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Parent Newsletter: April 22-May 3

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Sheri Epstein

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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.

Over the past two days, many of our students were writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. We are very proud of our students who have prepared for and written this graduation requirement. We will not know results of this EQAO assessment for a number of weeks and we will share information as soon as we get it.

Our BSA (Black Student Association) held a very successful “Braid Bar” event this week. Our students loved getting their hair braided and it was so nice to see so many students come out and participate in this wonderful event.

Today all mid-term marks were due into the main office and all mid-term report cards will be sent home between April 25 and April 29. These report cards will be emailed directly to your student’s GAPPS email account. Please speak to your child about seeing their report card. If you have any difficulties seeing this information please contact the main office.

Our Europe trip leaves Thursday, May 2 and the 34 students and 4 teacher chaperones are very excited for this adventure. We will be visiting all the important sights in Paris, Barcelona, and Nice. Even though this trip has not even left yet the Europe trip planning committee has already started to work on the planning for the spring 2025 trip. I will not reveal our destination yet – but I will tell you it is very exciting!

Starting in early May, I will be working with our Vice-Principals to begin the timetable for the 2024-2025 school year. This is always exciting, as we love planning for the upcoming year. We are very glad we were 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.

Our Grade 12 students are really starting to get excited for all those end of year of High School milestone events. Today I, along with Ms. Romero, visited all the Grade 12 homeroom classes to talk to the graduating students about Grad Awards and Valedictorian. We encourage all Grade 12 students to check out these important documents in the Grad Classroom.

Just a reminder that Monday, May 6, is a PA Day and no students are expected that day.

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

Ms. S. Epstein
Principal

InspireLearning!

School Bell Timetable

Period 1	8:25 am – 9:40 am
Period 2	9:45 am – 11:05 am
Lunch	11:10 am – 11:50 am
Period 3	11:55 am – 1:10 pm
Period 4	1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

March / April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
April 22	April 23 Passover begins	April 24	April 25 Midterms— emailed home	April 26
April 29 Midterms-emailed home	April 30	May 1	May 2 Europe Trip (May 2-12)	May 3 Holy Orthodox Friday

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

Should your student have a planned absence for 3 or more days, an Extended Absence Form must be signed by each subject teacher, parent/guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving for the absence; Extended Absence Forms are available at the Main Office.

Did You Know?

Many of our departments provide extra help for our students

Please see the following schedule:

Geography Department:	Monday	11:10 am to 11:50 am
	Wednesday	11:10 am to 11:50 am

History Department:	Monday	11:10 am to 11:50 am
	Tuesday	11:10 am to 11:50 am
	Wednesday	11:10 am to 11:50 am
	Thursday	11:10 am to 11:50 am
	Friday	11:10 am to 11:50 am

Science Department:	Tuesday	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Thursday	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Math Department:	Tuesday	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
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French/Languages Department:	Wednesday	11:00 am – 11:50 am; 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (by appointment)
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Visual Arts Department:	Monday	11:10 am – 11:45 am
	Tuesday	11:10 am – 11:45 am
	Wednesday	11:10 am – 11:45 am
	Thursday	11:10 am – 11:45 am
	Friday	11:10 am – 11:45 am



Dear Langstaff Family and Community,

Relay for Life on May 30th, 2024

Relay for Life is a fundraiser event that raises money to support services and ground breaking research for the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year **Relay for Life** will take place on **May 30th, 2024, at Langstaff SS from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm right here on our field.** People who sign up will participate in a number of exciting activities throughout the day and will walk the track (that's the Relay part!) during this event.

ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE UNTIL MAY 9TH, 2024 TO REGISTER.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE PERMISSION FORM SIGNED BY PARENTS AND HAND IN TO YOUR PERIOD 4 TEACHER OR TO ROOM 151 DURING PERIOD 4.

