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News Bulletin: April 28-May 9

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Important Dates:

April 24-28
Mid-Term Mark
Distribution

April 29
French Play and Glendon
Bilingual Camp Tour Field
Trip

May 1
Sir Isaac Newton Exam
Maker Fair Day

May 2-11
Europe Trip

A Message from your Administrators

Hello Langstaff Families and Community Members,

We hope that this e-bulletin finds you and your family members well. So hard to believe that May is just about upon us. Once May arrives things at school really, get busy – as if we were not already a busy, bustling place.

All students will receive their mid-semester marks to their GAPPS emails between April 24 and April 28. This information is also available on the Family Dashboard for all parents/guardians. Please make sure that you access this new platform or ask your children to share the report card information with you.

Today, on Friday April 25, our students participated in a Student Vote initiative that was organized by our grade 10 Civics students. The Langstaff community had an opportunity to learn about the candidates running in this area and vote for whom they felt would best represent this riding. It will be interesting to compare the results of the Student Vote and the result of the federal election taking place on Monday, April 28. An important reminder for us all on the need to vote in elections!

On April 28 and April 29 our SHSM students will be participating in First Aid/CPR Training. Our SHSM students enjoy the program and the certifications in which they are able to participate.

Our Europe trip will be leaving next week on Friday, May 2. We have a lovely group of 20 students who will be travelling to Greece and Croatia for 10 days. We wish them all a Bon Voyage! We can't wait to hear all about their travels when they return, and pictures will be shared.

Taking place in early May, many of our Grade 12 students will be writing Advanced Placement exams. We are so proud of all students who are enrolled in the Advance Placement courses. AP courses allow students the opportunity to earn University credits and/or Advanced Standing while still in high school.

Starting in May, I will be working with our Vice-Principals to begin the timetable for the 2025-2026 school year. This is always exciting, as we love planning for the upcoming year. We are very happy that we are able to offer our students the opportunity to make any course changes before the timetabling process begins. Our timetabling is based on the students' course requests. Our goal is to have our students receive exactly what courses they chose, or at least as close to that as possible. Student voice and choices determines what the timetable looks like.

We are here for you and your children. Reach out to teachers and reach out to us if you need anything!

Families planning to move or students not returning in September

Dear Families,

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Reminder

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE by calling: 905-889-6266 ext.: 1

OR

email: langstaff.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca Please note we do not use EDSBY for attendance.

Yearbook
Preserve the Memories—Order Your Child's Yearbook Today!

High school flies by in the blink of an eye, but the memories last a lifetime! A yearbook is more than just a collection of photos—it's a keepsake that captures friendships, achievements, and the moments that make high school special.

Yearbooks are on sale on school cash online until April 30. Only students who preorder their yearbooks are guaranteed to receive a yearbook.

The cost is \$35 for students who have their school activities fees paid for the 2024-2025 school year and \$40 if it has not been paid yet.

