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Important Dates

October 31: Hallowe'en

November 1: [Holocaust Education Week](#) begins

School Vaccination Clinic for Grade 7 and 8 scholars

Take Your Grade 8 to High School Day

Pizza Lunch for those who ordered

November 2: Sub Lunch for those who ordered

November 5: [National Skilled Trade and Technology Week](#) begins

November 6: [Treaties Recognition Week](#) begins

November 7: Intermediate Girls Volleyball Areas

November 8: [National Indigenous Veterans Day](#)

Pizza Lunch for those who ordered

November 9: Intermediate Boys Volleyball Areas

Sub Lunch for those who ordered

November 11: [Remembrance Day](#)

November 15: Pizza Lunch for those who ordered

November 16: Sub Lunch for those who ordered

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 17: Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

October is: [2SLGBTQI+ History Month](#)

Islamic [Heritage](#) and [History](#) Month

[German Heritage Month](#)

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)/[Latin American Heritage Month](#)

[Women's History Month](#)

November is: [Hindu Heritage Month](#)

BRPS Touchstone Focus

A growth mindset is the
road to achieving our
goals!

Mental Health Tip of the Week

Talk it out. Sharing heavy
thoughts and feelings with
someone you trust and
who has the skills to
support you is an
important strategy for
working through difficult

A Message from the Office

Thank you to all who have been helping maintain a safe and orderly
beginning and end of the school day by following the Kiss & Ride
guidelines that were shared last week. We appreciate your consideration
of each other. We know that a little extra patience and kindness goes a
long way to keeping our students safe. As a reminder, here are the
guidelines that were previously shared:

- Please do not pick up students while in the driving lanes. Ensure you are pulled up to the curb in the designated, marked Kiss & Ride Area
- Please park in the lot/on the street if you need to leave your car for any reason other than quickly escorting your JK/SK child to/from the Kindergarten Play Area. This includes if you need to converse with your child's Kindergarten teacher.
- Please drive slowly and with care for those walking through the parking lot.

times. Remember that you are not alone.

Please reach out to the school for Board and Community-based resources if you need them.

- Please wait your turn for a spot to open in the Kiss & Ride. Consider that parking in the lot/on the street and collecting your child may be faster than waiting in line.
- Please do not idle your car while waiting for your child.
- Consider using transportation other than driving. Being outdoors promotes both physical and mental health, and is good for the environment.

Resources

Special Education Information and translated versions of important documents can be accessed on the YRDSB page.

Faith Accommodations can be requested at any time. Please reach out to the school if you need to make a request.

Grade 8 – Open House Information Nights (including calendar) and Transition Supports for Grade 8 to Grade 9 can be accessed on the YRDSB website

Reminders

Hallowe'en: Please review the reminders about Hallowe'en that were sent out earlier.

Pick-ups During the School Day: When possible, we ask that you schedule pickup outside our school recess times (10:50am - 11:20am and 1:20pm - 2pm) so that we can locate them in their classrooms rather than trying to find them on the school field during recesses.

Allergies: Our school is nut-free, peanut-free, and sesame-free. Please ensure all food items are free of these ingredients.

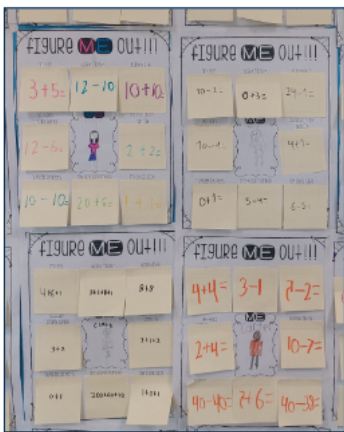
School News and Events

Athletic Council: Grade 7 and 8 students interested in scoring games or helping with tournaments had the opportunity to sign up for this leadership opportunity.

Barbara Reid Public School's first ever Clothing Swap is underway! We are collecting new/gently-used clean winter clothing such as snow pants, boots, jackets, hats, mittens/gloves, warm sweaters, sweatpants, etc. On November 16th and 17th, all items will be waiting in the gym for BRPS families to give them new homes.

Photo Gallery

BRPS scholars are practicing simple equations in math, food chains in science, and lots of different S.T.E.M. skills during indoor recesses!

