



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

December 13 , 2024.

Dear Families,

On Wednesday, we were treated to the musical talents of our kindergarten, primary and grade 3/4 students. It was absolutely amazing! We know that all of the students who performed benefitted from this amazing opportunity. We hope that all of the families who attended enjoyed the shows. A special thank you to Mrs. Perritt, the kindergarten team and the primary team for organizing and preparing the students for the concerts. Thank you to Mrs. Kennedy for running the choir!

On Thursday, our junior and intermediate students participated in the absolutely outstanding Strings Showcase. It was spectacular from start to finish! It was a magical journey through the classical musical eras. A special thank you to **Mrs. Perritt** for all of her hard work and dedication in preparing the students for this wonderful showcase. A shout out to Ms. Cheung, who accompanied Mrs. Perritt and the choir on the piano.

The Student Council has decided to add a little fun to the week before winter break. Please look at each day to see the theme days they have created!

Be sure to join us on Thursday morning as our students and their families walk to school. Thank you to our Healthy Schools/Eco Schools team Be sure to **BRING a travel MUG with a lid** and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and be welcomed by our amazing School Council! We will have music playing too!

Thank you for all of your support and partnership! As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, December 16	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day for those who ordered Pokemon Club- snack recess in the library Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess Food Drive Funky Clothes Monday
Tuesday, December 17	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Schools/Healthy Schools club meeting -snack recess Trivia Club- snack recess Quiet Club- snack recess Grade 4-6 Coding Club- snack recess Food Drive Wear your best White and Blue
Wednesday December 18	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway Subs for those who ordered Snack Shack - 8:45 am Choir- snack recess Food Drive Ugly Sweater Wednesday
Thursday, December 19	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to School with a Mug- Hot Chocolate morning! Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess Strings Showcase $\frac{3}{4}$ combined class to grade 8 Food Drive Thick Sock Thursday
Friday, December 20	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hero Burger for those who ordered Food Drive PJ/Comfy Clothes Day

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 17 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
Jan. 22 - Let's Talk Day
Feb. 3-5 - Lake St. George - Grade 7
Feb. 6- Lunar New Year Lion Dance
March 6 & 7 Milne - Grade 2
March 17 & 18 - Milne - Grade 4
March 19 & 20 - Milne - Grade 7
April 23- Grade 7 visit to MSH
June 23- Grade 8 graduation- CVPS

School Council Meetings - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

January 13
 February 3
 April 7
 May 5
 June 2

School Holidays

Winter Break - Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3
Family Day - Mon., Feb. 17
Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14
Good Friday - April 18
Easter Monday - April 21
Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

Friday, January 17, 2025
 Friday, January 31, 2025
 Monday, June 9, 2025
 Friday, June 27, 2025

Holiday Food Drive with Mr. Harnum's Class

This holiday season, Mr. Harnum's class is spreading kindness and cheer by organizing a Holiday Food Drive to support families in our community. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, pasta, and cereals, to help stock the shelves of our local food bank.

The food drive will run until **December 16th**, and donations can be dropped off in the collection bins outside Mr. Harnum's classroom. Let's work together to make the season brighter for those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Happy Holidays from Mr. Harnum's classes!

DISCORD App

Parents - be aware of the social media apps and platforms that your children are using.

Discord is a social media platform used for instant messaging and digital distribution. Users can communicate with video calls, voice calls, text messaging and chats. The platform is not suitable for young children (elementary school). Discord contains adult content and must be labelled as only accessible to those over the age of 18 years old. Anyone using the channel will see warnings letting them know that it might contain graphic content and it will ask them to confirm they are over the age of 18.

Unfortunately, some of our students at CVPS and surrounding schools are using Discord regularly. We are experiencing many issues with the platform as conversations on-line impact well-being at school.

It is highly recommended that you sit down with your child and review their participation with this platform. Please have a look at their text/chat history. As we become more dependent on technology, it is so important for all of us to work together and assist our children. Parents, please let us know if you become aware of any on-line behaviour/chats that are not appropriate. We remind students that we must act on all incidents of bullying whether they are on-line or in person.

We are also having students misuse Snapchat and other platforms. Please be aware of your child's on-line activity.

