

# King City SS e-Newsletter



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

December 4, 2020

## Apply for Support for Learners Funding

The Province of Ontario is offering funding to families to help with addition costs related to Covid-19 effects on the school year.. Parents and guardians will receive a one-time payment of \$200 for each child up to age 12, or \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs. More information is found [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

## YRDSB Outstanding Achievement Award Winners & Math Contest Awards



This week, our administration team visited in person classes to distribute the YRDSB Outstanding Achievement Awards to our winners. This award is given to the students with the highest average in the grade. In addition, awards for students who participated in math contests during the previous school year were given to the award winners. Finally, students who were missed during our Subject Award distribution received their awards. To view the Outstanding Achievement Award and Math Award winners please have your student click [this link](#).

## Late bus?

Bus running late? Bad weather? Don't forget to check the late bus report at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) to get an update on the bus' expected arrival time.



## Contact Us

**Phone 905.833.5332**

Extensions

Reception 150

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## Online

[School website](#)

## Administration

**Principal**

[Joe D'Amico](#)

**Vice Principals**

[Pina Viscomi](#) (A-K)

[Tim Wesson](#) (L-Z)

## School Council

[Luisa Gale](#)

[Harpal Panesar](#)

## Superintendent

**Neil Gunathunge**

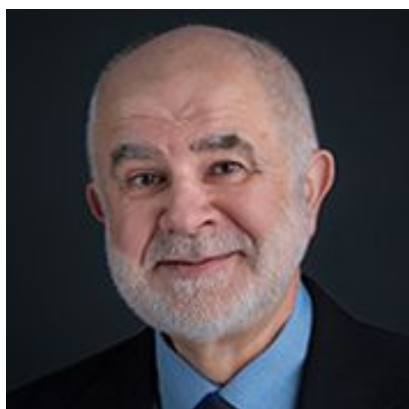
## Trustee

**Bob McRoberts**



## School News

### Message from Our Trustee Bob McRoberts



Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways, and the global pandemic has affected individuals and families in different ways.

I want to reassure you that we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and to prioritize the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. It continues to be important that we adhere to the health and safety measures in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can learn more about what schools are doing at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

While we have seen cases in some of our schools, we continue to work with public health to respond quickly, identify cohorts that need to self-isolate as a precautionary measure and take all appropriate measures. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their diligence in adhering to the public health recommendations and health and safety measures in place in our schools.

One of our priorities in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan is to foster well-being and mental health. As a result of the pandemic, many of us are facing changes and new challenges that can take a toll on our mental health. It is more important than ever that we check in on one another and practice self-care. There are mental health resources for students and families on our Board website that address the unique nature of our current situation. You can also

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### Important Dates

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

#### Tuesday, December 15th

- ☐ Rotation #7 Begins: Cohort A - in person Cohort B - online

#### Wednesday, December 16th

- ☐ Full Disclosure

#### Friday, December 18th

- ☐ Last day before Winter Break

#### Monday, January 4th

- ☐ Classes return

#### Wednesday, January 13th

- ☐ 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

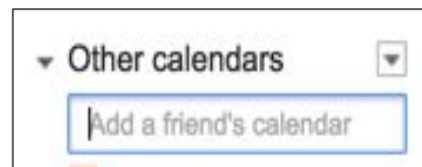
- ☐ PA Day

#### 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](mailto:king.ss@gapps.yrdsb.ca)



## School News

**NACCA**  
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Mental Health Strategy -  
Community Engagement  
Survey

### Newmarket African Canadian Association Survey

NACCA is conducting a survey to gather data that will be used to inform NACCA's mental health strategy. This survey is open to York Region Residents; Black students and/or members of the Black community in particular. Please click [this link](#) to complete the survey. It should take about two minutes to complete..

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find information about our Mental Health and Addiction Strategy and the work we are doing in schools to promote positive mental health and provide support for students.