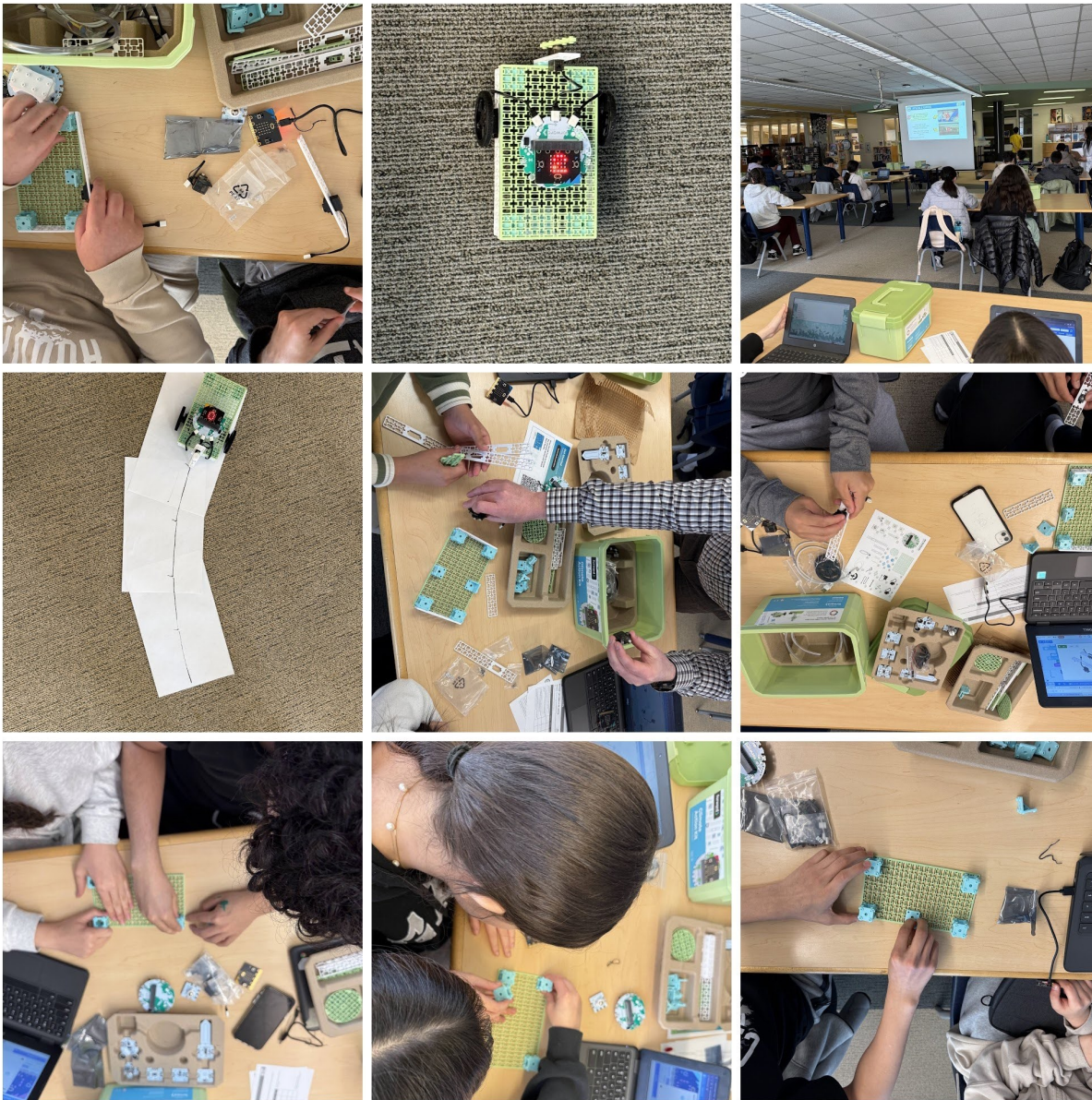
Any questions or concerns contact Ms. Crognale at: mary.crognale@yrdsb.ca

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE YEARBOOK IS APRIL 30, ON

SCHOOLCASHONLINE <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Micro:bit Coding in STEM

On Wednesday April 16, the Library Learning Commons transformed into an innovation hub of creativity, coding and conservation. Ms. Kanani's Grade 9 Science class took part in an exciting challenge! Building a simulated tree seeder capable of planting seeds to reforest areas impacted by deforestation. They also explored and gained a deeper understanding of the crucial role that forests play in maintaining biodiversity, regulating the water cycle and contributing to the carbon cycle. The room was lively with energy and teamwork as they learned through their hands-on creations. A special thank you to our STEM consultant Dennis Stam for facilitating this event. We look forward to more adventures in STEM! Stay tuned!





CHALLAH BAKE EVENT

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Langstaff Secondary School

Address: 106 Garden Avenue, Richmond Hill



**Celebrate Tradition. Create Together.
Share in the Joy.**

Join us as we celebrate the richness, resilience, and history of Jewish communities! Roll up your sleeves and learn how to braid challah, the symbolic Jewish bread.

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please [register here](#) by Thursday, May 22, 2025.



