



Langstaff Secondary School

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December 8, 2017

To the families of «First_Name» «Last_Name»,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Drama Crew for a fantastic run of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which ran this week, much to the delight of our elementary students, Langstaff students, parents, guardians and community members. From the set to the costumes and acting, the play was a whimsical and delightful rendition of Shakespeare's classic. Bravo to all students involved, and big thanks for Ms. Goldman-Lechner and Ms. Campbell for executing this production.

As always, if you would like to connect with our administration team, please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

S. Borrell, C. Albanese, T. Paul

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things



happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

What's Happening:

December 11, 2017	Leadership Course Event - ECO caf
December 12, 2017	Drama Plays
December 13, 2017	Swim Meet
December 14, 2017	Music Concert Field Trip - Positive Space Winter Party Leadership Class Event - Dodge Ball Tournament
December 15, 2017	Leadership Class Event - Dodge Ball Tournament

Looking Ahead:

December 18, 2017	Leadership Meeting
December 19, 2017	
December 20, 2017	
December 21, 2017	
December 22, 2017	Holiday Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

JUST A NOTE!

Families, if you are coming to visit Langstaff during the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, please sign into the office first before walking through the building.

Food for Fines is back at the Langstaff Learning Commons! Until December 15 bring non-perishable goods such as cans and toiletry items such as diapers to our school library. You don't need to have a fine to donate! See attached flyer for some items in need.



Food for Fines
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Central Cares

November 22 – December 15, 2017



The rate of poverty amongst children/youth across the York Region is about 15% and continues to rise!



Let us care by donating toys for all ages, and used technology (computers, laptops, tablets etc.)

The rapidly growing number of **newcomer and refugee communities** that are settling in central face extreme difficulties to meet their basic needs.



Let us warm their hearts in this cold season by gifts of clothing (for all ages upto 20), winter accessories and boots

Every day more families face an increased **risk of homelessness in York Region**, in our own backyards!



Central can help by donating Gift Cards of all kinds to purchase medication, food, clothing and personal Hygiene products

For information and collection, please contact
Yvonne Kelly at yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca or 905.884.4477 | Ext. 345



Expressions

of Youth

**Poetry
Short story
Essay
Fanfiction**

Intermediate Grades 9-10
Senior Grades 11-12

All original work to be submitted
as a hard copy and electronically
in the Learning Commons
(Word document using
Arial 12 size font)

**Finalists will be
published in the
20th anniversary
volume**

View previous
copies in the
Learning Commons

DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

By Adam Pellew

Resource Days

January - June 2018

York Support Services Network (YSSN) provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region.

A 60-90 minute face-to-face meeting with a case manager can assist you with:

- Application forms for ODSP, SSAH, Mobility transit
- Navigating and understanding the developmental services system
- Locating and accessing appropriate resources
- Information and resources for transition to adult services

Offered at various locations, dates and times for your convenience.

Markham: 50 McIntosh Dr. Suite 239	
Tue January 30 th , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed February 14 th , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues March 20 th , 2018	11am - 7pm
Tues April 24 th , 2018	9am - 5pm
Wed May 23 rd , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed June 20 th , 2018	9am - 5pm
Aurora: 240 Edward St. Unit 3	
Thurs February 8 th , 2018	11am - 7pm
Thurs March 15 th , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues April 10 th , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed May 9 th , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues June 5 th , 2018	11am - 7pm
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St. 3rd floor, Suite 301	
Tue January 16 th , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs March 8 th , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs April 19 th , 2018	9am - 4pm
Tues May 15 th , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs June 14 th , 2018	9am - 4pm

Meetings are available by appointment only.

To arrange an appointment or for more information, please contact:
 905-898-6455 x 2574
 1-866-257-9776 x 2574

A Meaningful Life: Relationships, Community, Wellbeing.

The York Region District School Board & Early Intervention Services



Invites...

Parents of children with special needs to attend an Information Meeting

- regarding the transition to school for students
- registering for kindergarten for September 2018

Date: January 23, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Snow Date: January 24, 2018)
Location: Centre for Leadership and Learning
Address: 300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8E2
Phone: 905-727-3141

For further information, please contact:

Tracy Webster
Early Intervention Services
1 (877) 464 9675 ext. 72480

Kate Diakiw
York Region District School Board
(905) 727-0022 (416) 969-7170, ext. 3219

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION begins JANUARY 19th, 2018
REMEMBER to REGISTER at YOUR CHILD'S HOME SCHOOL

Documentation Required:

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport); and
- Proof of residency



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

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 YRDSB 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 | 905 884 2046 ext 239
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/ohipplus_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.

For more information, please visit: Ontario.ca/OHIPplus.

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^{er} janvier 2018.

Vous trouverez sur le site Web du Ministère (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.

Pour obtenir plus de renseignements, rendez-vous au 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 27 through Friday, December 1, 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»
Total Absences and Lates			«Total_Abs»	«Total_Lates»

«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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