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CHARLTON P.S. NEWS

Message from the Principal's Desk

The month of September has been a busy one. We have met our new teachers, made new friends and continue to work, learn and grow together as a school community. The Terry Fox Run was an enormous success and we are looking forward to our Curriculum Night on October 5th. It is always important to come together as a school community. We were faced with the need to go through some minor reorganization of our classes due to increased enrolment. We apologize to you and your children for any upsets that have been experienced as a result. It has been our priority to address our parents' concerns and students' needs at this time. As we move forward, we hope the days and months ahead will be spent establishing new friendships and engaging in new and exciting learning opportunities. We remind you as well that it is extremely important for you to be as involved as possible in your children's schooling. The research shows a clear correlation between parent involvement and student achievement, indicating that the more involved you are, the better your child will do at school. Involvement can be as simple as checking your child's agenda each evening, keeping track of homework that needs to be done, or asking him /her what they learned in Math today. Nightly reading is also a great way to connect! Together in partnership, parents and teachers alike can positively influence student achievement and well-being!

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Reporting an Absence from School

From time to time your child may need to miss school due to illness or an appointment, etc.

You must call the school to report the absence. You can do this anytime as the answering machine is available 24 hours a day.

Please phone (905) 738-5497 and leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:

- your child's first and last name
- spell the name
- grade and teacher's name
- reason for absence

CHARLTON P.S. MODES OF COMMUNICATION

Please bookmark this website so you can check to see what is happening at Charlton P.S! Our website aims to be more environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of communication sent home on paper.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/charlton.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

Follow us on Charlton's New Twitter Account!! @charltonps



SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

If you are not on our email distribution list to receive monthly newsletters, please contact the school. Parents are encouraged to share their email address to receive school newsletters and updates! If you are unable to provide an email address, please let the school know and we will send a hard copy of the newsletter home with your child.



IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct.3-4-Rosh Hashanah
- Oct.6-Cross-Country
- Oct.10-Thanksgiving-No School
- Oct. 12- Yom Kippur & Ashura
- Oct. 21-Picture Day
- Oct-28- PA Day-No School
- Oct. 29-Diwali

Student Allergies

Due to the severe allergy to peanuts/nuts and shellfish of several of our students, we are asking that **NO peanuts /nut products or shellfish** be brought into the school for snacks or lunches. As well, we have some students allergic to eggs. If you have received a letter indicating there is a specific allergy in your child's class, please refrain from sending that specific food item to school in your child's lunch. **If you would like a list of nut free snack and lunch ideas please visit:**

<http://snacksafely.com/>



Bullying vs. conflict

When talking to children about events that they encounter, it is important to distinguish between bullying and conflict. Both issues need to be addressed. However, the strategies to do so are different and we need to help children recognize the difference between the two.

Bullying is a persistent pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour that involves an imbalance of power, and/or the intention to harm or humiliate someone.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices



Students and parents are reminded of and are requested to please respect the policy at Charlton P.S. with regard to electronic devices. All electronic devices such as cell phones, cameras, iPods, etc. are to be off and invisible from the beginning of school until the closing bell unless instructed by the teacher for in class use. Students are to exercise digital citizenship and act responsibly. Use of these items during the course of the day may result in confiscation. In order to prevent loss, confiscation or damage, students are encouraged to leave these devices at home. If your child needs to contact you or if you need to contact your child during school hours, please do so through the main office. If your child is ill, he/she is asked to report to the office and we will contact the parent/guardian. The taking of photographs of non-willing staff or students is strictly prohibited at Charlton P.S.

School Assistants

If you are interested in working as a school assistant on a casual basis for the 2016/2017 school year, please let us know in the office. School assistants work daily in the school and school yard. Please see Mrs. Speed or Mrs. Ebidia in the office if you are interested in working as a school assistant this year.

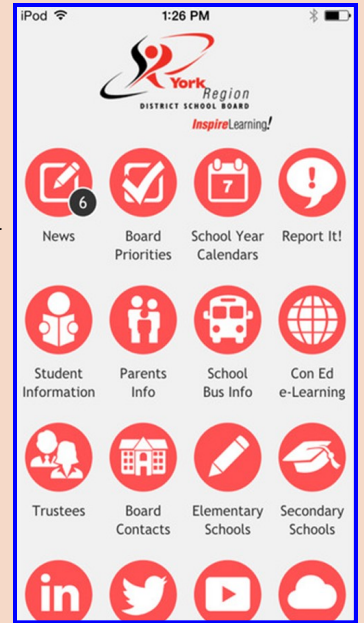
Halloween– Let's Make it Safe!



A reminder that as Halloween approaches, students are not permitted to bring any replica/toy guns, knives, sticks, swords, etc. to school even if they are part of the costume. Make-up is preferred over masks to ensure that students can see properly. Jokes that include spray cans of silly string, fake blood, etc. should be kept at home for Halloween evening as they are often misused at school. Individual teachers will communicate specifics about Halloween activities in their classes.

Download the YRDSB App!

Did you know that you can download the York Region District School Board app, *YRDSB Mobile*, using your iPhone, Android or Blackberry 10 device? *YRDSB Mobile* provides parents and students with up-to-date news, access to student resources, school maps and contact information. Users are able to access the *Report It* tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more. To download the free app, search for "YRDSB" in your app store.



From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information	<input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills)
<input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans)
<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math)	<input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer service)

DESIGN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

The IWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Book your assessment today!

Date: _____ Time: _____

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

- Enhance your employability skills
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International Baccalaureate Program Information Evening

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program 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 program emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the program earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We are pleased to announce the expansion of York Region District School Board's IB Program offerings. In addition to Bayview Secondary School's IB Program, YRDSB has four candidate school sites for the Diploma Program:

Alexander Mackenzie High School

Dr. GW Williams Secondary School

Maple High School

Milliken Mills High School

Current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students and families interested in YRDSB's IB Program are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the program and application process. No registration is needed.

IB Information Evening – Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Hall: to be announced

Times:

Families living EAST of Yonge St. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Families living WEST of Yonge St. 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Students eligible for Grade 9 and Grade 10 in September 2017 may apply.

Assessment Dates – Saturday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB programs includes an assessment. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, November 19 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 22.

There is a \$35 fee to apply to this program.

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

ARTS Westmount Information Evening for all Grade 8 Parents and Students.

Time: Wednesday October 19th at 7:00 pm

Location: Westmount C.I. in the Cafeteria and Atrium.

Bill Crothers Secondary School Information Night

Tuesday October 11th, Wednesday October 19th and Thursday October 20th. Applications will be available from school website after the last parent information evening;

Applications are due: **Thursday November 10th, 2016.**



It's your head... use it!

Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels. Wearing a properly fitted, certified helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 per cent. Children and youth (under 18) are required by law to wear a helmet when bicycling. Helmets must fit properly to protect your child in the event of a crash.

Remember the **2V1 Shake, Shake, Shake** rule:

2: The helmet should cover the top of your child's head and sit two finger widths above their eyebrows (a helmet that is too big will not provide proper protection).

V: Adjust the side straps so they form a V-shape under their ears.

1: Only one finger should fit between your child's chin and the fastened straps.

Shake, Shake, Shake:

Have your child shake their head up and down and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug

For more information visit www.york.ca/injuryprevention



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