



## The Phoenix: We Rise Together!

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### Important Dates:

### Trending

### November is



Celebrated every November, we recognize the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario. We at Fossil Hill honour our commitment to inclusion and equity as a shared goal. Please reach out to our equity team if you would like to share or co create a display for Hindu Heritage Month. We welcome your contributions. Email us [kala.henry@gapss.yrdsb.ca](mailto:kala.henry@gapss.yrdsb.ca) if you are interested.

#### Week of November 1 - 8

- 1 - Diwali - Hinduism - Diamond Day
- 1 - All Saints Day - Christianity
- 3 - Fall Back! Set your clocks back 1 Hr.
- 4 - December 5 Deliveries for Fresh From the Farm sometime within the 4 weeks. Stay tuned!
- 5 - Cricket Program continues - selected classes
- 5 - Art Club Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 6 - Karate Kids Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 6 - Gr. 8 @ Tommy Douglas Secondary School
- 7 - School Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 8 - 11 Report Cards Go Home electronically

#### Week of November 11-15

- 11 - Remembrance Day Service 10:45 am
- 11 - Report Cards Go Home - Hard copy
- 12 - Cricket Program continues - selected classes
- 12 - Art Club Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 13 - Parent Teacher Interview Scheduler Closes 9:00 am
- 13 - Karate Kids Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 14 - Parent - Teacher - Interview/Conference Night
- 15 - PA Day - No School For Students - Parent - Teacher - Interview/Conferences
- 15 - Birthday of Guru - Sikhism

#### Week of November 18-22

- 19 - Art Club Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 20 - Karate Kids Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm

### November Eco Theme

What's In and What's Out!



The November Eco Theme for the month is What's In/What's Out. Staff and students are encouraged to "Rethink", their actions before disposing of an item. That is, stop and consider the impact every disposal action will have on the world around us. It is important to be well-informed about what goes in the Blue Box for recycling and what goes in the garbage bin for landfill. Putting items in the Blue Box that shouldn't be there can ruin an entire batch of recyclable material. In the classroom, our students refer to their posted signs as a reference point and are consistently reminded of this.

Thank you Fossil Hill P.S. for continuing to save our planet.



Week of  
November 25-29

- 26 - Paul Davis - Digital Safety Presentations to Gr. 4 -8 Students
- 26 - Art Club Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 26 - Paul Davis - Parent Presentation - Digital Safety - 6:30 pm
- 27 - Karate Kids Lunch Program - 12:40 - 1:20 pm
- 27 - Tommy Douglas SS Info Night 6:30 pm

## Get Ready For Colder Temperatures!

As the temperature cools, please ensure that your child is dressed properly for the weather. Students should bring extra pants and socks. A change of clothes is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the upcoming winter months. To avoid losing clothing, it is recommended that parents/guardians label all articles of clothing, including, but not limited to boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants.

**COMING SOON!**

## In December

- 4 - Active School Travel Assembly
- 5 or 6 - St. Nicholas Day (Christianity)
- 8 - Immaculate Conception Day (Christianity)
- 8 - Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- 10 Human Rights Day @ Fossil
- 9 - 13 The Power of One Exhibit - Human Rights Wk
- 12 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican)
- 16- 20 School Spirit Week
- 18 - 26 - Hanukkah
- 26 - Jan 1 - Kwanzaa (African American)
- 20 - Last Day before the Winter Break
- 21 - 31 - Yule (Wiccan and Neo-Pagan)
- 23 - January 3 - Winter Break
- 25 - Christmas - Diamond Day - Western Christianity
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve



## Fossil Hill's 20th Anniversary Celebration!!

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, Fossil Hill students and staff celebrated our 20th anniversary.



On this day we reflected on the past 20 years at Fossil, shared special highlights and celebrated our great work in our school. A few of our retired staff, former Gr. 8 Graduates and one of our first Fossil Hill student alumni attended this exciting event. The positive energy and school spirit extended beyond our school walls. Students celebrated their learning by receiving selected awards before their peers. We then gathered on the tarmac to take a whole group photo to mark this great event. A shout-out to Ms. Praymak, our intermediate team, and the student leadership team for coming together to coordinate this exciting day.

## Parent Teacher Interview/Conferences

### Gentle Reminder to Book Your Appointment on Edsby

October 28 – Nov 13

Parents' Night **schedule opens** at (9:00 am) for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found [here](#).

November 13

Interview/Conferences **Scheduler closes** at (9:00 a.m.)

November 14 - 15th

**Family-Teacher Interviews/Conferences**

## Information for Tamil Families: Support your Child's Success!

Support your child's success!

Looking to better support your child academically, emotionally, and socially?

Join us for an information session for Tamil families discussing:

- Ways to support your children's academic achievements and emotional well-being
- Student services, including Tamil-specific supports available at YRDSB
- Getting connected and accessing community resources

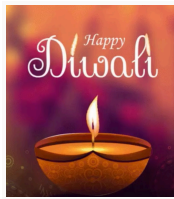
This information session will be delivered in Tamil and English.