While there are challenges, we also continue to have so many reasons to feel positive. Our students continue to impress us with their kindness, creativity, innovation, resilience, courage and perseverance. Visit us on YouTube at [YRDSBMedia](#) to see just some of these stories.

In the coming weeks and months, many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays, and I wish you all the very best for the season. While we may be celebrating a little differently this year, I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into our in-person and virtual schools in January.

### Dual Credit Courses



Each year, many KCSS Grade 11 & 12 students take Dual Credit courses and find them to be valuable learning experiences. As ministry-approved courses, Dual Credits allow students (while they are still in secondary school), to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification.

For more information, please watch the video above and contact our guidance department.



## School News

### Seneca



Clickable links:

- [Forensic Crime Scene Investigator](#)
- [Science of Self Care](#)
- [Sustainable Fashion](#)
- [Aeronautics](#)
- [Dual Credit Website](#)
- [Winter 2021 Courses](#)
- [@SenecaDC](#)

Dear Students,

Are you interested in taking a Dual Credit Course online with Seneca next semester?

Join our Virtual Information Session on December 14, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to learn more!

Click the link to the right to join:

**WINTER 2021  
INFORMATION  
SESSION**

Some of our most popular courses are back: [Forensic Crime Scene Investigation](#), [Science of Self Care](#), [Sustainable Fashion](#), [Aeronautics](#) and so much more!

Visit the [Dual Credit](#) website to see the complete list of [Winter 2021 Courses](#).

Classes begin in February. Connect your guidance counsellor today to apply!

Follow us on Twitter [@SenecaDC](#) to learn more about everything we have in store for next semester.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Seneca family,

Challenge accepted!

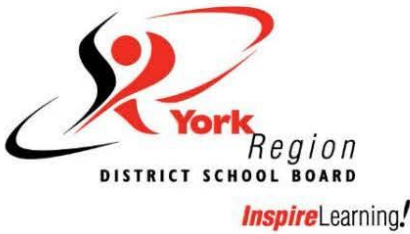
Dual Credit Team

For inquiries please contact:  
[dualcredit@senecacollege.ca](mailto:dualcredit@senecacollege.ca) or 416-491-5050 ext. 22490





## School News



# Tamil Heritage Month 2021 Poster Competition

**Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action presents Poster Competition for Tamil Heritage Month 2021**

**Topic:** Remembrance, Resilience & Resistance

**Due Date:** December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Submission:** Please send poster submission to  
[info@tamilcivicaaction.com](mailto:info@tamilcivicaaction.com)

Contacts for further information:

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Inclusive Schools and Community Services, YRDSB  
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Gnanendran Mayuri, Community Outreach Coordinator  
Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action

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## School News



### Tamil Heritage Month 2021

#### Poster Competition Guidelines

**Theme:** Reflecting on the 75 Years of Eelam History after the end of European Colonialism with a focus on Tamil Genocide Remembrance, Tamil's Resilience and Resistance.

**The Poster must reflect at least one of the following:**

- Tamil Genocide Remembrance and the Tamil Resistance: 75 Years of Eelam History
- Any aspect of Eelam History during the post-European colonial period. It could be about the genocide and/or about the resistance to the genocide
- Arts and culture that developed during this period that reflects the impact of the genocidal war and the resistance

**Poster Guidelines:**

- Open to ALL CANADIANS over 14 years old
- Poster size MUST NOT EXCEED 11" X 17"
- Posters can be hand drawn, painted, or digitally designed as long as they are original work
- Poster will be judged on the quality of the work, originality and creativity of the depiction reflecting the theme
- ONLY ONE ENTRY per person
- Poster may be used as Promotional Material or as part of a Virtual Exhibition
- Poster must be suitable for public display and not offensive or discriminatory

**Poster Entry must include the following in the email:**

- Title of work
- Full name and age
- Home mailing address
- Home phone number or cell number
- A brief description of the depicted content

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be submitted by December 14th, 2020