THEN YOU CAN REGISTER AND MAKE THE ONLINE PAYMENT AT RELAYFORLIFE.CA/LANGSTAFF WITH YOUR TEAM OF 7-10 PARTICIPANTS.

The \$15 registration fee covers your registration, a participant t-shirt and a luminary bag.

And then the fundraising can begin! **We are asking all participants to raise a minimum of \$60 per person in honour of Langstaff's 60th birthday this year.** Most fundraising will be done online through emails and social media to family and friends through the help of the Relay for Life website. In addition, each participant will also receive a donation envelope in case they collect any cash donations. All donation envelopes will be collected just prior to the big day!

Some food and beverages will be provided to all participants during the event but students are also encouraged to bring plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, a hat, a portable shelter, layers of clothing, comfortable shoes, lots of energy and bright smiles.

We are **also inviting Cancer Survivors in the Langstaff community** to participate. Invitations are in the main office.



How can our Parents/Families/Community Members get involved?

We are also looking for sponsors for this event! Sponsors can donate money, food items, prizes for top fundraisers, and raffle items and in exchange we will happily advertise your business. If you are able to sponsor our event and/or make a donation please have your child pick up a form from the main office.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Follow us on Instagram at **lss.relay.2024**.

This is going to be a wonderful event for LSS and we are looking forward to seeing just what the LSS community can do to support such a wonderful cause, while building school spirit and having a lot of fun. Thank you, **Karen Burley and the Leadership Class**



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. R. Chidiac, *Head of Guidance*
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Ms. S. Starkman
sharonne.starkman@yrdsb.ca

Mrs. L. Rico, *Guidance Secretary*
lina.rico@yrdsb.ca



Stay Connected and in the "Loop": Continue to stay up to date by following us on Instagram and LSS Guidance & Success Google Classroom.

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.

A-Q :Mme Chidiac, R-Z: Ms. Starkman

Guidance News

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Registration is open and closes June 7. Students can register via myblueprint/mypathway planner. Course offerings are posted on the YRDSB website. Some details are shared on the Guidance Classroom and on Instagram. Please remind your child to print, sign and return the sign off sheet in the "Summer School" box in Guidance.

The following opportunities will be available:

Acceleration Courses (18 days)

Online Learning - July 2-25

Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Tuesday, July 2 to Thursday, July 25

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

Learn more about [Summer School Online Learning](#).

In-Person Learning - July 3-26 at a designated school location chosen at sign-up

Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Acceleration Dates: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 26

Reinforcement and Credit Strengthening Dates:

Session 1: July 3-12

Session 2: July 15-26

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Maple HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS and Sutton DHS

NCAA Event for Parents and Students

CollegeTrackr Canada

Meet the NCAA



Supporting Canada's Student-Athletes

Are you a Canadian student-athlete with dreams of playing for the NCAA? CollegeTrackr Canada and the NCAA team up for a 3-Day online session to educate you on the latest on the NCAA eligibility and recruiting process, sports scholarships, best practices and more!

Dates
Apr 25 @ 11:30am ET
Apr 26 @ 11:30am ET
May 14 @ 8:30am ET

Location
Zoom Webinar

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Elizabeth Thompson
 Associate Director of
 Outreach & Education, NCAA



Meet Universities & NCAA

Who's Coming In-Person?	Who's Coming Online?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Syracuse University - Quinnipiac University - Fordham University - RIT - Elon University - Michigan State University - University of Kentucky - Central Michigan University - Wayne State University - University of Detroit Mercy - Buffalo State University - Manhattan Marymount University - Alfred State University - Ferris State University - Rollins College - Genesee Community College - Study Michigan - Study New York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCAA - Common App - University of Michigan - UC Berkeley - University of Notre Dame - Caltech - New York University - Boston University - Arizona State University - University of Washington - Babson College - Kansas State University - Linfield University <p>AND MORE!</p>

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Please note that the in-person event is scheduled at Bill Crothers Secondary School and online events are scheduled at other dates/times in April/May to meet more US universities!

