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Parent Newsletter: April 8—19

Administration

Principal:
Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal:
Heather Leatham

Vice-Principal:
Marianne C. Hamilton

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A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Partners,

Spring is off to a great start at LSS! Since we last communicated, we had our Parent-Teacher Interview Night. It was great for our teachers to connect with so many of our parents/guardians. We are very appreciative of those parents/guardians who were able to come out to the school and meet with our staff. Having parents/guardians in our building brings us a great deal of joy!

Our Guidance/Student Success departments have arranged for Mental Health Presentations for our English Language Learners on April 16 and 17. The same presentation will be shared with our Grade 10 students in May.

For our grade 12 students, mid-semester marks are being transmitted to OUAC on April 25 and OCAS on April 26. In addition, all students will receive their mid-semester report cards electronically to their GAPPS email accounts on April 25. If any Grade 12 student is interested in dropping a course prior to the OCAS/OUAC deadline, please wait for information from the Guidance department. Soon, Guidance will share the “course-drop” form and all approved drops will occur April 21 to April 24.

Also for our 2024 Graduates, plans are well underway for both Prom and Graduation. We are so excited that both these events will be in person. Very soon, we are going to begin the search for this year’s Class of 2024 Valedictorian. All information will be shared through email to parents/guardian’s accounts plus directly to Grade 12 students’ GAPPS accounts.

Currently, we continue to rely on social media, electronic communication (emails) and bulletins such as these to be our lifeline for timely communication for our students and their families. We encourage you to keep up with the school’s Instagram posts for what is new and exciting, important school news, Board information, and upcoming events.

We continue to appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and families and are grateful to the school community for its never-ending support, resilience and understanding.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to the main office or any member of the Admin Team. We are here to guide and support our students and their families with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Ms. Sheri Epstein

Principal

Monday, April 8
Solar Eclipse Day—Early Dismissal

School Schedule

8:25 am—9:45 am Period 1

9:50 am—11:05 am Period 2

All students are able to leave at 11:05 am
No Cafeteria Services will be available on
this day

School Busses arriving at 11:30 am

No students are permitted to be in the
building after 11:30 am



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| School Bell Timetable |
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| 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 |
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| <p>April 8</p> <p>Early Dismissal, Solar Eclipse</p> | <p>April 9</p> <p>Vimy Ridge Day</p> | <p>April 10</p> <p>Eid-ul-Fitr</p> | <p>April 11</p> | <p>April 12</p> |
| <p>April 15</p> <p>7 pm School Council Meeting</p> | <p>April 16</p> <p>ELL Mental Health- Presentation 2:30 pm BSA Event</p> | <p>April 17</p> <p>ELL Mental Health Presen- tation Junior Bad- minton Tour- nament 2:30 pm BSA Event</p> | <p>April 18</p> <p>OSSLT 2:30 pm BSA Event</p> | <p>April 19</p> <p>OSSLT</p> |

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:

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

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| 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 |

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

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| 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 |

For the month of April, we will be offering workshops for our newcomer (All ESL Classes) students titled "Newcomer Youth: Mental Health, Stress Management, and Suicide Prevention", presented by the dedicated staff of CMHA York Region's Newcomer's Health and Wellbeing program. Langstaff Secondary School aims to equip students with essential tools to navigate mental health challenges in their new environment, discover practical strategies for stress management, learn about available resources, and gain valuable insights into suicide prevention. Let's empower our youth to prioritize their well-being and thrive in their new community.

We are going to be starting **2 after-school programs at the beginning of April- Credit Success (Wednesday's) and Numeracy (Tuesday's). They are free of charge and taught by Langstaff teachers.** They run every week for 10 weeks starting the week of April 8th and ending the week of June 9th.

Credit Success-This is to support students in all their classes.

Numeracy-This is to support students with their math and numeracy skills.

Students can pick up a permission form from Student Success in room 132. We need to have a minimum of 12 students to run this program.

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*
reina.chidiac@yrdsb.ca

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

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Registration opens on April 9 via myblueprint/mypathway planner. Course offerings will be posted on the YRDSB website soon.

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

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

Dates: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 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

NEKS KOREAN FAMILIES ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to attend a workshop to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. Families will be able to learn about the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions from elementary to secondary school, post-secondary pathways, and Special Education.

NEKS Korean Family Engagement Night[\(Flyer\)](#)

Thursday, April 11, 2024,

6:00pm - 8:00pm,

Thornhill Secondary School,

167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON

Guidance News

Registrants will have an opportunity to attend two of the following workshops:

Opportunities and Pathways after High School: Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?

Transitioning into High School: Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?