Questions?
iscs@vrdsb.ca

Accessing Your Guidance Team

WELCOME
TO
GUIDANCE



YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Support and promote students' well-being and continuous growth in three areas: personal (student) development, interpersonal development, and career development in order to help them develop resilience and realize their potential (success) as individuals and as valuable members of society.

-Ontario School Counsellors' Association

Contact Information: Please note the Guidance Counselors below

Ms. H. Wager

heather.wager@yrdsb.ca

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Alpha R-Z

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Instagram: @lssguidance

Google Classroom: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjcxOTQwNzYzNDFa?cjc=4rjwryf>



Guidance Appointments can be made in person by coming to guidance. There is a red binder on a standing desk in the Guidance Office. Students can book with their respective counsellor, by alpha last name. The appointments are made available every Monday morning for the week.

Guidance News

Information about YRDSB Summer School 2025

Hello Parents and Guardians of our Langstaff Students;

Summer School is being offered by our school board during the month of July.

Types of Summer School Opportunities

Acceleration Courses: These are 18 day courses for students who have completed a course but feel that they need to upgrade their mark and their understanding of the course for future studies.

Online Learning: This format is available mainly for grade 11 and grade 12 courses. Online learning does not require the students and teacher to be face-to-face and therefore, the specific timing online is flexible. However students must be prepared to be online for a minimum of 6 hours daily. Access to a desktop or laptop with high speed Internet is required. Students also must be residing in Ontario for the session.

Dates: **Wednesday, July 2nd to Friday, July 25th**

In-Person Learning: Students are required to be in class for the duration of the course. They also must be able to get to the school offering the course and be in the classroom by 8:45 a.m. each morning. The classes end at 3:33 pm. Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses are available.

Dates: **Wednesday, July 2nd to Friday, July 25th, 8:45 am - 3:33 pm**

Registration will open for students on Tuesday, April 15th. They apply using their **My Pathway Planner** (MyBlueprint) student account. They will choose the “**Continuing Education**” icon and then choose their preferred school location and course. Please note that for students choosing to take Civics and Career Studies, they will need to complete the steps for both Civics and then Career Studies.

Students MUST print out a Verification Form that MUST be signed by their parent/guardian and then returned to the Guidance Department at Langstaff for approval ASAP as spots fill up quickly.

To find out further information, please click on this link:

[YRDSB Summer School Information](#)

Thanks so much.

Langstaff Guidance Department

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Black Affirming Resources to Support the Curriculum
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session



Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Board News



STUDENT SIN & SUMMER JOB BANK CLINIC SPRING 2025

Students, Parents and Guardians
Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your
Social Insurance Number on the Spot!

Service Canada representatives will be at the following schools to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and the Federal Dental Program!

Children 12 years of age or older may apply for their SIN. Parents, legal guardians or legal representatives can apply for a SIN for children under the age of majority in their province, and for adults in their care.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
April 9, 2025 Richmond Hill H.S. 201 Yorkland, Richmond Hill	A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.	Permanent Resident Card	or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth	Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.
April 10, 2025 Tommy Douglas S.S. 4020 Major Mackenzie Dr. West, Woodbridge		Confirmation of Permanent Residence		
April 15, 2025 Hodan Nalayeh S.S. 1401 Clark W. Thornhill	You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.	or A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada		Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth.
April 16, 2025 Keswick S.S. 100 Biscayne Blvd. Keswick				
April 24, 2025 Sutton H.S. 5147 Baseline Rd, Sutton				
May 1, 2025 Woodbridge College 71 Bruce St. Woodbridge				
May 6, 2025 Alexander Mackenzie H.S. 300 Major Mackenzie Dr. W. Richmond Hill				

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developer

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Board News

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - April 2025

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4579>

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Scholarships and 2025 Scholarship Directory

Please see enclosure in email

Community News



YMCA Richmond Hill Employment & Community Services

Resource Centre:

Our resource centre can provide you with the tools and resources you need to find employment. We offer a wide range of virtual employment webinars that will help you gain the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the current labour market. The resource centre is a free and accessible resource to everyone in the community.

