

Newsletter
October 19, 2018



Upcoming Dates

October 22
PA DAY

October 25
Parent/Teacher Interview
6:30pm-8:30pm

October 31
Hallowe'en



November 4
Daylight Saving Time ends

November 5-22
Grad Photos



November 6
Diwali

November 14
Grade 8 Transition Day
Take our Kids to Work Day

November 16
Midterm Report Card
Distribution

November 19
Grade 8 Open House
School Council Mtg.
6:30pm-8pm

November 22
Grade 12 Semi-Formal @
Chandni Grand Banquet
Hall

Board Trustee, Allan Tam
416-898-9607
allan.tam@yrdsb.ca

Superintendent of Schools,
Paul Valle
905-940-7800
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Principal, Rose Li
rose.li@yrdsb.ca

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elizabeth.sloan@yrdsb.ca

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

Islamic Heritage Month

In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

Please consult the Islamic Heritage Month calendar below for family engagement and educator learning opportunities throughout the month.

Islamic Art Workshops (in partnership with Aga Khan Museum)

1. Thursday, October 24 Sixteenth Avenue Public School
4:30-5:45 p.m.

School Council Forum

Parents are invited to attend the **School Council Forum** on **Monday, November 26, 2018** at Milliken Mills High School. Sessions run from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

The Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) – York Chapter is hosting their annual “Engineering Mathletics” competition for York Region students. This year there will be two sessions, one for elementary students in grades 7 and 8 and a second session for secondary students in grades 9 and 10. The event will take place on Saturday October 27, 2018 at Sir William Mulock Secondary School in Newmarket (please see the attached poster for event details and online registration instructions).

PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:

AMD Engineering Mathletics 2018



YORK REGION STUDENTS:

You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for fun & prizes.

Saturday, October 27, 2018

**Sir William Mulock Secondary School
705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7**

AMD Engineering Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- Junior level **(9:30 AM to 1:00 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 and 8 below (intended for grades 7 and 8 – based on grade 6 curriculum)
- Senior level **(2:00 PM to 5:30 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 8 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday September 22nd at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold out.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

<http://www.peoyork.com/mathletics>



As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

**Please note that in Markham the by-law states that cannabis can only be consumed in private residences.*

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[**Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know**](#)

[**Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk with Your Teen**](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

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Markham, Ontario, L6E 1G4

Phone: (905) 202-1234

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R. Li
PrincipalE. Sloan
Vice-PrincipalV. Wonnacott
Vice-Principal

Dear parents/guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), qualified families with children enrolled at our school have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost.

Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people or more	\$64,381

Desktop computers are available for \$71 and laptop computers are available for \$161, including software, a two-year hardware and labour depot warranty, and delivery to the school. Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household.

If you are interested in applying, please finalize your order no later than **November 9, 2018** by completing an online application at www.rcto.ca/outreach using the group code on the attached program flyer.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary.

If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, you may arrange to use a school computer to complete the application online.

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,

R. Li
Principal





DO YOU NEED A COMPUTER

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with access to affordable, renewed computers to help meet education and career goals. Working with the **Bur Oak Secondary School** we are offering the following packages.

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household every one year.

Apply online @ www.rcto.ca using group code: L3R2E4-1D3 **Before November 9, 2018**

All systems include our **STANDARD 2-YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY**
 Batteries not covered by warranty.

Desktop Package \$60.00 plus shipping \$11.00 = \$71.00



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software
 Others: Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

Laptop Package \$150.00 plus shipping \$11.00 = \$161.00



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software



For more information, please contact:
 Main Office
 Bur Oak Secondary School
 P: 905.202.1284

Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca



RCT

Renewed Computer Technology



APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

Application & Payment Deadline: November 9, 2018 | **Group ID Code:** L3R2E4-1D3

Group Name: Bur Oak Secondary School

Computer Delivery: Clients will be contacted when computers are ready

Fill out an online application and provide payment before **November 9, 2018** at www.rcto.ca/outreach

In order to successfully complete your online application, please include the following:

The Group ID Code: L3R2E4-1D3 | Bur Oak Secondary School is the group name
AND select **Mississauga** as your centre

Proof of Financial Status - Applicants must qualify as an individual with limited income under the limited income cut-off standards listed below. Families receiving social assistance are advised to check with their OW case worker. Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

Family size	Annual Income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
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Please note - York Region District School Board is not responsible for, repair, replacement or ongoing maintenance of the refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; verification of valid licenses installed on refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; loss of data or damage to devices

Payment: \$60.00 for a desktop and \$150.00 for a laptop - plus \$11.00 shipping.

- Debit/Credit Card, Certified Cheque, Western Union Cheque, Bank Draft, or Money Order
- NO CASH. Thank you!

Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology - Applicant name must be added in the memo field. *When you come to pick-up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.*



 **RCTech**
OUTREACH

For more information, please contact:
Main Office
Bur Oak Secondary School
905.202.1284

Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca



@RCTontario

Provincial Consultations on Education Reform

Ontario has launched consultations on **education reform**. There will be three ways for people to participate:

- An online submission form, available now, that allows people, organizations or groups to provide their views on any of the consultation topics. Submissions can also be sent to the ministry by emailing fortheparents@ontario.ca or ausedesparents@ontario.ca.
- An online survey that will be available soon in English and French, with questions that relate to the key themes below.
- Telephone town halls across Ontario, with separate town halls in English and French. The telephone town hall discussions will be aligned with the themes discussed in the survey. The dates and times of these town halls will be posted on fortheparents.ca as they become available.

The consultations are intended to focus on the following topics:

- How to improve student performance in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM);
- How our schools are preparing students with needed job skills; What more can be done to ensure students graduate with important life skills, like financial literacy;
- How to build an updated and age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like sexual health education, mental health and the legalization of cannabis;
- What measures can be taken to improve standardized testing;
- What steps schools should take regarding the use of technology in classrooms, such as the use of cell phones;
- What elements would participants like to see included in the Ministry of Education
- Parents' Bill of Rights.



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)「暑期活動及义工機會」

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/i6Sx91>

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/i6Sx91>

Phone registration: Jean Wang 416-662-5416

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





華人新移民家長互助小組 —— 支援有特殊需要孩子的新移民家庭

活動主題: 介紹約克區教育局特殊教育課程及服務

語言: 普通話及廣東話

小學 - 2018 年 10 月 4 日 (星期四)

中學 - 2018 年 11 月 8 日 (星期四)

講員: 吳老師 (約克區教育局華人社區聯繫老師)

時間: 早上 10 時至下午 1 時

地點: 萬錦村圖書館 (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

未來活動:

2018 年 12 月 6 日 (星期四) [ABA 行為分析及塑造合宜行為的策略]

2019 年 1 月 10 日 (星期四) [特殊需要人士的社區資源及政府資助]

2019 年 2 月 7 日 (星期四) [正念: 如何平靜與放鬆]

報名或查詢 (可以要求托兒服務):

陳太 (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 分機 267,

echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

Chinese Newcomer Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Intro to YRDSB Special Education Program and Services

This event is only available in Mandarin and Cantonese

Elementary - Oct 4, 2018 (Thur)

Secondary - Nov 8, 2018 (Thur)

Speaker: Cathy Ng, Teacher Liaison (YRDSB)

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Markham Village Library (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

Upcoming topics:

Dec 6, 2018 (Thur): ABA strategies to understand and manage behavior of children with ASD

Jan 10, 2019 (Thur): Community Resource/Funding for Special Needs

Feb 7, 2019 (Thur): Mindfulness

Registration and inquires (Childminding available upon request):

Ellen Chan (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 ext. 267,

echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca



Tamil Parents and Guardians Network

Information Sessions

In Tamil and English

When:

Sunday, October 28

Sunday, November 4

Sunday, November 11

Sunday, November 25

Sunday, December 9

Time:

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Where:

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Road, Markham ON L3R 9S5

For registration and more information, please contact:

Initha Subramaniam

Teacher Liaison

Inclusive School and Community Services

York Region District School Board:

905-884-2046, 228 or initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca



Free Yoga and Women's Support Group

In Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi

What:

Topics include: parenting, family stress, health and nutrition, employment, etc.

Come and have fun for Free!

When:

Every Tuesday starting October 23, 2018

Time:

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Where:

Ellen Fairclough Public School, 33 Brando Avenue, Markham ON L3S 4K9

For registration and more information, please contact:

Leena Nayar, Family Services for York Region:

416-818-7075 or L_nayar@hotmail.com

Initha Subramaniam, York Region District School Board:

905-884-2046, 228 or Initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca

Free Child Care & Snacks!



Save the Date

Are you interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



IB Information Evening

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.

Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Bayview S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Maple H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Milliken Mills H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.



Assessment Days

Saturday, November 17, or
Thursday, November 22, 2018

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the morning on Saturday, November 17 or in the evening on Thursday, November 22. There is a \$35 fee to apply.

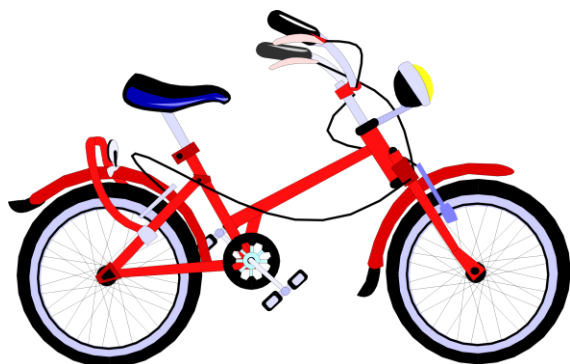


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For more information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB



Don't forget to lock up your bicycle!