Special Education: Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

Registration Information

Register online using this Google [form](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information, please contact: Jasmin (Jae Yeon) Kwak, NEKS Chair, jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca

GUIDANCE GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND INSTAGRAM PAGE (@lssguidance)

Please remind your child to check the classroom and @lssguidance Instagram page regularly for updates, tips, volunteer opportunities, scholarships and more.

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**FRIDAY APRIL 19
3 PM TO 8 PM**

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Come find the dress or formal wear of your dreams for your Grade Eight Grad and High School Prom or Graduation FREE of charge!

All attendees receive one raffle ticket at the door for a chance to win one of our amazing Prom Prep Raffle Baskets! Register in advance to guarantee entry to the event!

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:

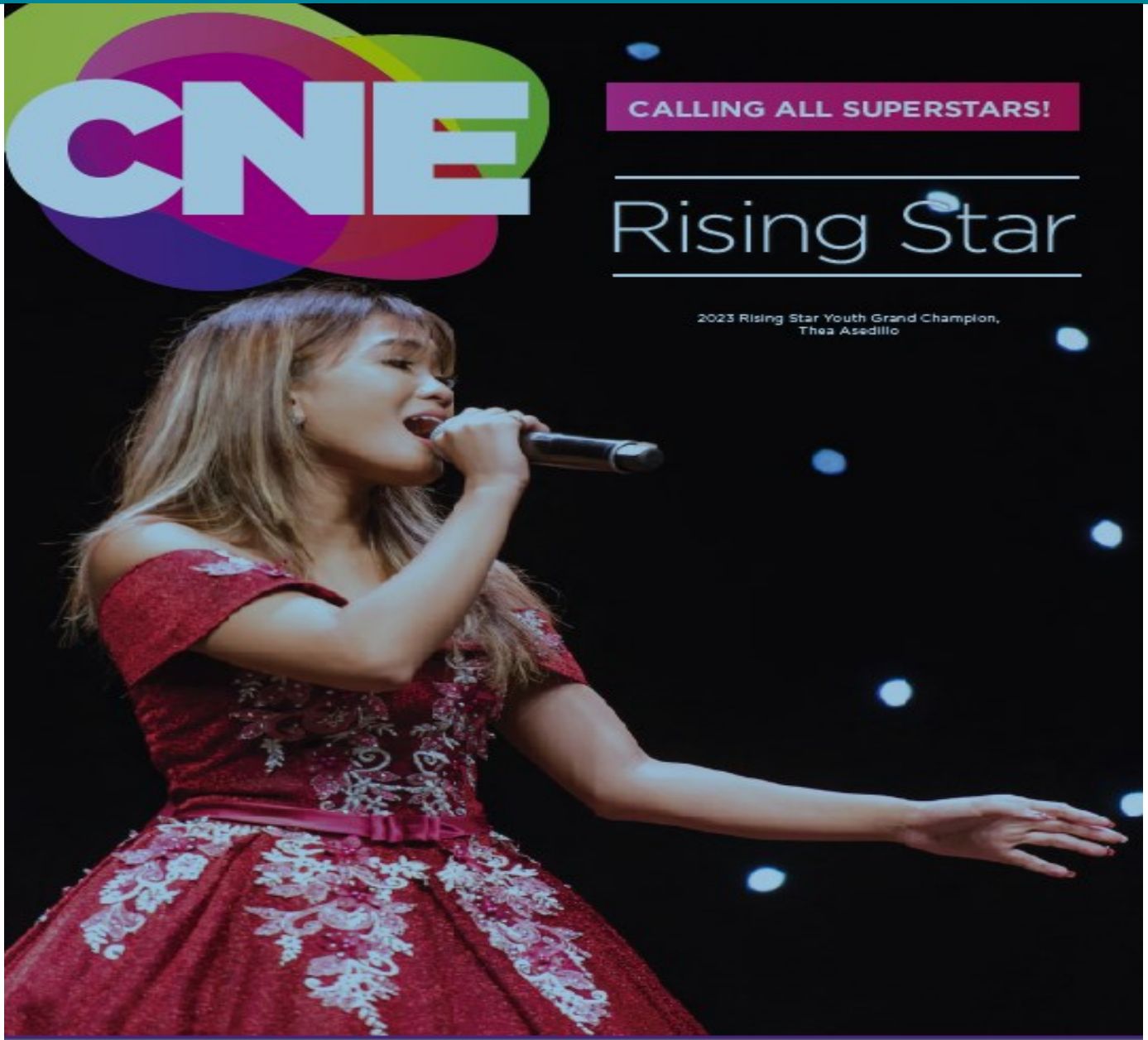
Contact emily.lynch@girlsincyork.org to apply to volunteer

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



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