



109 Garden Avenue
Richmond Hill, On, L4C 6M1
905-889-6266
Attendance: 905-889-6266 ext: 1



News Bulletin: January 13-24

Administration

Principal:
Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal:
Janice Bordonali

Vice-Principal:
Marianne C. Hamilton

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Important Dates:

January 14
3:30 pm Basketball Game
@ Langstaff

January 15-16
EQAO-Grade 9 Math

January 22-27
Exam Days

A Message from your Administrators

Dear LSS Families and Community members,

We hope that 2025 is off to a great start for our students and families. We hope that your Winter Holidays were relaxing and enjoyable for all your friends and families. Now that we have returned to school things are moving very quickly as our first semester exam period is beginning on January 22, 2025. More information about exams, including our exam schedule, is included in this e-bulletin.

Students and staff are working hard to wrap up courses and complete culminating activities during this final stretch of the semester. Like every school year, the start of a new semester brings us hope, excitement and anticipation of new students, courses, teachers, routines and most importantly, new learning. Please note that Semester II begins on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Not only is a new semester around the corner, but it is also at this time that we actually start to think about the 2025-2026 school year. Since November, I have been going out to all our Elementary schools to share information about our wonderful school. During the school day visits, with Ms. Ventrice from Guidance and LSS student ambassadors, we have been sharing important information about course selection, and what it is like to start high school. I have also been going out in the evenings to all our Elementary partner schools to share this information with parents/community members and answering questions that families might have. I absolutely love doing these visits. It is great meeting the Grade 8 students, our future Bears, and our parents and community members. This is an important milestone for students and families and the excitement is palpable and contagious. We will be visiting all the elementary schools again in January to help the students with course selection.

The Guidance Department is also planning a number of course selection visits to meet students currently at LSS. During the presentations and classroom visits we will share with them, what courses will be available next year and how the course selection process is going to occur this year. Course selection information will begin in early February with the start of the new semester. It is important that all students and families understand that we use the student course selections to create the timetable for next year. If students do not choose courses than we cannot offer them, the timetable is created based on what the students say they want to take the next year.



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Our next School Council meeting is coming soon. Please join us on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in the library. Our topic is "Changeover". Now that we are finishing Semester I and about to start Semester II, this is the perfect time to talk about and/or ask questions on the topics of Exams, Course Selection, and Graduation requirements.

The admin team of Ms. Epstein, Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Bordonali would love to have you attend the School Council meeting to learn about this unique time in the school calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

We continue to strive to bring you up-to-date information as soon as it becomes available. We want to thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we deal with unforeseen challenges. We have all become quite adept at going with the flow and making things work!

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns. We love hearing from our parents and community members.

Ms. Sheri Epstein

Principal

LANGSTAFF SS SEMESTER 1 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS - JANUARY 2025

<u>Period 4 Exams on Wednesday, January 22, 2025</u>				
Time	Course Code	Course Title	Teacher	Room
9:30 am - 11:30 am	NBE3U1.2	English	Berman	143
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MTH1W1.3	Mathematics	Chehade	161
9:30 am - 11:00 am	ENL1W1.3	English	Choi	155
9:30 am - 11:00 am	HFN1O1.2 / HFN2O1.2	Food and Nutrition	Crognale	103
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MPM2D1.3	Principles of Mathematics	Derohanesian	164
9:30 am - 11:30 am	ENG2D1.2	English	Deyman	147
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MHF4U1.4 / MHF4U2.4	Advanced Functions	Friedman	159
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SCH4U1.2	Chemistry	Kanani	231
9:30 am - 11:00 am	PAE14-4	Alt Ed	Keegan	120
9:30 am - 11:00 am	FSF1D1.2	Core French	Nkenlifack	245
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SPH3U1.2	Physics	Osler	220
9:30 am - 11:30 am	ENG4U1.2 / ENG4U2.2	English	Pacheco	145
9:30 am - 10:30 am	BAF3M1.1	Financial Accounting Fundamentals	Peressotti	238
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MBF3C1.1	Foundations for College Mathematics	Sahadevan	157
9:30 am - 11:30 am	AVI4M1.1	Visual Arts	Schiavone	249
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC1W1.3	Science	Sgouromitis	224
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC2D1.3	Science	Sharp	225
9:30 am - 11:30 am	PSK4U1.1	Introductory Kinesiology	Taivassalo	151