Provincial Regulations on Personal Mobile Devices in Schools

A reminder to parents/guardians that there have been updates to student use of personal mobile devices in schools, in particular, students must now store their mobile device out of view, and power off or set to silent mode during the school day. Please visit the YRDSB [Provincial Regulations on Personal Mobile Devices in Schools](#) page.

As you may know, in 2024, the Ontario Ministry of Education introduced a directive modifying the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms. YRDSB already has [Policy and Procedure 194.0 Appropriate Use of Technology](#) and many measures around personal mobile devices are already in place. The changes you may see will bring alignment with the new Ministry Directive.

The following expectations for students' use of personal mobile devices are outlined in the revised [Provincial Code of Conduct \(PPM 128\)](#), and the York Region District School Board's [Policy #668 Caring and Safe Schools](#).

A personal mobile device is any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as a laptop, cellphone, tablet or smart watch.

Expectations

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device, how they use it and the consequences of not following the provincial or school board policy.

Students' personal mobile devices must be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode, except under the circumstances outlined below:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator
- for health and medical purposes
- to support special education needs

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 can bring a personal mobile device to school, but will only be able to use it before and after school. They may not use personal mobile devices at school during the school day, including recess and lunchtime, unless students leave school property for lunch.

New Practices at School

If your child is in Kindergarten to Grade 6 and an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode, the student may be required to bring their personal mobile device to the school administrator for the school day. The personal mobile device will be placed by the student in a storage area in a location designated by the school administrator.

If your child is in Grade 7 or 8 and an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode, the student may be required to place their personal mobile device in a storage area designated by the educator for the class or period.

If your child uses their personal mobile device inappropriately, progressive discipline may apply and families may be notified.

Important Winter Weather Reminders

With winter weather here, we want to share a few important reminders.

Dress for the weather

- Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

Recess

- If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Bus or School Cancellations

- When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.
- There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.
- Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the [Board's Severe Weather policy](#).

From the Student Council

Our amazing Student Council has been busy planning many special days and activities for our students. Please see the attached posters to learn more about the Spirit Days for the week leading up to the Winter Break.

BEFORE THE BREAK SPIRIT DAYS

FUNKY CLOTHES MONDAY

Wear your funkiest outfits!



SNOWSTORM TUESDAY

Wear your best white and blue!



UGLY SWEATER DAY WEDNESDAY

Wear the ugly-est sweater in your wardrobe!



THICK SOCK THURSDAY

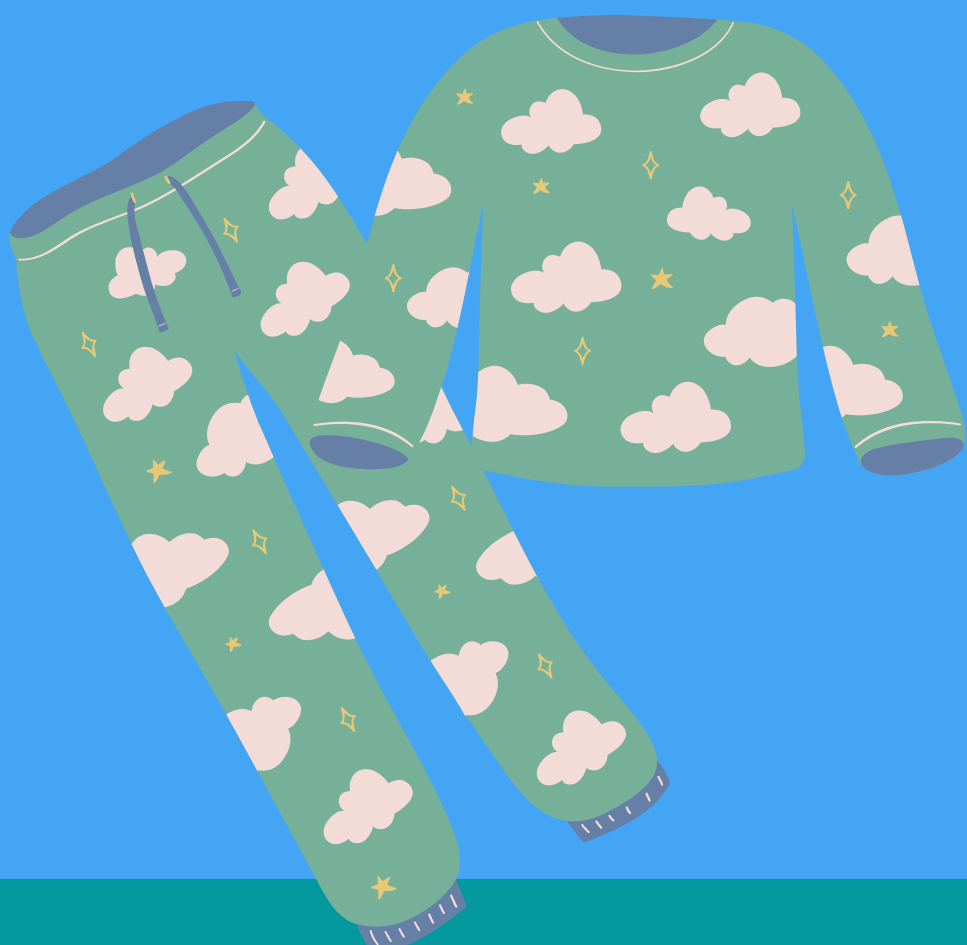
Wear your thickest and comfy-est SOCKS!!!



