



# Langstaff Secondary School

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November 10, 2017

To the families of «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»,

Today we held our Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Administration Team would like to recognize and thank the MCI staff and students who worked to create this opportunity for our students. We would like to reinforce how proud we are of all of the students at LSS who demonstrated a high level of respect for the importance of Remembrance Day throughout each presentation.

Next week report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 17th. These marks indicate what your student is achieving at the midway point in the semester in each of their courses. Please take the time to sit down with them and discuss their marks. If they are not passing a course, now is the time to take action. We encourage you to make an action plan together with your student to work on between now and the end of January. Please continue to communicate with their teachers for support and advice with your planning.

KEY steps to success are:

1. Students need to ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BY 8:20 a.m. to get the day off to the right start.
2. ATTEND class ON TIME EVERYDAY.
3. COMPLETE your homework and assignments diligently. Review your work.
4. When completing your homework and assignments, MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS. Put your phone or device away, unless you are using specific features to complete your work.
5. If you need help, work with your teachers and your peers to get that help.

Our Student Success, Student Services and Guidance Departments are also available to support students in their academics and the development of learning skills and work habits.

As always, if you ever have questions or concerns, we are here to help and support as your partners in education.

*S. Borrell, C. Albanese, T. Paul*

# UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

## What's Happening:

November 13, 2017	Grad Photos – Big Gym Stage
November 14, 2017	Grad Photos – Big Gym Stage In-School Field Trip – Stage Combat Workshop Swim Meet at Thornlea S.S. York Region Public Health Vaccination Clinic
November 15, 2017	Grad Photos – Big Gym Stage
November 16, 2017	Grade 8 Open House
November 17, 2017	Mid-Term Reports Issued

## Looking Ahead:

November 20, 2017	Leadership Meeting MADD Assemblies
November 21, 2017	National Aboriginal Day (Yukon)
November 22, 2017	Canadian Math Contest
November 23, 2017	Romeo & Juliet Field Trip (John Bassett Theatre) Semi-Formal Career Fair & Langstaff S.S.
November 24, 2017	P.A. Day Global Bears Christmas Market Mid-Term marks due to OCAS

# SCHOOL NEWS

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Our next school council event is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017. The focus of the evening will be the launch of our **Equity in Education Speaker Series**. Please see the attached poster for more information.



EQUITY Speaker  
Series Flyer 2017-201

## **TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL NUMERACY COURSE:**

The after school numeracy course has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Please continue to encourage your student to seek extra help from their teachers if needed, and to reach out to our student success teacher, Ms. Kerrigan if needed.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On Friday, November 10, Grade 10 students at Langstaff had the honour of welcoming Captain Nick Arrigo of the Canadian Armed Forces to our school as a guest speaker. Captain Arrigo spoke of his own service in the military and of Canada's historical and current involvement at home and overseas. Students were able to ask questions and to speak to Captain Arrigo after the presentation.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Become a Host Family**

YRDSB operates a robust homestay program where hundreds of international visa students are placed each semester for their study duration. These students are interested in a full immersion experience where they can improve their English skills and experience Canadian culture first hand.

Our board is looking for families who wish to host an international student. Can you provide ...

- a caring, comfortable accommodation for a student
- an English speaking environment
- opportunities for the student to participate in family life and local activities
- integration of an international student into your family
- a private room, 3 meals per day plus snacks (it is recommended that Canada's Food Guide is followed to ensure that nutritious and well-balanced meals are provided)
- easy access to a public school in York Region on foot or by public transit

If interested, please contact the Homestay Coordinator at [homestay@yrdsb.ca](mailto:homestay@yrdsb.ca)

## Become a host family

### Why not host an international student?

Can you offer ...

- a caring and secure environment
- an English speaking home
- a private bedroom
- three meals (and snacks) daily
- a home within reasonable distance to a YRSDB school

Families are compensated \$900/month to cover the cost of hosting.

Homes with basement bedrooms and tenants will not be considered.

The homestay residence must be within York Region.

School year and summer placements are available.

Contact us:  
[homestay@yrdsb.ca](mailto:homestay@yrdsb.ca) | 905 884 2046 ext 239  
[www.yrdsb.ca/homestay](http://www.yrdsb.ca/homestay)



Please see the attached poster for a great opportunity for a student to be a member of the Minister's Student Advisory Council. This group of students share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education. Applications are due by January 10, 2018. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS cont..

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is releasing additional resources ahead of the January 1, 2018, launch of OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare.

