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News Bulletin: February 24-March 7

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Important Dates:

February 24
Red Cross Fundraiser

February 26
Pink Shirt Day
9:00am Photos for New
Students without photos
12:00pm Graduation photos

February 27
Socacize
Grad photos continued

March 10-14 March
Break-No School

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members,

March Break is quickly approaching, only two more weeks, and I know that the students (and staff) are looking forward to the time off from school. The first part of the first semester has been very busy with a combination of learning and participating in wonderful school activities.

Here are some highlights of what has been taking place since the last e-bulletin message.

To honour Black History month we have three amazing events to teach, inspire, and challenge our students to reflect and learn about the contributions of the Black community to Canadian society. First, we had Earl LaPierre present his wonderful steel pan drumming to many of our classes. Our students loved hearing the music and got a real kick out of seeing a number of their teachers get up on stage and show what they can do. Second, we have a braid bar taking place in which the students will have an opportunity to learn about the cultural importance of braiding while learning a number of braiding techniques on hairstyling mannequins. Finally, to end the month, we are having a "socasize" event during lunchtime. The students will dance/exercise to the wonderful sounds of Caribbean beats.

Next week, on Wednesday, February 26, it will be Pink Shirt Day; a day dedicated to the promotion of kindness and standing up to bullying. We are asking all members of the school community to wear pink and flood the school with this bright spring colour on a grey winter day. As well, there will be five different activities taking place at lunchtime in which we know all students will enjoy participating in. We will have colouring of anti-bullying posters, a Be Kind acrostic poem-writing contest, guessing the number of pink candies in the jar (and win the whole jar!), leaving a kind note, and making pink friendship bracelets.

We do have a second semester Picture Day taking place on Wednesday, February 26 for new students to the school, or anyone who missed out on the first semester picture day. As well, we have one more day available for Grad Photos on Friday, February 28. If any graduating student wishes to book Grad photos they must do so online through our provider, Pegasus photography.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. S. Epstein

School News

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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 May 1st. 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

Activity Fee

The Student Activity Fee is very important as it allows us to make Langstaff SS a great place in which to learn and grow. The funds are used throughout the year and allow our school to provide informative assemblies, guest speakers, special events, open houses, school dances and other spirit activities. All of these events provide our students with an enriched education and help to build our wonderful school community.

Scholarship Report

Please find enclosed the Scholarship Report for this month.

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In celebration of Black History Month, Langstaff Secondary School hosted Earl La Pierre Jr. also known as [PAN MAN ON DUTY!](#) Over the years, Earl has travelled frequently to perform worldwide. Not only has he dedicated his efforts to sharing the Steelpan instrument with the world, he is also an advocate for international collaborations, as well as celebrating Soca music and the Caribbean culture. The Steelpan, is a musical instrument originating in Trinidad and Tobago and Steelpan musicians are called pannists. Mr. La Pierre's talent of the steelpan enriched our understanding of the contributions Black culture has made to the arts. It has inspired us reflect on the power of music as a universal language. We truly appreciated the way he shared the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean through his music and helping to make this Black History Month celebration a memorable one. A special thank you to our presenters, Azeem, Alijah, Ayelle, Sanam and to our tech crew Matthew, Joyce, and Cyprus for their contribution to our event!



PREPARING FOR YOUR GRAD PORTRAITS!

WWW.PEGASUS-SI.COM

BOOK YOUR GRADUATION PORTRAIT SESSION ONLINE!

TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:

<https://pegasus-si.com> and click on "Book Your Grad Photos" at the top of the page

SCHOOL CODE: 02LAN2674

It is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- i. Type in the access code
- ii. Select an available date & time for your portrait session
- iii. Confirm your personal information

A sitting fee is required to book your portrait sessions. The fee provides you 10 different poses during the session, with variety of backdrops that are available for purchase online, and an 11" x 14" Composite of your graduating class in a keepsake folder.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL ONCE YOUR APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN BOOKED.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to the photo studio set up at your school which will be set up at your school.