**Date:** November 12, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM **Location:** Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S

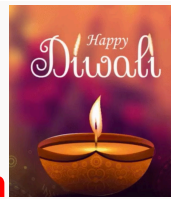
Registration: Please complete this [Google Form](#) by November 8.

Schools are asked to share this event with families. The flyer is available in [English](#) and [Tamil](#).

Brought to you by York Region District School Board and the Catholic Community Services of York Region. For any questions, please contact Nijatha Subramaniam at [nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca).



## Diwali - Hinduism



**November 1, 2024**

Diwali (short for Deepavali, meaning 'line of lamps'), also known as the Festival of Lights is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festivals originated in India.

### Diwali is a Diamond Day

Internally scheduled events such as field trips, school concerts, conferences, meetings, workshops, other professional events, co-curricular activities, and exams/tests shall not be scheduled on these dates. Refer to Scheduling of Events on Faith Days for further information.

It celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Diwali signifies many different things to different people. For most Hindus, Diwali is dedicated to the Goddess of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity. In Bengal, Diwali honours the goddess Kali. For Sikhs, the festival commemorates the return of the sixth guru to the Holy city of Amritsar after his release from detention. For the Jain community, it commemorates the passing into Nirvana of Mahavira. It also may be the beginning of a new year for farmers who plant their crops after Diwali, as well as for business people and merchants who traditionally settle all accounts on this day and begin the new financial year. Everywhere it is celebrated, it signifies the renewal of life.

To celebrate this joyous and important festival, people get together with friends and family, exchange gifts of sweets and greet each other with the words 'Subh Diwali'. Some set off fireworks and wear new clothes. Many light little clay lamps, called dipas or diyas, candles and even neon lights.

We join you in wishing our students, staff, and members of the community who celebrate Diwali, a happy and festive time with friends and family.

## Jewish and Israel Education Conferences With UJA Israel Engagement

Join UJA Israel Engagement for a meaningful and educational 1 day conference for students, parents/caregivers, and teachers to explore Israel education and learn how to combat antisemitism in the public school system. Hear and learn from UJA agencies including UJA's Israel Engagement, CIJA, CJPAC, PJ Library, and more.

### Parent & Educator Conference

Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Jewish Student Summit

Sunday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Location

Lipa Green Centre, in Tamari Hall

4600 Bathurst St, North York, ON. M2R 3V2



Please visit the [UJA Federation of Greater Toronto website](#) for more information and registration.

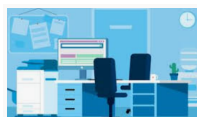
Please view the [agenda link](#) for both the Nov 24 and Dec 1 events.



## Remembrance Day Service at Fossil Hill P.S.



The month of November is a time of reflection during which we honour our loved ones. We give thanks to previous generations, and we dedicate the month as one of Remembrance – a time where we can reflect on the great sacrifices made by the men and women in the Armed Forces of the past, present and future. We commit to peace in our homes, our schools, and our communities. We understand that being peacemakers involves respect, love, and reverence. We will focus on peace and Remembrance, and we will highlight our role as leaders in a global community during our Remembrance Day Service on November 11th. Perhaps the simplest sign will be the wearing of the poppy. At FHPS, we will be having an assembly at 10:45 am on November 11 to remember. In addition, some students will perform at the assembly, while others will contribute by providing decorations, or writing short pieces for this day. We would also like to invite students who are in service clubs (Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Beavers, etc...) to wear their uniforms for our entrance procession. Students are asked to wear red, black and/or white and bring a small donation for the poppies.



### From the Office



**Lateness** A gentle reminder to ensure that families work with their children to arrive at school on time. We continue to see an increase in students arriving at school late. Lateness interrupts learning. Our goal is ensure that students arrive to school on time and ready to learn.

**Have you moved?** Families who have moved to a new address are asked to contact the office immediately to update their family contact information.

**Medicals** Families are encouraged to complete and/or submit their child/ren's medical information at the office. We appreciate your cooperation with submitting medical documentation on time to ensure that we keep our students safe.

**Paul Davis**  
**Digital Safety**

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
AND ONLINE SAFETY  
AN EVENING FOR  
PARENTS WITH  
PAUL DAVIS**

**TOPICS INCLUDE**

SOCIAL MEDIA  
SMARTPHONES  
DIGITAL TRAILS  
CYBERBULLYING  
SNAPCHAT / SEXTING  
ONLINE GROOMING  
& PRIVACY



**FOSSIL HILL  
PUBLIC SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024  
6:30 PM**

# Introducing Fossil Hill's Spirit Wear



**Starting at \$17.00**

**Visit School Cash  
Online for details**



# Fossil Hill School Council Night

When: Thursday, November 7, 2024 (In person)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fossil Hill Library

All are welcome!  
Childminding will be provided.

**Your voice matters!**





## Labels for Belongings

Fossil Hill Families, are you looking for labels for your belongings? School Council has the direct link to assist you with customizing labels for you and your family. Sign up and join in through Fossil Hill Public School. Labels will be mailed directly to your home. As an Oliver's **Labels** Fundraiser, Fossil will earn 20% commission every time someone places an order.

Our custom website address is now live at:

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