**Submission:** [info@tamilcivicaaction.com](mailto:info@tamilcivicaaction.com) (PDF or PNG files only)

**Prizes:** Top 3 winners ages 18+: awarded \$300, \$200 and \$100  
Top 3 winners ages 14-17: awarded, \$200, \$100 and \$50  
Top 3 designs may be chosen for the Tamil Heritage Month 2021 official poster  
All selected posters will be part of a Virtual Exhibition



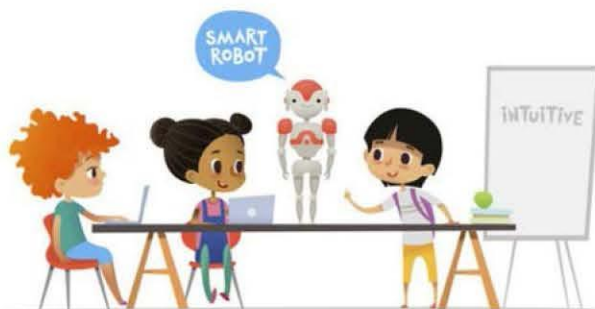
## School News - reminder



*Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students:*

## Introduction to Robotics and Coding Tools

**ALL** YRDSB parents are invited to please join the **York Region District School Board's** Pathways team on **December 8, 2020** to learn about a few of the tools being used to teach your children about computational thinking and robotics. Hear from board educators about how you can continue to support your child's learning at home.



### Introduction to Robotics and Coding Tools

This session will provide parents/guardians with an introduction to web based tools, designed to engage students ages 8 and up, in coding and robotics activities. Each session offers introductory activities as well as more advanced functionality for those looking to extend their learning.

Topics for the event include tools for:

- Block Coding
- Virtual Robotics and Physical Computing
- 3 Dimensional Modeling

### Event Details

Date: **December 8, 2020**

Time: **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Location:

Platform: **Online webinar**

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. **Space is limited**

### Registration Information

Register online via <https://bit.ly/YRDSBRobotTools> ::

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/introduction-to-robotics-and-coding-tools-night-tickets-129287826369>





## School News - reminder

# SPREAD CHEER CAMPAIGN

Donate on School Cash Online

*November 27- December 16/  
2020*

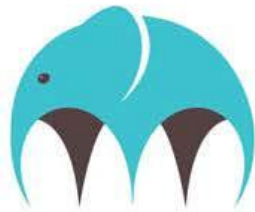
All proceeds go to the King Township  
Food Bank







## School News - reminder



Parents for Children's  
Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

**Monday, December 14th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm**

*PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!*

### VIRTUAL MEETING

#### Topic: ADHD Presentation and Q&A

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting  
Mon, Dec 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/358202845>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9391](tel:+16474979391)

Access Code: 358-202-845

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/358202845>

#### Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
  - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
  - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit [www.pcmh.ca](http://www.pcmh.ca).

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 18th, 2021 6:30 pm – 8 pm. (Flyer will be sent out later December.)**



**K.A.L.V.I**

KNOW.ACHIEVE.LEARN.VENTURE.INSPIRE

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERIES

Are you a high school student who wants to enhance and learn new skills to become a future leader?

November 13th: Self-Esteem & Self Confidence

November 30th: Public Speaking

December 4th: Media 101

December 11th: Civics 101

**SIGN UP RIGHT NOW!**

[HTTPS://STUDENTTRAINING.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://studenttraining.eventbrite.ca)



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## PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL

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



**FEVER AND/OR CHILLS**  
(temperature of 37.8°C or greater)



**NEW OR WORSENING COUGH**



**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**



**DECREASE OR LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE**

### 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?\*



**SORE THROAT OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING**



**RUNNY NOSE, OR NASAL CONGESTION**  
(unrelated to seasonal allergies or returning inside from the cold)



**HEADACHE**



**NAUSEA/VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHEA,**



**FATIGUE, LETHARGY, MUSCLE ACHES AND/OR MALAISE**

### 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](https://york.ca/covid19)

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