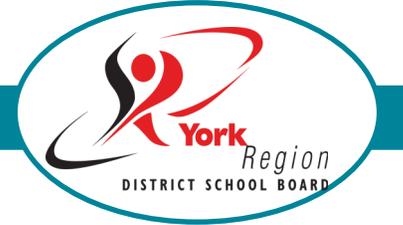




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A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members,

This is it – the end of the school year for 2023 and just days away from 2024. I am always amazed at how time goes by so slowly and so quickly at the same time. It feels like it was just the start of the school year in September and at the same time so much has happened at LSS since that first day.

The students and staff really enjoyed this final week of school before the holiday break. Student Council planned an excellent Spirit Week and everyone enjoyed the spirit dress up days of “Ugly sweater Day”, “New Year’s Day”, “Tropical Paradise Day”, “Twin Day” and “Pajama Day”.

As well, we are very proud of all the work that the Red Cross Club did to collect non-perishable food items and unwrapped new toys for people in York Region who are experiencing some financial difficulties this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause.

We are also incredibly proud of our Drama classes and Drama club who put on an amazing performance of Alice in Wonderland. It is fabulous to have drama and music back at LSS.

We had an amazing field trip when our ESL classes took our English language learners and Global Bears downtown to Nathan Phillips Square for a day of learning to ice skate; of course, Hot Chocolate was also a part of this day!

Thank you to all the staff and students who put countless hours into planning events for the entire school to enjoy and to the parents/guardians who are supporting these events by encouraging their children to take part in something while in school, and having to do all the drop-offs and pick-ups.

Inspire Learning!

A Message from your Administrators continued...

As we head into Winter Break, a time when students and staff are celebrating with family and friends, we hope everyone will take the time to recharge, relax and enjoy each other's company so that we return in January well rested and ready to finish one semester and prepare for a new one.

We would like to wish the Langstaff school community a very happy holiday season, a restful break, and best wishes for the coming year. See you in 2024!

Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Merry Christmas!

Happy Kwanzaa!

Happy Pancha Ganapati!

Blessed Bodhi Day!

Feliz Navidad!

Happy Winter Solstice!

And Happy New Year!

Stay safe and we will see you all back rested in 2024!

Ms. Sheri Epstein

Principal

A Message from Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Cindy Liang

Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6

<h2>School Bell Timetable</h2>

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

January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
January 8	January 9 2:30 pm Basket- ball Game— Away	January 10	January 11 3:30 pm Volleyball Game—Away	January 12
January 15 2:15 pm Basket- ball game—away	January 16 3:30 pm Volley- ball game—away	January 17	January 18 GRADE 9 EQAO MATH —IN CLASS JANUARY 17-19	January 19

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance Reminder

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-889-6266 ext.: 1 OR email: Langstaff.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Should your student be absent 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.

Free Afterschool Programs

Langstaff is offering **free afterschool programs** run by Langstaff teachers to help support students in their classes. Students that sign up must come to all classes.

Credit Success: this program will run **Every Tuesday Starting Oct. 31st from 2:45-4:15pm in student success.** This is to support students in all their classes and it will run until Jan.16th 2024 for 10 sessions.

Numeracy: this program will run **Every Thursday Starting November 2nd from 2:45-4:15pm in student success.** This is to support students in their math classes. It will run until January 18th 2024 for 10 sessions.

For more information, please see Ms. Starkman in student success (room 132). Permission form's are available in student success and must be submitted by Friday October 27th.

Yearbooks for Sale

2023/2024 Yearbooks on sale now for only \$35.00

Please pre-order your yearbook on schoolcashionline

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

SCHOOL NEWS

Credit Rescue/Catch up Day

Langstaff will be having **three Credit Rescue/Credit Catch Up Days this school year**. One will be this **semester one Tuesday December 12, and two will be second semester on April 3rd and June 5th**. These days are for students to review any concepts that they don't understand in the class, work on upcoming assignments, study for upcoming tests, complete outstanding assignments and tests, and get feedback from teachers on the course work. Some students that have outstanding assignments or tests may work with the students success team in the library that day to help them get caught up. Our student success team consists of a variety of teachers and staff from different subject areas that will be able to support students in getting caught up with their courses. If you have any questions or concerns about that day, please let me know.