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 CollegeTrackr Canada



York Region

US University Fair

Register for free to meet the NCAA, Common App and US universities this Spring 2024!

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May 16th 2024
5pm-8pm PT

Bill Crothers S.S.
 440 Maple St. (at Yonge St.)
 University, ON L8N 2B4

Speak to 35+ Universities & NCAA

- Meet In-Person or Online
- Undergraduate Programs
- NCAA Sports Recruiting and Eligibility
- Scholarships & Financial Aid for Canada
- Admissions Requirements
- Deadlines and more!

Explore Career Pathways

- Healthcare (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, etc)
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Esports (Gaming)
- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Film
- Science, Tech, Engineering & Math

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What is the US College Expo

- A one day event in two cities across Canada.
- Connect in person with US college representatives.
- Explore US college options!
- Listen and learn from guest speakers.
- Understand all aspects of the US admissions process, from selection, application, financing and student athlete considerations!

ARE YOU A STUDENT OR PARENT that is interested in US Universities?

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

TORONTO - ROY THOMSON HALL 10:00am - 11:00am

Seminar

11:00am – 2:00pm

Public Exhibit

REGISTER at the link [below](#)

<https://prepskillsconnect.com/register>





Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

Please join us to commemorate our Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance and Sikh Student Association.

Our focus is on **Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes**. At this event, the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) and Sikh Student Association (SSA) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity and to build unity through community.

Exhibits:

- Keynote Speaker: Kulvir Singh Gill
- Artifacts
- Artwork / Spoken Word by YRDSB Students
- Gatka Performance
- Bhangra Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

When

Saturday, April 27, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where

Middlefield Collegiate Institute

525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) by April 22, 2024

If you have an questions reach out to Harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca

2024 APRIL YORK CENTRE



IN PERSON ONLINE

**6-27
SAT**

Free Tax Filing Services for Low-Income Newcomers

Free Tax returns for low income PRs who arrived in 2020-2023.



9:30am-3:00pm
Low-income Newcomers



**8
MON**

How to File Your Income Tax Return

Learn to file your income tax, and complete paper tax return.



2:00-3:30pm
All Newcomers



**11-25
THUR**

Afterschool Recreation Delight

A program for newcomer kids to unwind, socialize, and provide homework help.



* 5:30-7:30 pm
Newcomer Children



**20
SAT**

Trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village

Travel back in time to the 19th century and experience people's living in rural Ontario.



10:00am-5:30pm
All Newcomers



* Afterschool Recreation Delight will be held at Aaniin Community Centre



Metro Square 3636 Steeles Avenue East, Unit 213A
Markham, Ontario, L3R 1K9



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For more details, please visit our website or social media platforms. You may also scan the QR codes OR call 905-948-1671 for registration or enquiries.

**6-27
SAT**

Free Income Tax Clinic for Low-Income Seniors

Free tax return for 60+ without employment, rental, business and investment income in 2023.



9:30am-3:00pm
Low-income Seniors



**9-23
TUE**

Move For Health

Learn to stay fit through exercise and dance while having fun.



10:00am-12:00noon
Newcomer Seniors



**17
WED**

D.I.Y. Tax E-filing

Learn how tax benefits are affected by family income. Access income tax package and file your tax online.



2:00-3:30pm
All Newcomers



**30
TUE**

Rummy Time

Come try out the Israeli Mahjong! Stimulate your brain's cognition and prevent memory loss.



