12 students. These awards are for students who are academic high achievers (90%+), exhibit creative and original thought, demonstrate strong community and/or school involvement. The awards are available from Queen's, Western, U of T, Loran and Schulich. Once a student reviews the criteria and expresses an interest to pursue the award, they must let the Guidance Office know of that interest by the date provided. The list of awards, criteria, deadline dates and websites are available for pick-up in the Guidance Office starting today.
Sports & Teams	Teachers please excuse members of the girls Rugby team today at 11:00 for their game in Markham. Students should meet at 11:15 in the front foyer.
Sports & Teams	Period 5 teachers please excuse your students on the girls field hockey team at 2:13 for their game against Villanova.