PJ / COMFY CLOTHES DAY!



Don't bother changing out of your PJs!! Bring your favourite stuffed buddy!



Have fun before and during the break, Cornell!

Winter Walk to School Day!

Thursday, December 19th




On December 19th, join us by the Main
Entrance for Hot Chocolate
brought to you by
the Healthy Schools/
Ecoschools Team and School Council!



Please send your child with a travel mug
with lid to minimize spills.

From your School Council

Hot Lunches:

		
Mondays Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3	Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5	Fridays Jan 10, 24 Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7

From the YRDSB

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - December 2024 | York Region District School Board](#)

Kindergarten Registration

Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. **Kindergarten registration opens January 17.**

We are excited to welcome your little learners into our classrooms and to the YRDSB community. Here's everything you need to know to get started:

How to Register

There are multiple ways to register your child:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. [Call your local school.](#)
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

What to Expect in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. Your child will engage in activities that support early literacy, math, critical thinking, social skills and much more. Visit www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten to hear from students and educators and to learn more about our program, routines, registration and more.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.



YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

JANUARY 11TH – MARCH 15TH, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!



\$240 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

8 weeks on Saturdays

Session 1: 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old

Session 2: 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

Location:

Renaissance Catholic Secondary School
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WINTER LEARN & PLAY VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Age group: 8-13
Years old

START DATE :
THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 6TH
6PM-8PM



Cost: \$240 + tax
8 Weeks of program



*Free t-shirt included



MONDAYS - EAST
HIGHGATE PS
35 HIGHGATE RD, MARKHAM



WEDNESDAYS - NORTH
SACRED HEART CHS
908 LEMAR RD, NEWMARKET

REGISTER NOW



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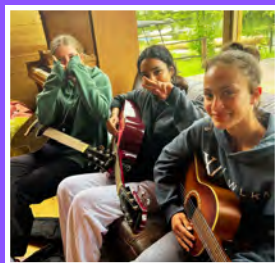
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YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025

Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a
Lifetime

Students, Educators, Community Artists
CREATING TOGETHER



Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7

- ✓ Campers (gr. 7-12)
- ✓ Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- ✓ Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

bit.ly/YRDSBac25info



Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025



Questions? Email:
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Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Applications are open on [Edsby](#) from January 13 – 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Collaborative workshops are being held February 18 – 20, 2025.

These dates are firm.

To apply or for more information

Please visit the [Baythorn Arts webpage](#).

*The [Edsby application link](#) will open on January 13, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to baythornarts@gapps.yrdsb.ca





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

There are several ways you can register your child for Kindergarten

Option 1: Online

Register online by visiting www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten.



Option 2: Phone

Register by calling the school to request support to complete the registration over the phone. Interpreters available upon request.



Option 3: In Person

Visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.



Register in just two easy steps:

1

Complete registration form and submit to the school

2

The school will contact you to review and verify the required documents