On the ministry's website ([health.gov.on.ca/ohiplus\\_resources](http://health.gov.on.ca/ohiplus_resources)), you will find the following documents for downloading and printing:

- Factsheet for patients/families
- Postcards (available in 14 languages)
- Social media posts

Please distribute these materials in your schools so that all students, parents and caregivers can be aware of OHIP+ and be able to take full advantage of its benefits. Through this program, Ontarians aged 24 years and younger, who are OHIP insured, regardless of their family income, will be eligible for over 4,400 medications and drug products at no cost.

If you have any questions about OHIP+, please send an email to [OHIPplus@ontario.ca](mailto:OHIPplus@ontario.ca).

For more information, please visit: [Ontario.ca/OHIPplus](http://Ontario.ca/OHIPplus).

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Le ministère de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée publie des ressources supplémentaires en prévision du lancement de l'Assurance-santé Plus : Assurance-médicaments pour les enfants et les jeunes, le 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2018.

Vous trouverez sur le site Web du Ministère ([health.gov.on.ca/assurancesanteplus\\_ressources](http://health.gov.on.ca/assurancesanteplus_ressources)) les documents qui suivent, qui peuvent être téléchargés et imprimés :

- Feuille de renseignements pour les patients et les familles;
- Cartes postales (offertes dans 14 langues);
- Messages pour les médias sociaux.

Veillez distribuer ces documents dans vos écoles pour que tous les élèves, parents et fournisseurs de soins soient informés sur l'Assurance-santé Plus et puissent profiter pleinement de tous ses avantages. Grâce à ce programme, tous les Ontariens âgés de 24 ans et moins qui ont un numéro d'Assurance santé auront accès à plus de 4 400 médicaments gratuitement, quel que soit leur revenu familial.

Si vous avez des questions au sujet de l'Assurance-santé Plus, veuillez les transmettre à [OHIPplus@ontario.ca](mailto:OHIPplus@ontario.ca).

Pour obtenir plus de renseignements, rendez-vous au [Ontario.ca/assurancesanteplus](http://Ontario.ca/assurancesanteplus).

# ATTENDANCE REPORT

There is a positive relationship between regular attendance and success in school. Students at LSS are required to attend regularly, to be punctual, and to participate in all scheduled classes.

**VALID ABSENCES** include illness, bereavement or family emergency.

**AUTHORIZED ABSENCES** include dentist/doctor appointments, driver's test, and court appearances.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES** refer to field trips and school sanctioned events. Students are still considered to be at school.

**EXTENDED ABSENCES** of four days or more require the completion of a "Special Leave" form at least one week in advance of the leave. This form may be obtained from the Main Office. A parent/guardian signature is required. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on all work missed.

**DO NOT plan absences or family vacations during culminating and exam periods as the evaluations CANNOT be rescheduled.**

Type of Absence	Parent/Guardian Responsibility
Absent for a Full Day	Phone the school with a valid reason the same day or send a note upon return
Absent for One or More Classes	Phone with valid reason indicating the time of absence or send a note with the student
Leaving Before the End of the Day	Student signs out in attendance office with a note from the parent/guardian
In the Event of an Emergency	Contact the office as soon as possible.

*For safety reasons, students who have signed out must leave the building as they will not be directly supervised.*

**Want more information about student attendance?**

Students under 18 and/or their parents can pick up a detailed attendance report from the main office.

The **weekly** attendance summary below includes all of the semester one absences and lates from Monday, November 6 through Friday, November 10, 2017.

Period	Course	Teacher	Absences	Lates
«Period_A»	«Course_A»	«Teacher_Last_A»	«Absence_A»	«Lates_A»
«Period_B»	«Course_B»	«Teacher_Last_B»	«Absence_B»	«Lates_B»
«Period_C»	«Course_C»	«Teacher_Last_C»	«Absence_C»	«Lates_C»
«Period_D»	«Course_D»	«Teacher_Last_D»	«Absence_D»	«Lates_D»
«Period_E»	«Course_E»	«Teacher_Last_E»	«Absence_E»	«Lates_E»
<b>Total Absences and Lates</b>			<b>«Total_Abs»</b>	<b>«Total_Lates»</b>

«First\_Name» «Last\_Name» has completed «Community\_Servi» community service hours. Forty hours of community service are required to graduate. If a student recently submitted hours, it may not be reflected in this communication.

# LSS SCHOOL LINKS

## LSS School Website

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/langstaff.ss/Pages/default.aspx>

## York Region District School Board

<http://www.yrdsb.ca>

## LSS STAFF DIRECTORY 2017-2018

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