

King City SS e-Newsletter



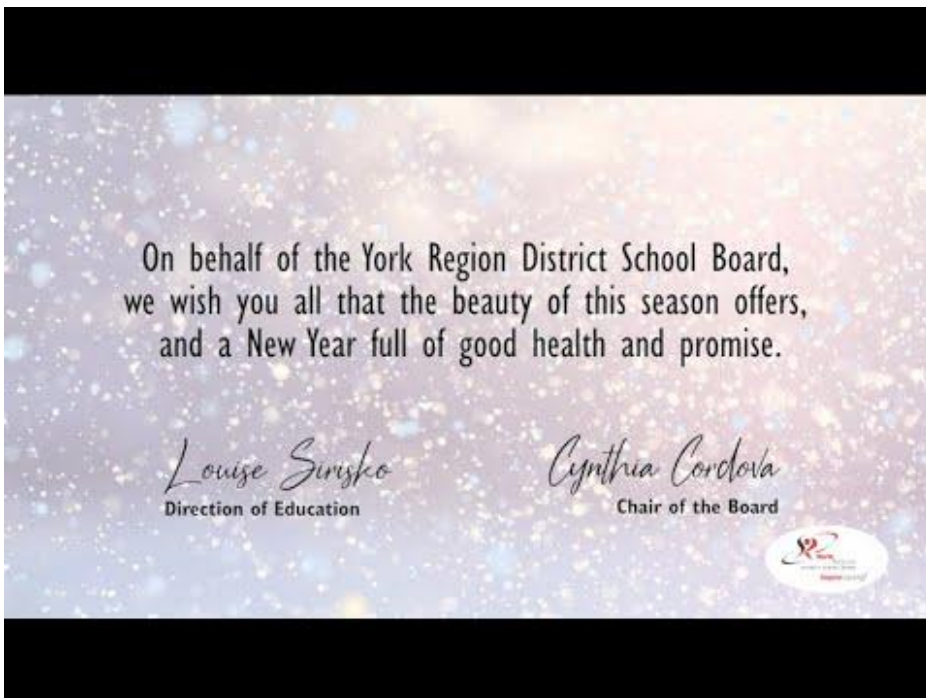
[2001 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1K2](#)

December 18, 2020

Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!



All of us at King City Secondary School wish you and your loved ones a very safe and restful holiday.



Contact Us

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Extensions

Reception 150

Attendance 158

Guidance 106

Busing 152

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Online

[School website](#)

Administration

Principal

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School Council

[Luisa Gale](#)

[Harpal Panesar](#)

Superintendent

Neil Gunathunge

Trustee

Bob McRoberts



School News

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

Monday, January 4th

- Classes return
- Virtual Mentor Visits to grade 9 classes

Tuesday, January 5th

- Virtual Mentor Visits to grade 9 classes

Wednesday, January 6th

- Grade 9 Kickoff 2021 begins!

Wednesday, January 13th

- Grade 9 Kickoff 2021 ends
- Virtual School Council - 7:00 pm - link to be shared

Thursday, January 14th

- Rotation #8 Begins: Cohort A - in person Cohort B - online

Friday, January 29th

- Semester 1 ends

Monday, February 1st

- PA Day

Tuesday, February 2nd

- Semester 2 Begins

Do you use Google Calendar?
Add our email address to add our calendar to your calendar, and never miss an event again!

king.ss@gapps.yrdsb.ca



BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS
info@bfcn.ca | 416-566-2731

Community Kwanzaa & Cultural Celebration

Hosted by Sandra Whiting



An end-of-year celebration to learn about Kwanzaa and the importance of cultural traditions. Invite the whole family and join us and special guests for an evening of drumming, storytelling, and knowledge sharing!

Friday, December 18, 2020
7 PM - 9 PM
Online (Zoom)

Register at bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember18

Two-Layer Masks

As was previously mentioned in an email directly to families from the YRDSB, York Region Public Health has recommended that students now wear a two-layer mask, as opposed to the previous recommendation of any kind of face covering. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a two-layer personal face covering to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. **A two-layer face mask is now recommended as per [Provincial direction](#).**

Families with Textbooks from 2019-2020 School Year

If families have *any* textbooks from last school year (including from graduated students and students currently attending Secondary Virtual School), please contact the school to arrange their return.



School News

Students at King City Secondary School Spread Some Cheer

Written by:Emily Peelar

This holiday season, the King City Secondary School community took the initiative to spread some cheer during these trying times. The Spread Cheer Campaign was led by the ESP, (Empowering Student Partnerships) team and raised an outstanding **\$1,140.00** dollars for the King Township Food Bank. The fundraiser took place from November 27, 2020- December 16, 2020 on an online platform. The event occurred in a very similar fashion as our Toonies for Turkeys fundraiser which raised \$1240 for the food bank this fall. Both of these events recognized the growing demand for food amid the pandemic, and aimed to fill the needs of families within our community.

Our team would like to send a huge thank you to all of our students, their families and staff of KCSS who played a vital role in the success of the Spread Cheer Campaign.