10:30am - 12:00noon
Newcomer Seniors



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REGISTER HERE:



TO DONATE:

Donate new or gently used Prom dresses, gender-neutral formal wear, shoes or accessories please contact emily.lynch@girlsincyork.org or bring them to the Upper Canada Mall at Guest Services between April 1 to April 15

TO VOLUNTEER:

Contact emily.lynch@girlsincyork.org to apply to volunteer

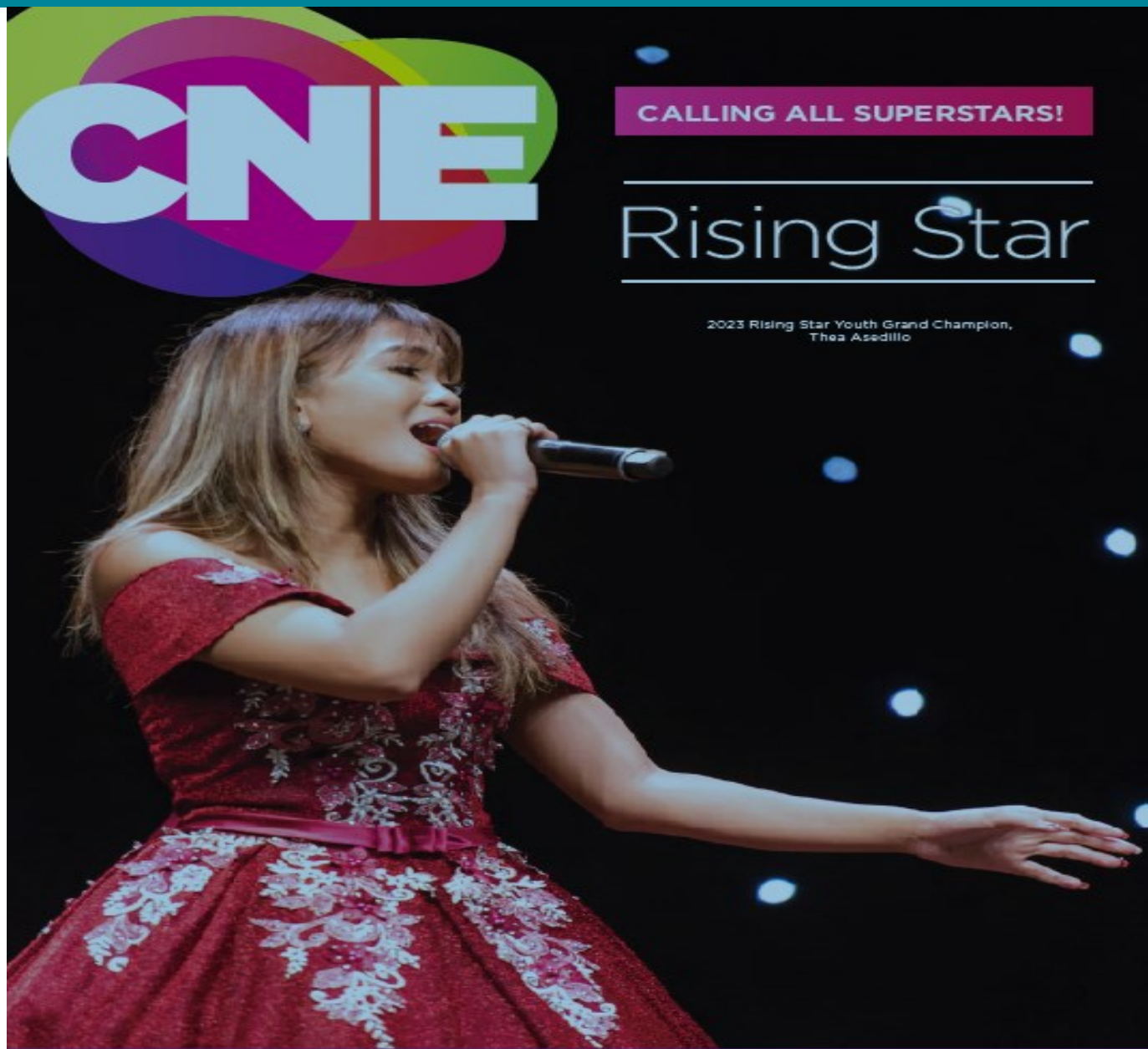
***Must be 18 or older and out of high school to volunteer



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