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Some of the webinars available:

Targeted Resume, Effective Interview Techniques, Better Jobs Ontario, Apprenticeship Information Session, Small Business Information Session, Student Resume & Job Search.

Integrated Employment Services:

Provides one-to-one counselling to address barriers in entering the labour market. This program is geared for Ontario residents, legally entitled to work in Canada, seeking full time employment.

These services include:

- Resume & cover letter development
- Career Exploration
- Skills Development
- Pre-employment readiness
- Referrals as needed
- Job Development and Retention Services

Must meet eligibility requirements

Please contact: 905-780-9622 or Email: YorkJobs@ymcagta.org

Skills Development for Youth:

SDFY is an 8-week program that assists participants ages 15-30, who are out of work, and legally entitled to work in Canada, to develop skills and techniques to become employable.

This program consists of:

- 2 weeks of paid training with workshops running Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.
- 6 weeks of a paid work placement.
- Completion Bonus if applicable

Please contact:

(905) 948-9622 or

Email: SDFY.york@ymcagta.org

Financial Empowerment and Wellbeing Program:

Provides financial literacy to low-income, racialized, and equity-deserving communities*

Sessions include:

- Financial Skills & Literacy awareness
- One-to-one counselling
- Tax Clinics*
- Self-learning (online)

*Must meet eligibility requirements
For more information please contact 416-278-8593 or Email: Ken.Jiang@ymcagta.org

Y Mind:

Supports groups aged 13-18 & 18-30 with mild to moderate stress, anxiety, and low mood. Sessions will allow participants to connect with others and be supported by mental health professionals.

Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT) and mindfulness techniques provide tools to manage stress and anxiety.

7 - week group session (virtually or in person)
Please contact: 416-917-7513 or Email: YMind@ymcagta.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Contact us at:

905-780-9622 or

YorkJobs@ymcagta.org

Please visit our website at:

Ymcagta.org



LGBTQ+ Support Group for Parents and Caregivers

Schwartz/Reisman Centre

Join fellow parents and caregivers of the LGBTQ+ community.

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

January 15, 2025
February 19, 2025
March 19, 2025
April 9, 2025
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025

Free Event
RSVP is required

Register online: www.srcentre.ca
For details contact: andrea@srcentre.ca



Register:
www.yorkregionsports.ca/registration

Join



Now!

Beach Volleyball Training



May 4 - June 29, 2025

Register and join the beach volleyball training that
 will be held at Oak Ridges
 (12895 Bayview Avenue Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3G2)

\$240 - 8 weeks

****Free T-Shirt included**

Age: 8 - 15 yo

Sundays:

Session 1: 10 AM - 11:30 AM | 8 - 11 yo

Session 2: 11:30 AM - 1 PM | 12 - 15 yo

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UOFT SUMMER PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Are you a high school student who is interested in psychology?
Join us at SPRINT 2025!

The University of Toronto Summer Psychology Research Initiative (SPRINT) is a free summer program for high school students in Ontario, where participants learn about a wide range of psychology topics and gain research experience.

Join us in July, in person at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus.

July 14 - July 25



Focus on mentorship and collaboration
Develop a research project and
present your ideas!

Focus on lectures and tutorials
Learn about psychology and
connect with peers!



July 14 - July 18

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Completion certificate
- ✓ Recommendation letters from mentors & organizers
- ✓ Learn about psychology topics!
- ✓ Gain research and communication skills

We are committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusivity. Applicants who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, gender diverse applicants, and members of other historically underrepresented social groups (e.g., first generation students) will be prioritized in our selection process. SPRINT also prioritizes upper-year high school students (i.e., entering grade 11 or 12), recent high school graduates, and former SPRINT applicants who were not previously selected.

APPLY BY SATURDAY, MAY 31ST AT 11:59 PM



WEBSITE

Application form: forms.gle/5nYqTQY4VxjwDoWp7

Website: sprint.psych.utoronto.ca

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APPLICATION