

Newsletter Mar 29, 2018



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## Upcoming Dates

**March 30**  
**Good Friday**

**April 2**  
**Easter Monday**  
**World Autism Day**

**April 4**  
**Basketball Buy-In**  
**Period 5**

**Purchase tickets at**  
**SchoolCash Online**  
**by Tuesday Apr 3rd**  
**at noon**

**April 5**  
**Parent/Teacher Night**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**April 10**  
**OSSLT Literacy Day**  
**Modified Schedule**

**April 11**  
**Euclid Math Contest**

**Apr 12**  
**Fryer/Galois/Hypatia Math**  
**Contest**

## Guidance

### Guidance News: Contests and Scholarships

The Vaughan African Canadian Association is recognizing amazing students in York Region who are doing great things in their schools and community. Nominations are open to student's ages 14- 19 years old. Nominations Due: March 30, 2018 For information on the nomination process connect with organization. Email: [vaca@rogers.com](mailto:vaca@rogers.com)

The U of T Philosophy department is offering a Philosophy essay contest. All of the details of the contest, including the essay questions, submission guidelines, prizes, eligibility, and more can be found at [www.uoft.me/aristotle-contest](http://www.uoft.me/aristotle-contest)

Scholarship applications for students who are hoping to pursue legal studies. This scholarship of \$2000 is for a student who has 80% average or higher and has been demonstrating an interest in law. For more information, apply through <https://www.russellalexander.com/russell-alexander-law-firm-scholarship/>

### Scholarship Opportunity: Arya Samaj Markham

The Arya Samaj Markham has been offering scholarships since 1977 to students who are of Hindu parentage descent regardless of socioeconomic status. Applicants must be applying to attend university in Fall 2018. The information pertaining to the scholarship requirements and the timelines is provided on their website. <http://www.vedicculturalcentre.com/scholarship.htm> Applications are due by April 21, 2018.

### Summer School and International Languages School

Information for continuing education will be coming soon. There are two types of courses that will be offered. Reinforcement is two weeks and is designed for students who did not pass the course in day school. Acceleration is a full four weeks and generally for students who are attempting the course for the first time. Please ensure that you speak with a guidance counsellor before signing up for summer school classes. Parent Interview night could be one of those times to ask questions.

## *Rotman High School Market Simulation Challenge and Ryerson Y2 Entrepreneurship Competition*

**Bur Oak Secondary School Students Achieve Success!** Two Grade 12 students at **Bur Oak Secondary School, Mubin Qureshi** and **Johnny Jiang**, have embraced innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship to enhance their business studies. Both students entered and won two highly regarded competitions - the *Rotman High School Market Challenge* (Stock Market Simulation) and the *Y2 Entrepreneurship Competition* at Ryerson University.

The *High School Market Simulation Challenge* provides Grade 12 students with an introduction to simulation based learning and challenges them to compete against each other. Mubin and Johnny competed against 30 teams from Boards across the province.

Students began the competition by participating in a session designed to introduce them to the financial markets and the Rotman Interactive Trader (RIT) software. Students then applied the knowledge they learned in a competition that is modeled after the Rotman International Trading Competition (RITC) for university students.

The *Y2 Entrepreneurship Competition* is open to secondary school students who are interested in building their entrepreneurial, leadership and business skills.

The competition is broken down into two consecutive Saturdays. On the first day, students take part in several mini-workshops around design thinking before learning about building a pitch presentation for investors. On the second day, students learn about effective speaking skills for entrepreneurs before being given time to finalize and rehearse their pitch. The students then deliver a final presentation of their pitch to a panel of established entrepreneurs and “angel” investors.

The judges pick their top two teams who win a dinner with a serial entrepreneur or senior technology leader, where they have the opportunity to learn from the mentor and receive feedback on their pitch.

Participants come from across Ontario to take part in the competition.



## *Athletic Council*

### **Bur Oak Basketball Buy In**

Athletic Council is hosting a staff/student buy in during Period 5 on April 4, 2018. Student tickets are available via SchoolCash Online.

## Multi-Year Strategic Plan

### Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 8 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

Please [register online](#) for a town hall.