Our team would like to encourage everyone to take some time to reflect and be grateful for the little things throughout this holiday season.



ESP staff supervisor Ms. O’Quinn and Emily Peelar



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**Black Foundation of
Community Networks
(BFCN)**

Scholarship Application Workshop

A FREE online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Friday, January 22, 2021
7 PM - 9 PM | ONLINE (Zoom)**

To participate, download Zoom and register via Eventbrite at
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary22

For more information or to share accessibility needs, contact Cheryl at
info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



School News



Our Existence is Our Resistance

A Tamil Heritage Month Workshop Series

In recognition of Tamil Heritage Month, students are invited to participate in **two free workshops** in January which focus on aspects of Tamil Identity: Traditional Tamil Cuisine and Spoken Word

Traditional Tamil Cuisine Workshop

When: Monday January 11, 2021 from 6pm-7pm EST

Where: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Ages: Grade 5-12

Overview: A family workshop designed to provide an opportunity for YRDSB students to learn more about their culture through food and practice making their own dish through the support and guidance of our facilitator, Chef Sarmel

Spoken Word Workshop

When: Tuesday January 12, 2021 from 6pm-7:30pm EST

Where: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Ages: Grade 7-12

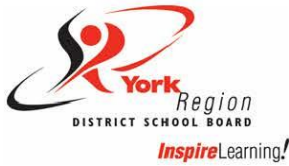
Overview: An interactive workshop for YRDSB students to explore themes of identity and resistance through writing and performing Spoken Word with the support of our facilitator, Spoken Word Artist Nirosha Balakumar

Please register for either workshops using the following : [Google Form](#)

For more information email momtha.sivapathasundram@yrdsb.ca or niyomi.raveenthiran@yrdsb.ca



School News



THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS
FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

YRDSB and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS)

Islamic Heritage Student Art Call for Entry 2020/21

Theme: Islamic Heritage Month in the Canadian Context

Overview: We are excited to introduce our first ever student contest! We want to focus on Muslim Canadians past and present who have made an impact in our country. The submissions will be compiled into an online resource that AEMS will share with schools. This online resource of Muslim student artwork can be used inside and outside the classroom year round for culturally relevant learning. Educators are encouraged to use the student artwork for discussion points and to make curriculum connections.

Topic: Which Canadian Muslim stands out as a leader to you?

Why an Islamic Heritage Contest:

- To celebrate Islamic heritage and identity
- To recognize Canadian Muslims who have made a significant contribution to Canada
- To provide an avenue for Culturally Responsive and Relevant Teaching/Learning

Qualifying Submissions:

- Open to all York Region District School Board students K-12
- One entry per student
- Must be the original work of the student
- Entries must be received by March 1st, 2021
- Submission through [Google Form](#)

Criteria:

- Consistency with theme, creativity and originality
- Portraits, abstract, digital art etc. all accepted.

Decisions:

- Outstanding participants will be celebrated via social media outlets

Questions? Wahid Khan by email wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca or 437-984-7778



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School News

NACCA

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FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

Available for residents of Newmarket, Aurora and East Gwillimbury

This program will provide bi-weekly \$100 grocery gift cards to 35 Black, African and Caribbean families experiencing food vulnerability arising from the impact of COVID-19.

WHO WE ARE

NACCA IS A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF ONTARIO, HAVING ITS HEAD OFFICE IN THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET; FOUNDED IN 2018 AND PROVIDING STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR OUR DIVERSE RESIDENT BLACK COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY BLACK YOUTH.

OUR MANDATE

FOCUSED ON BUILDING AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING BLACK FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES, AND EMPOWERING BLACK YOUTH.

NACCA'S CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Food Security
- Mental Health
- Scholarship

[Application](#)

For more information [click here](#)





PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL

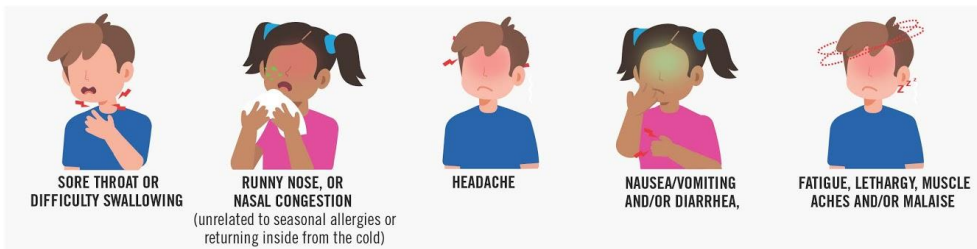
1. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*



IF "YES":

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

2. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*



IF "YES" TO 1 SYMPTOM:

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started
- Your child may return to school/child care if symptom is improving and they feel well enough (no test is needed)
- If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

IF "YES" TO 2 OR MORE SYMPTOMS:

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

Yes No

4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

Yes No

5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate?

Yes No

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 3, 4 OR 5:

Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last travel or the dates of last contact with a case. Follow the advice of York Region Public Health.

*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.

Stay safe. Stay Informed.
york.ca/covid19

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