

Newsletter May 18, 2018



Upcoming Dates



May 21
Victoria Day

May 22
School Council Mtg.
Arts Café

June 5
Athletic Celebration

June 12-13
Math EQAO

June 15
Eid-al-Fitr



June 19
Graduation Tea



June 20-26
EXAMS

June 27
Exam Review day and
Inclement Weather day

June 28
Graduation Day
PA Day

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Guidance

Exams

This year's exams will run from **June 20 – 26**. Any exams that have to be postponed due to a closure of the building (weather, power outage, etc.) will be written the morning of June 27. All students are expected to attend their exams on the assigned date. Students, parents and guardians are advised not to make any travel plans that depart before the evening of June 27. Any student with an exam conflict must see Ms. Sloan as soon as possible.

This year the order of exams will be as follows:

June 20	June 21	June 22	June 25	June 26	June 27
Period 5	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Exam Review and Inclement Weather Day

Scholarship Opportunity for Grade 12 students

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MAACA) will be awarding scholarships of \$1000 to successful candidates. Selection is based on the student's involvement and dedication to their community and academic achievements. The complete application should be mailed to MACCA by Friday, June 22, 2018. Applications can be accessed in the Guidance department or at <http://www.macca1987.com/scholarships.html>

Graduation June 2018 (Save the Date)

The BOSS graduation is being held at the school on Thursday, June 28th. Potential graduates will receive two tickets for guests. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the ceremony starts at 6:30 pm. Invitations and tickets will be available in the Main Office starting May 23, 2018. Graduates will be given their gowns and caps at the Grad Tea on June 19th. This will allow for family photographs at home before the ceremony.



Reminders

E-Learning Summer School

Summer school courses are also available in an E learning format. These courses are generally at the grade 11 and 12 levels. Students need to make a Guidance appointment to receive the paper part of the application. This will ensure that Guidance is aware that the student has signed up online. There is a \$20 fee for the application and this is paid as part of the online application. Exams will be held at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx>

Summer school is only available in July and students cannot sign up for both classroom format and e-learning at the same time.

Summer School Registration Continues

Students are still able to register for classroom based summer school through Career Cruising. Students will need to book a guidance appointment to discuss their proposed plans.

- Acceleration (4 weeks)
- Reinforcement (2 weeks)—usually for students who were not successful in their first attempt

Playground Safety

This is a reminder for all students that concerns have been raised by community members about BOSS student behaviour, especially in Wismer Park. We would like to remind all students that appropriate behaviour and language is expected especially off property so that everyone can enjoy public spaces and feel safe and welcomed. We know that BOSS students will represent themselves and our school in a positive and respectful manner. We ask that parents remind their children to use the playground equipment at Wismer Park appropriately and to behave in a manner that creates a safe play area for all community members.

After School Protocol

All students must leave school by 3:30 unless under the direct supervision of a teacher. The school is **not open on week-ends**. Students looking for a place to meet to work together are encouraged to use the Public Library.

PEAC Call For Membership 2018 is also posted on the YRDSB [Public Website](#) and includes five translated versions:

- Mandarin
- Farsi
- Urdu
- Tamil
- Korean

B.O.S.S COFFEE HOUSE

You are invited to an evening full of ...

AMAZING Artworks!

*Come by room 2001 & the
Art hallway!*

*6:30pm to 8:30pm
TUESDAY
MAY 22, 2018*

APPROVED

MAY 17 2018


Community News and Summer Opportunities

Community Involvement Hours

Congratulations to all of the students who submitted Community Involvement Hours! Winnie L. in grade 11 and Matthew H. in grade 12 picked up a sweet treat from Ms. Mar in Guidance. Remember that 40 Community Involvement Hours documented in Guidance is a graduation requirement. You got this Bulldogs!

English Language Learner's (ELL)

Thank you to the BOSS students who supported the 20 elementary students and teachers during Friday's English Language Learner's (ELL) Orientation. They enjoyed school and student presentations, scavenger hunt and presentation by the library. Thanks to Ms. McCombes, Ms. Brown and Ms. Krabi for their efforts.

Newcomers' Network Cultural Mosaic

Over 105 students and staff enjoyed the Newcomers' Network Cultural Mosaic in room 2004 during lunch last Thursday. They enjoyed the free cultural food, henna tattoos, cultural displays, photo booth, entertainment, music and dancing provided by over 30 students. Special thanks to Ms. Hina Shah our settlement worker, Ms. Brown and Ms. Krabi. See you next year!

St Francis Summer Camp Volunteer

For students grade 9 and above who like children. Volunteers will assist summer camp teachers with supervising campers, coordinating activities to ensure that all campers have a positive camp experience. There are a variety of locations in Markham. Most are held within York Region school buildings but are not organized by the York Region School board. For more information: info@stfrancissummercamp.com or call 905 763 – 9118

Green Acres Summer Employment

The camp is hiring students who have completed grade 10 or older. At the moment they are particularly look for male counsellors, sports instructors and qualified swim instructors. For more information: greatcamp@campgreenacres.com or 905 887-1400. Students can apply for positions online at <http://www.campgreenacres.com/staff>



Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: **May 1, 2018**

Online Applications Close: **June 15, 2018**

Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children’s learning.
- ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
- iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
- iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.

e) determine, in consultation with the Board’s Director of Education and in keeping with the Board’s policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large

Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between **May 1, 2018** and **June 15, 2018** (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext. 2242 to submit a paper application.



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMON HILL H.S.	THORNLEA SS	UNIONVILLE H.S
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITION	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



孟嘗會中文學校

Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School



Volunteer Position

The mission of Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School is to teach students Chinese language by enhancing their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, and to foster an understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture.

Time: 8:50 AM to 11:00 AM and/or
11:10 AM to 1:20 PM

Duration: September 2018 to June 2019

No. of Hours: 3 hrs/Week

Location: Pierre. E. Trudeau High School
90 Bur Oak Avenue
Markham, Ontario

Duties: Assist teachers in classroom activities
Assist with school activities
Enforce school policies
Regular commitment required

Requirement: Open to students Grade 9 and up
Able to speak Cantonese or Mandarin
Have enthusiasm in working with children

Application and Enquiries: Please send emails to
michellekwan@monsheong.org

Application Deadline: June 30, 2018

An appreciation letter with your name and number of service hours will be available to you by the end of the school year.