All graduates should come wearing a white dress shirt with a crisp collar. Neckties are optional for any graduate wearing dress shirts to complete a formal appearance. Please arrive to the studio fully dressed and prepared.

Your hands will show in some poses, so clean & presentable nails and your favourite ring will enhance your portraits.

GUESTS, PETS, AND GROUP PHOTOS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

ONCE THE PHOTO SESSION IS COMPLETE: A few weeks after your portrait session you will receive an email with your secure login information and link to the Pegasus proofing website. Once online you can view all your poses, order photo packages and create custom portrait products using your own poses. You can select which poses you wish to order.



Dear Families,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the [online application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is [RCT OTR Order Form](#) a \$25 charge for laptops and a \$35 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.

1. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.

3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at **945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga**. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> . The application period is from January 16, 2025 – March 17, 2025 with delivery to schools taking place before the end of the school year.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income

Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.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. R. Chidiac

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Alpha A-Q

Ms. N. Cooper

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Alpha R-Z

Mrs. L. Rico, Guidance Secretary

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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.

Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Dates: Monday, February 3, 2025, at Dr. J.M. Denison H.S.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **February 14, 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



FEBRUARY

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HISTORY
MONTH





KICK-OFF THE SUMMER WITH RHSC

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025
OUTDOOR SEASON IS NOW OPEN!**

Programs Include:

*Parent & Tot Soccer
Kick Start Program
Raiders Soccer School
Girls Soccer School
Grassroots House Leagues
Youth House Leagues
Adult Leagues*

Visit richmondhillsoccer.com for more
information and to register today!



YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

MARCH 22 – JUNE 14, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

\$330 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

11 weeks on Saturdays

Session 1: 9am–10:30am | 8–11 years old
Session 2: 10:30am–12pm | 12–15 years old

Location:
 Renaissance Catholic Secondary School
 700 chemin Bloomington, Aurora, ON L4G 0E1

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Community News





**youth
wellness
hubs**
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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Youth Wellness Hubs YORK REGION
We are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic youth to join our **Youth Advisory Council!** Members will provide important feedback ensuring youth voices are present in the design of the space, program/event planning, skills wellbeing activities and governance.

Join a Youth-Led Space - WE NEED YOU!



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM
YOU!
SCAN THE QR CODE
TO APPLY
BY FEB 28 2025**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR....

- Passionate individuals between the ages of 12-25 who are eager to make a difference. We encourage all youth from all backgrounds, including those with lived experience, to apply
- **Commitment:**
- Attend monthly virtual meetings (2-3 hours in the evening)
- Engage in discussions and contribute to help shape decisions.
- \$20.00/hr for your time (up to 3 hours a month)

Reach out to Nina Singh, Hub Manager
Youth Wellness Hub York Region
nsingh@yorkhills.ca
Tel: 289-380-2662 **york hills**
<https://youthhubs.ca/>

Volunteer & Gain Real World Experiences !

BECOME A COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEER TODAY!

LOCATION: AANIIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
DATES: SATURDAYS 9AM -1 PM

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NETWORKING ✨



COMMUNITY EVENTS ✨



WORK WITH CHILDREN ✨



LEGO ROBOTICS ✨



Shift Times:

9am - 11 am

11 am- 1pm

9am - 1 pm



Volunteer Responsibilities may include:

- Web Analysis & Development
- Assist in Community Events & Workshops
- Assist in Marketing, Teaching & Projects





March 10–14, 2025, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Hosted at Doane House Hospice, 17100 Yonge Street, Newmarket except for Wednesday, March 12, when the camp will be hosted at Margaret Bahen Hospice, 653 Queen Street, Newmarket (beside Southlake Regional Health Centre).

This week-long camp offers a safe place for children to express themselves through art-making and group activities. Together, they'll learn ways to better cope with their loss, navigate the ups and downs of grief, and honour their loved one(s).

For more information, please contact Doane House Hospice Art Therapist Cynthia Gardner, at cgardner@myhospice.ca or **905 967 0259 ext. 155**

This program is provided free of charge. (Donations are always gratefully accepted)