



# GLEN SHIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Daily	Breakfast Program 8—8:45 am Entry from front of the building (Donations are welcome!)
Monday Day 5	Library Helpers Badminton
Tuesday Day 1	Popcorn—AM recess Badminton
Wednesday Day 2	Pizza Lunch Badminton Intermediate Boys Basketball Game Fisherville P.S—After School
Thursday Day 3	Band Practice 7:30—8:30 am Badminton INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL—VAUGHAN S.S
Friday Day 0	PA DAY—NO SCHOOL

#### OUTDOOR RECESS

The cold weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child (ren ) are properly dressed for outdoor recess. Board policy requires students to be outside up to -20 degrees Celsius.

#### *Upcoming:*

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL—AFTER SCHOOL FOSSIL HILL P.S February 07th

SCIENCE CENTRE FIELD TRIP— Grades 4-6, 6/7 February 08th

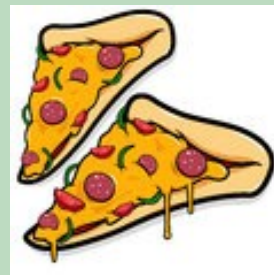
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL AFTERSCHOOL CROSBY HEIGHTS P.S February 14th

FAMILY DAY—February 20th NO SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR February 21-24

## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Treat cards are still available for sale online anytime or at school on Mondays. Purchase a card to enjoy yummy treats without having to worry about having change. Also enjoy delicious popcorn on Tuesdays and a limited amount of extra pizza for sale on Wednesdays.



### LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR

**Do you enjoy working with children and being part of a school community? We are looking for lunch time supervisors Monday—Friday 12:40—1:40pm. Please call the school at 905-738-0333 for more information.**

### LUNCH DROP OFF

When dropping off your child's lunch, please label with their name and place **INSIDE** the **green** or **red** cabinets in the foyer labeled LUNCH. Thank you!

### MATH CORNER

#### **Doing Mathematics with Your Child (Kindergarten to Grade 6)**

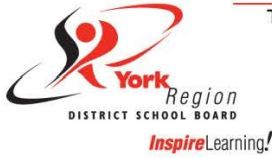
Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. "*Doing Mathematics with Your Child*" is a guide available for parents of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This guide offers ways to engage their child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the four strands: number sense and numeration, measurement, patterning and algebra, and data management and probability.

Please use the link below to access the guide in English and 13 other languages:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html>

Remember to stay up-to-date with schools news by visiting our website or following us on Twitter @glenshieldsp





THE EDUCATION CENTRE - AURORA

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**Website:** [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)

January 26, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon, the Minister of Education announced the appointment of Patrick Case and Suzanne Herbert to examine issues of governance and equity in our Board.

These are critical issues and we welcome this opportunity to work with the reviewers in an open and transparent manner. This review will foster a common understanding of how we need to move forward with our community, the Board and staff members alike. I will ensure that all staff members cooperate fully throughout this important review.

I want to assure you that we take these issues very seriously, and will not shy away from the difficult conversations and the important work that lies ahead to address these concerns.

Our Board has long had a reputation for excellence and I want to acknowledge the good work that continues to take place in our schools and workplaces to advance student achievement and well-being.

We remain committed to providing our students and staff with safe, welcoming and inclusive learning and working environments that enable all of our students and staff to succeed.

I will continue to communicate with you as we take steps to address these important concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Philip Parappally'.

J. Philip Parappally  
Director of Education

## Increased flu activity in York Region

Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in influenza activity across York Region. To date, there are 164 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in York Region. Influenza A (H3N2) is the primary circulating strain and it is well matched to this season's influenza vaccine.

### Young children and influenza

Children under five years of age, especially those younger than two years of age, are at high risk of flu-related complications. These complications include pneumonia, encephalopathy (inflammation of the brain), ear infections, sinus infections and worsening of medical problems like asthma or heart disease. In rare cases, flu complications can lead to death.

### How to protect against the flu

1. **Get vaccinated** – The flu vaccine is the best way to protect against flu. Studies show the flu vaccine can prevent 70 to 90 per cent of illness in healthy adults and children.

York Region Public Health recommends everyone six months and older get the flu shot. It's not too late to get vaccinated.

Flu shots are available at:

- Physicians' offices, for people six months of age and older
- Pharmacies, for people five years of age and older
- York Region Public Health clinics, for people three years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

For more information about flu vaccines contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.

2. **How can you reduce the chances of getting the flu?**

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid people who are ill and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected





Student Transportation Services of York Region  
320 Bloomington Road West  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1  
905-713-2535  
FAX: 905-713-2533  
Web site: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

## School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [School Bus City](http://School Bus City) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB) and [@YCDSB](https://twitter.com/YCDSB) on twitter.





