

Newsletter Sept 15, 2017



Seeking Input in Search for Director of Education

Our feedback and input is key and therefore I sending the link again along with this email in order to solicit your voice.

Please take the time to complete the [survey](#) available [online](#). All responses will be held in confidence.

Remind App for Guidance

[Grade 9/10](#)

[Grade 11](#)

[Grade 12](#)

[Newcomer/Visa](#)

Parent Engagement & Network Workshops

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Guidance

International Language School Credits

York Region is offering a variety of language credits over the span of the school year. Online registration has closed. Students who still wish to sign up must pick up an application form in guidance and take this to their first class. Most classes will start on Saturday September 16th.

Online Night School credits

Some students are asking about night school credits. These are only available to students who have less than four courses on their timetable in this semester. The student must get permission from guidance before signing up. Also, students may only sign up for courses which cannot be placed in their schedule.

Course Change Requests for Semester One

These will be all processed by Friday, Sept. 15th. Not all course change requests can be honoured since our classes were based on course selection done in February. Most courses are full and there is little availability for changing.

Post-secondary Assembly for Grade 12 students

All grade 12 students are expected to attend an assembly on Tuesday, Sept. 19th during period 1. Information will be provided about upcoming supports, fairs, next steps and now to do research. All materials and PowerPoints will be posted on the guidance portion of the website.

Important Reminders

1. When dropping off your son or daughter please be mindful of the drop off zones and follow traffic signs to ensure safety for all. Please do not stop and block the flow of traffic in front of the school or park in the handicap parking spots without a permit or block the bus and fire zones.
2. If your son or daughter will be absent from school please call 905-202-1234 ext. 1191 or email the attendance office bur.oak.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca. If there is an extended absence of 3 days or more, please complete the extended absence forms available at least one week in advance. Forms are available in the main office.
3. Our first school council meeting will be on Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. School council elections will be held for executive positions. All parent/guardians are welcome and invited to attend.
4. All students attended the Safe Schools Assembly this week and received information in homeroom. The received the 2017-2018 Guide to the School year and reviewed the [School Handbook](#). School Start-up permission forms were handed out and are to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to homeroom teachers by Wednesday, September 13.

Dates at a Glance!

Sept 18-20	Grade 9 Community Hours/Library Orientation
Sept 18	School Council (6:30pm) <i>All Are Welcome</i>
Sept 19	Grade 12 Post Secondary Presentation (Period 1)
Sept 20	Grade 11/12 MADD Assembly (Period 1)
Sept 20-21	Rosh Hashanah
Sept 25	PA Day
Sept 27	2016/2017 Awards Breakfast
Sept 29	Bossilicious (11:45am-1:30pm)



BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!



FREE CLASSES

- English as a Second Language/LINC
- Academic Upgrading and Computer Skills
- Citizenship and IELTS Preparation

Call 905-731-9557
to book an appointment

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[Click here](#) for the program booklet

Design Your Path for Success

This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies

Our [iWIN Program](#) will help you reach your goals faster! Get individualized support from a highly qualified and experienced instructor and create a class schedule that works for you.



STUDENT SUCCESS

The Student Success Teacher and Student Success

School Team plays a vital role in supporting the success of all students in a secondary school.

STUDENT ADVOCACY/ MENTORSHIP

- works directly with students who have academic, literacy, numeracy and social-emotional challenges
- meets regularly with the student as determined by need for support
- communicates as needed with the parents/guardians of the student being serviced
- tracks student marks, assignments, due dates, attendance and attitudes
- engages in regular dialogue with teachers, Administration and the Student Success School Team

TRANSITION SUPPORT

- supports transition from grade 8 to 9 and from high school to post-secondary school choices
- collaborates with elementary and secondary colleagues to build Transition Programs

MONITORING OF STUDENTS

- School Student Success Team includes: Guidance, ESL, Alternative Education, Special Education, Co-operative Education, Literacy and the Administration
- The Student Success Team collaborates with all departments to monitor such areas as:
 - progress in courses
 - failures
 - timetabling
 - services provided
 - follow up strategies

Please contact the Student Success Teacher, Carmella Goodridge in room 2006 or via email: carmella.goodridge@yrdsb.ca.

UNIVERSITY SERIES

THE BIG QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Not sure what program will lead you to the career that's right for you? Come to this interactive workshop to figure it out!

Angus Glen Library, Computer Lab
September 20, 2017. 7:00-8:30PM

UNIVERSITY SERIES

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

University scholarships are a great asset to have on your résumé. Come find out what makes for a strong scholarship application.

Unionville Library, Program Room
September 27, 2017. 7:00-8:30PM

CAREER SERIES

RÉSUMÉ BUILDING WORKSHOP

Looking for your first job but don't have prior work experience? Come learn some tips and tricks to landing that first job with the skills you already have.

Milliken Mills Library, Program Room
October 17, 2017. 7:00-8:30PM

CAREER SERIES

PRACITICING THE ART OF THE INTERVIEW

Interviews can be hard. Find out what employers are looking for and common questions you might encounter.

Milliken Mills Library, Program Room
October 14, 2017. 7:00-8:30PM

NEWCOMER SERIES

FINANCING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

In collaboration with Seneca College, Markham, designed for newcomer youth and their parents to learn the costs and financing of post-secondary education.

Thornhill C.C. Library, Program Room
October 5, 2017. 6:30-8:30PM
Milliken Mills Library, Program Room
November 16, 2017. 6:30-8:30PM

NEWCOMER SERIES

NAVIGATING POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

In collaboration with Seneca College, Markham, you will learn how you can access post-secondary studies with you international credits.

Markham Village Library, Program Room
September 19, 2017. 6:30-8:30PM

NEWCOMER SERIES

ESCAPE ROOM - LOST IN THE LIBRARY

Designed for immigrant youth to increase their level of confidence by creating and designing a successful Escape Room, practicing skills such as: event planning, time management and customer service.

Milliken Mills Library, Program Room
Tuesdays, September 19 - November 7,
2017 - 4:30-6:00PM (8 sessions)

NEWCOMER SERIES

MASTERING ENGLISH, MASTERING COMMUNICATION

Designed for high school students to improve their academic English skills, enhance their competence in public speaking and presentation, and become effective communicators.

Markham Village Library, Program Room
Tuesdays, September 19 - November 7,
2017 - 4:30-6:00PM (8 sessions)