<u>Period 3 Exams on Thursday, January 23, 2025</u>				
Time	Course Code	Course Title	Teacher	Room
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SPH4U1.1	Physics	Bega	220
9:30 am - 11:00 am	ENL1W1.2	English	Choi	149
9:30 am - 11:30 am	ENG2D1.1	English	Deyman	147
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MHF4U1.3 / MHF4U2.3	Advanced Functions	Friedman	159
9:30 am - 11:00 am	HFC3M1.2	Food and Culture	Gerskup	103
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MTH1W1.2	Mathematics, Grade 9	Keegan	164
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MCR3U1.3 / MCR3U2.3	Functions	Krane	161
9:30 am - 11:30 am	FIF3UF.1	French Immersion	McWhinnie	162
9:30 am - 11:00 am	FSF1D1.1	Core French	Nkenlifack	155
9:30 am - 11:30 am	ENG4U1.1 / ENG4U2.1	English	Pacheco	145
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MPM2D1.2	Principles of Mathematics	Sahadevan	157
9:30 am - 11:00 am	PAE13-3	Alt Ed	Schmidt	120
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC2D1.2	Science	Sgouromitis	224
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SCH3U1.2	Chemistry	Sharp	231

Period 2 Exams on Friday, January 24, 2025

Time	Course Code	Course Title	Teacher	Room
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SBI3U1.1	Biology	Bega	225
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MTH1W1.1	Mathematics	Chehade	157
9:30 am - 11:00 am	ENL1W1.1	English	Choi	147
9:30 am - 11:00 am	PAE12-2	Alt Ed	Crognale	120
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MCR3U1.2 / MCR3U2.2	Functions	Derohanesian	164
9:30 am - 11:00 am	HFA4U1.1	Nutrition and Health	Gerskup	103
9:30 am - 11:30 am	CLU3M1.1	Understanding Canadian Law	Giovannoni	262
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SCH4U1.1	Chemistry	Kanani	231
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC2D1.1	Science	Keegan	220
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MHF4U1.2 / MHF4U2.2	Advanced Functions	Krane	161
9:30 am - 11:00 am	FIF1DF.1	French Immersion	Ly / Hastings	155
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC1W1.2	Science	Sgouromitis	224

Period 1 Exams on Monday, January 27, 2025

Time	Course Code	Course Title	Teacher	Room
9:30 am - 11:00 am	HFN1O1.1/HFN2O1.1	Food and Nutrition	Barrow	145
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SBI4U1.1 / SBI4U2.1	Biology	Bega	225
9:30 am - 11:30 am	NBE3U1.1	English	Berman	143
9:30 am - 11:00 am	MPM2D1.1	Principles of Mathematics	Chehade	157
9:30 am - 11:00 am	HFC3M1.1	Food and Culture	Crognale	103
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MCR3U1.1/MCR3U2.1	Functions	Derohanesian	164
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SNC1W1.1	Science	Kanani	227
9:30 am - 11:30 am	MHF4U1.1 / MHF4U2.1	Advanced Functions	Krane	161
9:30 am - 11:00 am	FSF1O1.1	Core French	Ly / Hastings	155
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SPH3U1.1	Physics	Osler	220
9:30 am - 11:00 am	PAE11-1	Alt Ed	Schmidt	120
9:30 am - 11:30 am	SCH3U1.1	Chemistry	Sharp	231

Exam Review Day - Thursday, January 30, 2025

Period:	Time:
1	8:25 am - 9:03 am
Break	9:03 am - 9:08 am
2	9:08 am - 9:45 am
Break	9:45 am - 9:50 am
3	9:50 am - 10:28 am
Break	10:28 am - 10:33 am
4	10:33 am - 11:10 am
Lunch	11:10 am - 11:50 am

Langstaff Secondary School

School Council Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2024

7:00 pm—8:30 pm— in the Library

Please join us on Monday to learn more about
***“Changeover” - the unique time between
 Semester I and Semester II***

Exam Schedule and What is needed to prepare?
 What happens during Semester Changeover?
 Course Selection for next year?
 Grad requirements that need to be considered?

Our Guest Speakers will be your admin team!
 Ms. Epstein, Ms Hamilton and Ms. Bordonali.

**We hope that you can join us for this very
 informative session. Good information for all
 parents/guardians.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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#BEARS4LIFE



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

2024-2025 Yearbooks are on sale now on School Cash online for \$40.00. Any questions or concerns can be directed to: 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.

Start Up Packages

Please return important forms that were given to students at the beginning of the school year. There is a green Permission Form regarding school board policies. A blue form which gives the school consent for student's pictures to be taken, have their picture in the yearbook and Social Media.