January 12, 2017

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual York Region Character Community Awards  
Nominations**

***Nominate someone deserving today!***

The Character Community Foundation of York Region invites nominations for the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual York Region Character Community Awards** taking place on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**, at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

The Character Community Foundation's signature event is the annual York Region Character Community Awards which recognizes individuals, schools, groups and businesses across York Region for demonstrating exemplary character attributes including:

- **Compassion**
- **Courage**
- **Fairness**
- **Honesty**
- **Inclusiveness**
- **Initiative**
- **Integrity**
- **Optimism**
- **Perseverance**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**

The Character Community Foundation of York Region represents a group of committed volunteers and leaders from the community, government, education and business sectors who support our ongoing **Mission to engage individuals and organizations in positive character development** and to work toward our **Vision of having York Region lead in community character development**.

Additional information and on-line or downloadable nomination forms can be found on our website at: [www.charactercommunity.com](http://www.charactercommunity.com).

Completed nomination packages can be submitted:

Online:	<a href="http://www.charactercommunity.com">www.charactercommunity.com</a> <b>PREFERRED METHOD</b>
Mail to:	Character Community Foundation of York Region, 17250 Yonge St, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
Fax to:	905 895 7480 – Attention: Karen Addison

**Nominations must be received on or before Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (or when theatre capacity has been reached).

Thank you for being a part of the Character Community initiative in York Region.

Live with character · Change our world

*Karen Addison*

Executive Director, Character Community Foundation of York Region

Registered Charity # 88722 1406 RR0001

For more information on the **2016 Character Community Awards**, including Awards Sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Character Community Foundation at 905 895 5155 ext. 134, or by email at [character.community@york.ca](mailto:character.community@york.ca)



# Special Needs Information Fair

## Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 1PM - 4PM

Angus Glen Community Centre  
3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East  
Markham, Ontario  
(Please use lower library parking)

# FREE

## Open House



Everyone welcome: parents, families, caregivers, teachers,  
therapists and youth with special needs ages 0-21

Get connected and access  
information on various topics  
including but not limited to...

- Recreational activities
- Family resources
- Financial assistance
- Transition planning
- Funding options
- Therapy options

- Public and private services will be present
- Drop in - No need for registration
- "FAQs" sessions available to have individual questions answered with a CTN service provider
- FREE 2 for 1 coupon for City of Markham at admission
- Great Door prizes: program gift cards, t-shirts, gifts, special needs toys and equipment, planning guides, and therapy gift cards!

While we endorse your right to information, please note the Children's Treatment Network and our network partners do not endorse any specific therapy, product, treatment, strategy, opinions, service, or individual. It is important to do your own research and make your own informed decisions.

For more information contact Kelly Lapham 905-898-6455 ext.2248 • [klapham@ctnsy.ca](mailto:klapham@ctnsy.ca)

Maple High School

Presents

# Maple's Closet - The Diva and GQ Balls

Maple High School is proud to present the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Maple's Closet Diva and GQ Balls. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 500 grade 8 and 12 students. Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every female or male York Region student in need.

**If you would like to make a referral** of a York Region student to Maple's Closet, please complete each section of the referral form found at <https://goo.gl/forms/xhoWOhxCNe6zgNEk1> by **March 10, 2017**. If you would like further information, contact Maria Luongo-Cassar at Maple High School (905-417-9444) or at [maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca](mailto:maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca).

**If you would like to make a donation**, please contact Maple High School. Donations (dresses, suits, and accessories) would be appreciated by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

## **Maple's Closet – Diva and GQ Balls**

Female students referred to Maple's Closet are invited to attend the Diva Ball event, which will be held on **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at Maple High School. Males referred will be invited to the GQ Ball on **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.

The students will enjoy a variety of activities and refreshments as they choose formal attire and accessories for graduation/prom night. Students will be able to participate in activities such as etiquette, make-up application, jewelry making, hairstyling, tying a tie, etc., provided by the Maple High School community.





**The City of Markham &  
Markham's African Caribbean  
Canadian Association**

present



**Black  
History  
Month.**

*@The Flato Markham Theatre*

**Join us to  
celebrate  
our 20<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary**



**Turning  
stumbling  
blocks into  
stepping  
stones**

**Let's honor past recipients & celebrate  
new trail blazers in Black History**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Reception:- 5:30pm-6pm**

*(Light refreshments will be served after the show)*

**📍 171 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 8G5**

***For additional information please contact:***

**MACCA - 505 Hood Rd. Markham Ontario – 905-946-9998**