

Bur Oak E-Bulletin

Newsletter
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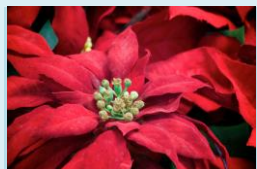
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Upcoming Dates

December 21
Holiday Assembly
Modified Schedule

Winter Break
December 24, 2018 -
January 4, 2019



Semester 1
EXAMS
January 24 – 31st, 2019

EXAM Review Day
January 31, 2019

Please click on the
attached link in order
to access the [School
Council Annual Report,
2017-2018.](#)

Course Selection--New Tool

In February 2019, all York Region schools will be using My Blueprint as the tool for course selection. There are many great resources which students can use to research and plan their pathway through high school and beyond.

Each student needs to sign on to activate their account. Please remind your child/children to do this. The link can be found through the My Pathway Planner' icon on the public YRDSB website <http://www.yrdsb.ca> as well as on school websites. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Semester 2 Exams – January 24th to January 31st

Semester 2 Final Exams will take place between Thursday, January 24, 2019 and Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Exam Feedback Day will take place after exams on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

The Exam Schedule and Procedures have been shared with students. You can access the documents by visiting our website under "Students".

Exam Schedule: [January 2019 Exam Schedule](#)

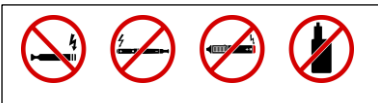
Exam Procedures: [BOSS Student Information January 2019](#)

As stated in YRDSB's *Guide to the School Year: 2018-2019*, "All secondary students must participate in the final summative assessment(s). These assessments make up the final evaluation representing 30 per cent of students' report card grade. Students are expected to complete all final summative assessments at the place, date and time indicated by the teacher and by the examination schedule provided by the school. Students cannot leave early for vacations, employment or other activities. In the case of an unexcused absence, a zero may be assigned for the missed portion of the final evaluation assessment and used in determining the final percentage mark on the report card."

Please note that exams cancelled due to inclement weather will be written on January 31.

BOSS and Our Community

There have been reports from members of our community that students have been seen throwing garbage on private property, ringing door bells and running away, and removing packages from houses. This behaviour does not reflect our School values. We have shared this information with students in an announcement, and informed them that this behaviour may result in disciplinary action. We value the relationship that we have with our community members, and it would be helpful if you could help us reinforce this message at home. Thank you for your support.



We want to remind students that the use of **electronic products** such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. [Health Canada](#) reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information, visit Health Canada or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

Human Rights Commissioner's Office

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/hrco.



Triple P Parenting Group in Farsi

For Farsi Speaking Parents of Children up to 12 years

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Reasons for children's behavioral problems
- How to have realistic expectations of children
- How to use assertive discipline
- How to foster self-confidence in children
- How to create a safe and positive learning environment for children
- Methods for encouraging good behavior in children

Date: January 16 - March 6, 2019 (8 sessions)

Time: Every Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Sixteenth Avenue Public School
400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill ON L4C 7A9

For Registration, please contact: Roya Farhadipour:
(905)883-6572, ext. 256

Participation in this group is free.

Registration is mandatory.

Snacks and child care will be provided.

This event is provided by FSyr with the support of YRDSB and SEPYR





華人家長互助及交流小組(PEN)

講座: 介紹約克區公立教育局強化課程及資優篩選過程

涵蓋的主題: 國際文憑大學預科課程, 高中先修性大學課程, 優秀運動員課程, 藝術課程, 資優篩選過程及資優課程, 法語沉浸課程 (此講座將由約克區教育局老師主講)

語言: 普通話及廣東話

日期及時間: 10月25日(星期四)晚上6時至8時

地點: Highgate 小學 (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)

未來活動(地點待定):

2018年11月8日(星期四)「如何閱讀學校成績單及中學畢業後的不同出路」

2018年12月6日(星期四)「英語學習及特殊教育課程和服務」

2019年3月21日(星期四)「暑期活動及義工機會」

2019年4月25日(星期四)「親子教育講座」

由於名額有限, 有意參加者請尽早報名: <https://goo.gl/j6Sx91>

電話報名: 王姑娘 (安居輔導員) 416-662-5416

電郵報名: 吳老師 cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

Workshop: Intro to YRDSB Specialized Programs and Gifted Screening

Topics covered: IB (International Baccalaureate), Advanced Placement Programs, High Performance Athlete, Arts Program, Gifted Screening and Gifted Program, French Immersion (Speakers: YRDSB educators)

Language: Cantonese and Mandarin

Date & Time: Thursday October 25th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Highgate Public School (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)

Upcoming topics (location TBA):

November 8, 2018 (Thur): Growing Success and Post-secondary Pathways

December 6, 2018 (Thur): English Language Learning & Special Education Supports

March 21, 2019 (Thur): Summer programs and volunteer opportunities

April 25, 2019 (Thur): Parenting workshop

Space is limited. Please RSVP using this link: <https://goo.gl/j6Sx91>

Phone registration: Jean Wang 416-662-5416

Email registration: Cathy Ng cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca





Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are free and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

PUBLIC HEALTH
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/flu



NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018.



Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students have been notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information (please see [instructions](#)), that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP), from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress from grade 7 to 12, including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- ✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- ✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.