International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Program- Credit Courses

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International and Indigenous Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance.

For the upcoming 2019/2020 school year, IIL are excited to announce that the Indigenous languages, Ojibwe and Cree, will be offered.

Please see credit course offerings on our website: IIL Credit Program

Interested in getting volunteer hours? Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please e-mail international.languages@yrdsb.ca to request information about student volunteer opportunities.

Registration for YRDSB Students

The course offerings and sites are available on My Pathway Planner login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner from May 1st until September 11th. For assistance, view the My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet. Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through ‘My Pathway Planner’ before September 11th, 2019, please download a registration form from this website. Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration. Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: IIL Credit Program

Thank you again for your interest in our programs. Please do not hesitate to e-mail international.languages@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions.
Vaping Resources

At Parent Council last week, attendees watched a presentation on vaping. Many parents in the audience had questions about vaping and the school's response to students found vaping on, or near, school property. To view the presentation, please click this link.

Teen use of vapes and electronic cigarettes continues to be a frequent news story in the media. Please watch the two CBC stories below about vaping. It will take about 10 minutes. One is from late last year and the other is from February. It is interesting to note the statistics on teen vaping getting worse in that short time.

Information about an info session for parents on teen vaping can be found on the next page.

December 5, 2018

February 9, 2019

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click here.

Tuesday April 23rd
- African Drumming Workshop - Ms. Borzi & Ms. Mortley
- Outdoor Ed @ Scanlon Creek - Mr. Schoenhardt
- Transportation Technology Tour of Georgian College - Mr. Quadrini

Thursday April 25th
- Mid Term Report Cards Go Home
- Stop the Bleed Science Trip @ Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre - Ms. Gaspar
- U of T Biology Contest
- Outdoor Ed @ Seneca King Campus - Mr. Schoenhardt

Tuesday April 30th
- Prom Tickets go on sale

Wednesday May 1st
- Outdoor Ed @ Cold Creek - Mr. Schoenhardt
- Science Olympics @ Seneca - York Campus - Ms. Gaspar

Thursday May 2nd
- Full Disclosure

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

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York Region Vaping Information Sessions

Acknowledging the growing issue of vaping in our schools and the health risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping, Caring and Safe Schools and York Region Public Health are hosting Vaping Information Sessions for families and members of your school communities.

The session will discuss:

- What are vapes and e-cigarettes?
- Why do youth vape and try e-cigarettes?
- What are the negative health effects of vaping?
- Vaping and the law and school progressive discipline

Two sessions are available:

April 15, 2019, 7PM at Vaughan Secondary School

April 29, 2019, 7PM at Newmarket High School


Our Board is committed to creating and maintaining caring, safe and inclusive environments that support the social and emotional well-being of all our students and employees. As outlined in the Board Plan (BIPSA): Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, schools are ideal settings for mental health promotion, addiction awareness education, resiliency development, and connecting those in need to care pathways.

If you have any questions about these presentations, please contact [Dawn Laliberte](mailto:Dawn.Laliberte@ycdsb.on.ca), Principal of Caring and Safe Schools, or [John Shepp](mailto:John.Shepp@ycdsb.on.ca), Caring and Safe Schools Consultant.
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**Kerry’s Place Autism Services & Community Living York South**

**Present the following workshop:**

**Understanding Sensory Processing**

Do you ever wonder how sensory needs affect people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Do you see or experience behaviours that just don’t make sense?

It may be sensory related!

Many people with ASD process sensory information from the world around them differently from others. Come to this informative workshop to learn more about the sensory system and how it affects people with ASD every day. Come and learn how to support yourself/your child day to day, with a variety of examples and sensory strategies.

**Date:** Tuesday May 7, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Richmond Hill Welcome Centre  
9325 Yonge St. #31a, Richmond Hill

This workshop is being offered in both English and Cantonese

If registering for the English Session, please visit [www.kerrysplace.org/calendar](http://www.kerrysplace.org/calendar) or call 905-713-6808 ext 350.

If registering for the Cantonese Session, please contact Annie Zhang, Community Support Coordinator at azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca or call 905-294-4971 or 1-877-737-3475 ext 382.

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**FINAL Reminder of Mentor Applications**

Grade 10 and 11 students who are NOT currently mentors, are invited to apply for the 2019-20 school year. Applications can be accessed using the link below. Please note that students must be signed in to their Gapps account for the link to work.

Grade 10 and 11 link: [https://forms.gle/JFKg1yj6FJQriGEg9](https://forms.gle/JFKg1yj6FJQriGEg9)

Today, Grade 9 students nominated by staff received invitations to apply to be Mentors for the 2019-20 school year. Application can be accessed using the link at the bottom of this notice. Please note that students must be signed in to their Gapps account for the link to work.

Grade 9 link: [https://forms.gle/QaigGV9xuJmEGK4X7](https://forms.gle/QaigGV9xuJmEGK4X7)

Applications are due APRIL 22ND by MIDNIGHT.

All applicants must plan to attend ONE of the two tryouts after school on either April 25th OR April 29th. Please see Ms. Morris in Student Success (room 93) if you have any questions.
FAMILY NETWORK MEETING

APRIL 29, 2019
TIME: 630-830PM
LOCATION: 5665 14TH AVENUE, MARKHAM ON, L3S 3K5

Topic: Mindfulness and Stress reduction for Caregivers

Join Community Living York South and Lululemon for an evening dedicated to caregivers. The workshop will be held at the Aaniin community center where representatives from Lululemon will demonstrate stress reducing techniques, and will discuss the importance of mental health.

Please note that spaces are limited and RSVP is required.

If you are interested, please RSVP at the email listed below.

RSVP:
KAMAL GREWAL
KGREWAL@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH.CA
905 294 4971 EXT 640

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other families and receive information on resources available in your community.