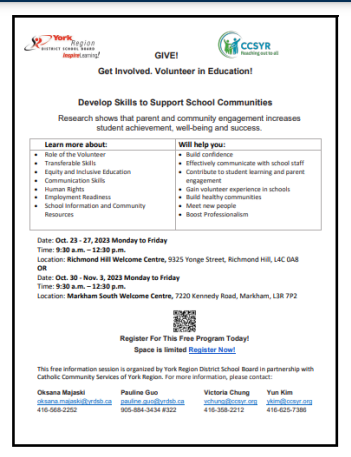


 	<h3>Supports for Families Experiencing Trauma</h3> <p>Resources for all identities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Help Phone • 310-COPE <p>Information for parents and caregivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event National Child Traumatic Stress Network <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="505 491 1019 747"> <p>Culturally Relevant Resources for Jewish-Identifying Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Family and Child Services • JVS Toronto </td><td data-bbox="1019 491 1529 747"> <p>Culturally Relevant Resources for Muslim-Identifying Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naseeha • Khalil Center </td></tr> </table>	<p>Culturally Relevant Resources for Jewish-Identifying Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Family and Child Services • JVS Toronto 	<p>Culturally Relevant Resources for Muslim-Identifying Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naseeha • Khalil Center
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	<h3>Islamic Heritage Month</h3> <p>Muslim students, families, and staff explore the importance of identity-affirming spaces in schools and workplaces.</p> <p>Elevating Women’s Stories: Celebrating Women’s History Month</p> <p>Five women leaders and changemakers in the YRDSB highlight the crucial role of preserving and elevating the stories of women.</p>		
 <p>BILL CROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Celebrating Healthy, Active Living and Sport</i></p>	<h3>Bill Crothers Secondary School Applications</h3> <p>Bill Crothers Secondary School is YRDSB’s school with specialized athletic programming. Approximately 400 grade 8 students will be accepted for the 2024 – 2025 school year commencing early August 2024 (date to be approved by Ministry).</p> <p>Applications due: November 5, 2023</p> <p>All updates and information can be found at www.billcrothers.com.</p>		
	<h3>Secondary Arts School Information Nights</h3> <p>Please see the linked flier for more information on how you can find out more about specialized Arts programmes in the YRDSB.</p>		



October Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

The Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter is brought to families by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel. The [October 2023](#) edition is now available. Translations can be accessed on the [YRDSB site](#) using the “Select Language” drop-down menu at the top right corner of the page..



Get Involved. Volunteer in Education

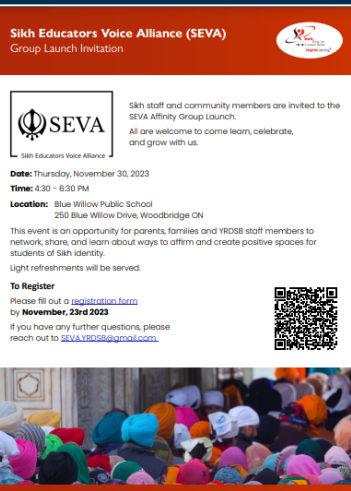
A free program for those interested in volunteering in schools

Date: Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023 Monday to Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Markham South Welcome Centre, 7220 Kennedy Road, Markham, L3R 7P2

[Registration](#)



[SEVA Affinity Group Launch](#)

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Location: Blue Willow Public School 250 Blue Willow Drive, Woodbridge ON

See linked flier for [registration](#) information

Monthly Math

Please visit the [board's math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

Thank you to the YRDSB Math Consultant Team for our Monthly Math!

Game of the Month

Do you love to play Tic Tac Toe?

Tic Tac Toe (2 players)

Goal: be the first to get 3 marks of “x” or “o” in a row (up, down, diagonally)

How to play: draw the gameboard on a piece of paper.

Players decide who will be “x” and who will be “o”.

Both players take turns putting their marks in one of the empty squares.

The first player to get 3 of their marks “x” or “o” in a row (up, down, diagonally) is the winner. If all 9 squares are full, the game is over. If no player has 3 marks in a row, the game ends in a tie.

Did you know there are other versions of Tic Tac Toe that can help children develop number sense?

Tic Tac Odd -

Goal: be the first player to make a row of three that adds up to an odd number.

How to play: draw the gameboard on a piece of paper. Players can use any two consecutive numbers instead of the X and O.
For example, player one only uses the number 5 and player two only uses the number 4 to play Tic Tac Toe with the goal of being the first player to make a row of three that adds up to an odd number.

Tic Tac Six -
Goal: be the first player to make a row of three that adds up to six.

How to play: draw the gameboard. At the start of each turn, a player will toss a coin to determine heads or tails. Heads represents the number 1 and tails represents the number 2, the player will then use that number on the tic-tac-toe board. For example: Player 1 flips the coin, it lands on heads, player 1 must use the number 1 on any available space on the board. Then Player 2 flips the coin. (Any item that has two options can be substituted for the coin, i.e. integers tile, a virtual coin toss, selecting from two different coloured cubes)

Problem of the Month

If you roll two six-sided fair dice are you more likely to get an even result if you add the top numbers or if you multiply them?

Look for the answer in November’s Family Newsletter

From the Community

Please click on the embedded links for more on the following events, information, and resources.

Transition Planning Resource Days

Need help understanding the developmental services system and transition planning? Do you have an IEP?

Book a free, 1-hour session, with a transitional planner to discuss and ask important questions related to your situation.

These sessions are for individuals who have a developmental disability, have an IEP, are in high school or recently graduated and need help planning for adult services. Also included are students in grade 8 with an IEP preparing to transition into high school.

We can help you:

- discuss the differences between elementary and high school
- tips and strategies to help you and your child prepare for life in high school
- fill out forms and applications (e.g. ODSP, SSAH, Mobility Transit, etc.)
- find resources
- build on skills
- options for after high school and adult life

How to book an appointment

Email: cmacdonald@yssn.ca
Call: 905-898-6455 or 1-866-257-9776 ext. 2245

[Calendar of Appointment Days](#)



Transition Planning Resource Days June 2023 – January 2024
Shared from YRDSB Transition Planning Team