New Course Selection Platform!

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)

✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways

✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada

✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans

✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs

✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters

✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy

✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest

✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

*Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.*
Hallowe’en Costumes

Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween and we hope that you will each participate in this year’s activities as planned by your Student Council.

Please keep in mind that the costume you wear while at school and/or on school property must comply with the Board’s Caring & Supportive Schools policy. Therefore, costume accessories that include weapons are not in compliance with this policy and those accessories must remain at home. In addition, costumes must also meet the requirements of our school’s dress code policy which means that they will be appropriate for a school setting (e.g., tops must meet bottoms, not inappropriately transparent or otherwise revealing, no masks, and so on). Costumes should also not represent the culture, religion or creed of any group.

Please note that this policy applies to all students at all levels, in all schools.

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
Information about Cannabis Legalization

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals 19 and older to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:
- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children’s playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren’t present*

*Please note that these are the provincial regulations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student’s Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)
[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school’s administration

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**Ontario College Panel Presentation - November 7**

On Wednesday, November 7, representatives from Seneca, Humber, Georgian, George Brown, Centennial and Sheridan Colleges will be at King during 2 period to present college as a post secondary option. The panel presentation will be followed by information booths in front lobby during lunch hour. All College bound students are encouraged to attend. This will take place between 10:00-11:00 in the MPR.
School News

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Some key facts about SHAD:

- High potential students spend July living at a university while engaging in hands-on learning in STEAM & Entrepreneurship
- SHAD looks for grade 10, 11 or 12 students who are: involved in their communities, creative & keen learners
- A range of bursaries are available, ensuring the program is accessible to students with demonstrated financial need. Last year, we awarded over one million dollars in bursaries and scholarships. The cost of the program should not be the reason a student does not apply!

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華人家長互助及交流小組(PEN)

講座: 介紹約克區公立教育局強化課程及資優篩選過程
涵蓋的主題: 國際文憑大學預科課程, 高中先修性大學課程, 優秀運動員課程, 藝術課程, 資優篩選過程及資優課程, 法語沉浸課程 (此講座將由約克區教育局老師主講)

語言: 普通話及廣東話

日期及時間: 10 月 25 日 (星期四) 晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點: Highgate 小學 (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)

未來活動 (地點待定):
- 2018 年 11 月 8 日 (星期四)「如何閱讀學校成績單及中學畢業後的出路」
- 2018 年 12 月 6 日 (星期四)「英語學習及特殊教育課程和服務」
- 2019 年 3 月 21 日 (星期四)「暑期活動及夏令營」
- 2019 年 4 月 25 日 (星期四)「親子教育講座」

由于名额有限，有意参加者请尽早报名: [https://goo.gl/j6Sx91](https://goo.gl/j6Sx91)

电话报名: 王丽嫦 (升学辅导员) 416-662-5416

电邮报名: 吴老师 cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

Workshop: Intro to YRDSB Specialized Programs and Gifted Screening

Topics covered: IB (International Baccalaureate), Advanced Placement Programs, High Performance Athlete, Arts Program, Gifted Screening and Gifted Program, French Immersion (Speakers: YRDSB educators)

Language: Cantonese and Mandarin

Date & Time: Thursday October 25th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Highgate Public School (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)

Upcoming topics (location TBA):
- November 8, 2018 (Thur): Growing Success and Post-secondary Pathways
- December 6, 2018 (Thur): English Language Learning & Special Education Supports
- March 21, 2019 (Thur): Summer programs and volunteer opportunities
- April 25, 2019 (Thur): Parenting workshop

Space is limited. Please RSVP using this link: [https://goo.gl/j6Sx91](https://goo.gl/j6Sx91)

Phone registration: Jean Wang 416-662-5416

Email registration: Cathy Ng cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca
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Tamil Parents and Guardians Network

Information Sessions

In Tamil and English

When:

- Sunday, October 28
- Sunday, November 4
- Sunday, November 11
- Sunday, November 25
- Sunday, December 9

Time:

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Where:

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Road, Markham ON L3R 9S5

For registration and more information, please contact:

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