Study Strategies for Examination And Culminating Activities

Please find attached **A Student Success Workshop** to help students prepare for exams/culminating activities.

Midnight Garden Semi-Formal 2025

Langstaff Bears! Get ready for our annual Semi-Formal event happening on Thursday January 30th at 7pm at Avenue Banquet Hall. Come for the delicious buffet featuring pasta, chicken, salad, pizza, and sweet treats that'll make your taste buds dance! Stay for the epic vibes and dance the night away until 10pm!

Don't miss out on a night of food, fun, and fantastic memories with your friends!

Go to School Cash Online ... Tickets on sale NOW!

Students who paid the activity fee \$80

Students who did not pay the activity fee \$90.



We invite you to...

Midnight Garden Semi Formal 2025

When: January 30 @ 7pm

Ticket Sale: January 9, 10, 13
on School Cash Online

\$80 (if Student Activity Fee paid)
\$90 (if Student Activity Fee not paid)

School News

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Wellness Group

We are absolutely thrilled to share with you that Langstaff's Wellness group's proposal submission has been selected as one of our Grant Recipients for the 2024 CoLab High School Program!

Our panel of judges at OTIP have reviewed this year's highly competitive proposal submissions and selected Langstaff's proposal to receive grant funding. The total amount of funding selected from your project is \$1,000.

Project name: Headspace Heroes created by Avanoosh, Lara, and Noorah,

Teacher Advisor: Sharonne Starkman

Grant: \$1,000

School: Langstaff Secondary School

- Problem Space: School settings are often focused on academic achievement and do not provide young students with the necessary tools to cope with stress and challenges to mental health.
 - o This leads to children and adolescents struggling to navigate mental health and challenging emotions on their own.
 - o Solution: Headspace Heroes provides wellness workshops for elementary-age students to destigmatize mental health amongst youth and provide adequate tools to navigate their mental health.
 - o These workshops provide an opportunity to teach coping and self-regulation tools that will help elementary school students with emotional regulation and mental health in adolescence and adulthood.
 - o Target Audience: Elementary School students

Objectives: Target the root causes of mental health concerns in children, in hopes of developing key regulation skills to lower anxiety, depression, anger, and feelings of hopelessness.

This grant is being awarded to: Lara, Avanoosh, and Noorah

Completing the program and receiving grant funding is an incredible accomplishment, please wish these students a congratulations the next time you see them!!

School News

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Red Cross Club

The Red Cross food drive was a huge success. Our school collected a total of 431 food items. The winning home room was Ms. Derohanesian's class with 167 items. Thanks to everyone for your contributions.





COST: \$16 PER DOZEN
WHERE TO ORDER:
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
DELIVERY: FEB 5TH

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
FUNDING EQUIPMENT
FOR THE BADMINTON CLUB**

KRISPY KREME
DONUTS
FUNDRAISER

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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

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Alpha N-Z

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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.

19th Annual

STEP OUT
YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DANCE COMPETITION

OUR GOAL: To create a forum for students to get together, perform, compete, share and grow from and with each other.

Open to Step Teams & Dance Troupes from Grades 6 to 12

Levels of Competition: Intermediate and Senior Divisions

The competition encourages student choreography

Suggested music selections: Hip Hop, Pop, R&B, Soul, South Asian, Latin, Soca and Reggae styles

DATE: Friday May 23, 2025
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Venue: Langstaff Secondary School
Address: 106 Garden Ave, Richmond Hill, ON

Registration Deadline:
April 3, 2025
Payment Deadline: March 1, 2025 (to secure your spot)

For more registration information, please contact Charlene Miller (Beckett Farm P.S.)
charlene.miller@yrdsb.ca





*YRDSB Learning about Mental Health
Presentation Series (LAMPS) for
Parents and Caregivers on*



SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH



What is the presentation about?

Some topics include:

- Defining social media
- Understanding the risks and benefits of social media use
- Strategies to help youth manage their social media use



When: January 15, 2025, 6-7 PM

Location: Online

Translation available in Farsi-Persian, Mandarin (simple Chinese written), Cantonese (traditional Chinese written), Turkish, Ukrainian, Korean

[Click here to register](#)

[Or Scan the QR Code to Register](#)



YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025

Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a
Lifetime

Students. Educators. Community Artists
CREATING TOGETHER



Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7

- ✓ Campers (gr. 7-12)
- ✓ Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- ✓ Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

bit.ly/YRDSBac25info



Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025



Questions? Email:
arts.camp@yrdsb.ca



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