

Newsletter Dec 1, 2017



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Upcoming Dates

Dec 4
Food Drive Continues all week

Queen's Park Field Trip
Corrigan/Lee
Departure 3:30pm

Dec 5
Winter Concert

ROM Field Trip
Musselman/MacInnis/Caravasilis
Davis/Pipher/Wan
All Day

Swim Team
Centennial
C. Wun
Depart 2:35pm

Jr. Boys Basketball
Unionville SS
A Stoneman
Depart 2:40pm

Dec 6
SHSM Certificaton
A McKay/G. Niles
All Day

SHSM Rotman School of Bus
HS Market Competition
C. Hainstock
All Day

SHSM Safe Talk
E. Milberg
All Day

Dec 7
SNAP Community
Class Basketball
Milliken Mills
A Stoneman
All Day

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

Message From Our Chair

I am pleased to let you know that Associate Director of Education Leslie Johnstone has been appointed Acting Director of Education until [Louise Sirisko](#) begins her new role as Director of Education in the New Year.

I want to thank Leslie, and all of our senior team, for their leadership and support during this transition period. Please join me in wishing Leslie well in this short-term role.

Loralea Carruthers
Chair

Guidance

Thank you to the 15 BOSS students who represented YRDSB at the **Quest 2017 Conference: Improving Student Achievement and Well-being**. They did an excellent job introducing and thanking speakers, showing guests to their meeting room, collecting lanyards and other duties in their bright red shirts. Go Bulldogs!

Thanks again to Sophia P. Li, Martina Awad, Amanda Lam, Louie Lam, Youstina Awad, Asifa Afnan, Chris Qiu, Kate Ah Chuen, Gara Chan, Christina Wan, Ajeera Ranjith, Felicia Chen, Fiona Fang, Vaneeza Moosa and Alise Rosemin.

International Languages Program

In our **International Languages program**, the York Region District School Board offers 23 languages at 33 different sites from Tuesday to Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings. The rate of pay is \$35.00(non-Ontario College of Teachers)/\$38.41 (OCT) for Elementary and \$54.43 for Credit teachers (must have OCT qualifications). The site languages, sites, and times are as follows:

- Elementary sites & times: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/YRDSB-1718-ElementaryInternational.pdf>
- Credit sites & times: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/YRDSB-1718-InternationalLangCredit.pdf>

Currently we have a **shortage of applicants** for the following languages and days of the week:

Language	Grades	Days of Week
Cantonese	Sk-8	Tues, Fri, Sat
Cantonese	CREDIT	Sat
Dari	Sk-8	Fri
Farsi	Sk-8	Fri
Farsi	CREDIT	Sat
German	CREDIT	Sat
Greek	CREDIT	Sat
Gujarati	Sk-8	Wed
Hebrew	Sk-8	Wed – Stephen Lewis SS
Japanese	Sk-8	Sat
Japanese	CREDIT	Tues & Sat
Korean	SK-8	Tues
Korean	CREDIT	Sat
S. Mandarin	Sk-8	Sat
S. Mandarin	CREDIT	Tues & Sat
T. Mandarin	Sk-8	Fri & Sat
T. Mandarin	CREDIT	Sat
Punjabi	Sk-8	Fri
Russian	Sk-8	Fri & Sat
Spanish	Sk-8	Fri
Vietnamese	Sk-8	Tues

If you are interested in teaching at one of our sites, please apply through www.yrdsb.ca, careers, international Languages teachers

Reminders

The holidays are around the corner and the winter break countdown is on! You still have time to order **fall school photos** in time for the holidays.



Fall photo day orders placed by **phone** at 1-888-416-3343 by Friday, December 8th or online at edgeimaging.ca by Sunday, December 10th* will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays!

**Note: This timeline is not applicable for senior graduation photography programs.*

Edge Imaging | 940 Gateway Drive, Burlington, Ontario
1-866-707-3343 (EDGE) | edgeimaging.ca | [@edgeimaging](https://www.instagram.com/edgeimaging)

Extended Absences

A reminder to all families that students who will miss more than 3 consecutive days of school must complete an extended absence form available in the main office. This form must be completed and submitted to the office at least one week before the absence.

Please be advised of the following **important dates**:

- Grade 9 EQAO Math - January 18 and 19
- Exams – January 25 – 31

Holiday Food Drive

Homerooms are currently collecting food donations in support of the Markham food bank. We appreciate your donations to help those in need.