Secondary School Toolkit

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now [search from 16 different sectors](#) to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Langstaff Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team Goes to OFSAA!

Langstaff offers a huge CONGRATS to our Boys' Varsity Volleyball team, who made it to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) this year! Our Langstaff team had an incredible regular season, ending with a 20-3 record.

In playoff action, the team lost a nail-biter to Aurora, sending them to face *École secondaire catholique Renaissance* for an OFSAA spot. In a packed gym full of cheering Renaissance fans, the team confronted its adversaries and came out victorious in 3-1 sets! Like birds taking flight and soaring to our destiny, we became the YRAA "Single A" champs!

Next was the OFSAA tournament—the top prize in the province—hosted at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener. The team faced a number of tough opponents from across the province. Langstaff was placed in the "Group of Death" with Rockway and Hamilton Christian Academy, both of whom are previous OFSAA champions. The Bears took third place in the group, sending them to the Consolation round.

It was nothing but victory after victory from there on out. Your Langstaff team handily made it to the quarter finals, then the semi-finals, and ultimately the final round in Consolation play. The result? Another VICTORY, of course!

Your Langstaff team brought home the banner and the plaque for winning the OFSAA Single-A Consolation Championship! What an incredible season—and one that will go down in Langstaff history.

Be sure to check out the display case by the Small Gym to see photos, artifacts, brackets, retired jerseys, and other information about this incredible volleyball season.

Great work, team!

Langstaff Boys' Varsity Volleyball Roster

Ryan	13
Cameron	08
Tyler	99
Rami	55
Matthew	24
Faran	01
Sofi	07
Michael	03
Kyriakos	11
Arian	09
Parsa	10
Amir	07



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Our Club List is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Best Buddies	Global Bears Bear Truth Business Debate (Every other week)	Wellness All girls alliance club Chess Club	All girls alliance club Spanish (last Thursday of the month) Drama Global Leadership	Post-Secondary Club All girls alliance club Persian Club
After school	Weightlifting Yearbook (every other week)	Criminal Science Science Tutors	Weightlifting Music Club Science Tutors Peer Tutors Eco Bears Math Club Yearbook Club	Science Tutors Math Tutors Art and Mural Badminton	Weightlifting Photoshop Club Peer Tutors Red Cross Anime

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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

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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-O: Mme Chidiac, P-Z: Ms. Campbell

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

NIGHT SCHOOL INFORMATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION

Semester Two - Winter 2024 - **February 15, 2024 to June 6, 2024**

The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous). Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from **6:30 pm to 9:45 pm**.

We encourage students to register early as course offerings are not guaranteed and are subject to sufficient enrollment. Grade 11 and 12 course offerings are listed [here](#)

Registration Details:

1. Registration is open and closes on February 14.
2. Students can register online on [mypathwayplanner/myblueprint](#)
3. Students must then print their registration form, include both parent/guardian signature and submit to the Guidance office

More details can be found [here](#)

SEMESTER 2 COURSE CHANGES

Students requiring a course change for semester 2 are encouraged to make a guidance appointment with their alpha counsellor between now and January 24. Changes will be made based on course availability.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS NEWSLETTER

Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide monthly newsletters that focus on various pertinent mental health topics. Feel free to share each newsletter or portions of the newsletter with the [Click here for resources](#)

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday, our Wellness committee organizes a fun activity for students to do during lunch. We ensure to include a variety of activities throughout the year to ensure we target all interests and students. Please encourage your child to join. Warning: May cause a decrease in stress and increase in smiles 😊

Upcoming Events

Date	Activity	Room
January 10, 2024	Zine Making	260
January 17, 2024	Exam Prep	260