



Langstaff Secondary School

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Administration Team:

Principal
Ms. S. Borrell

Vice-Principal
Ms. C. Albanese, Vice-Principal
(surname A to K)

Vice-Principal
Ms. T. Paul, Vice-Principal
(surname L to Z)

January 12, 2018

To the families of «First_Name» «Last_Name»,

Families, please be reminded that we have 2 lanes in our school parking lot for drop-off and pick up. The left lane is the through lane, and cars should not be stopping in this lane. The right lane is meant for drop-offs. Ensure to use the lanes as they are meant to be used to help with the flow of traffic and safety of our students. Additionally, if you have children who drive to school, please remind them of the rules of safety when driving, and that they should exercise extreme caution as they are navigating our parking lot. Now that winter is upon us, there is less visibility.

In this e-bulletin you will also find the exam schedule for January 2018. Please ensure that your child takes note of the dates, times, and locations of their exams.

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:

January 8, 2018	Staff Meeting
January 9, 2018	
January 10, 2018	Ski/Snowboard Team Event
January 11, 2018	
January 12, 2018	Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Vaughan SS

Looking Ahead:

January 15, 2018	Langstaff Gives Back – Voluntary Blood Drive @ Hillcrest Mall (Must be at least 17 to donate) 2:30pm
January 16, 2018	
January 17, 2018	EQAO Math Grade 9
January 18, 2018	EQAO Math Grade 9
January 19, 2018	

LANGSTAFF S.S. HIGHLIGHTS

JUST A FEW NOTES!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Moderns Department is planning an educational and cultural trip to Europe in the spring of 2019. We are very happy to offer this experience to our students but would like to know which option most interests your child. Please fill out the following survey to assist in the planning process. <https://goo.gl/forms/nOyabOIRNk9Fn9Js1>

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.

The next School Council will be on Jan 22 and we have invited Seneca College to speak at the meeting.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE
Community Conversations

**Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low
income and class-based discrimination?**

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

- January 15** **Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**
- January 22** **Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**
- January 29** **Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**
- February 5** **Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**
- February 12** **Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
905-895-3126
k_carbis@hotmail.com



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - *Board*
 - *School*
 - *Community Engagement*
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

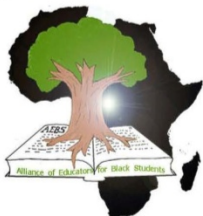
Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

AEBS is united in our purpose to promote the achievement and well-being of Black students.



2017/2018

Year at a Glance

(*Dates may be subject to change)

AEBS 5th Annual Fundraiser
January 20, 2018



African Heritage Fair
February 1, 2018

Beyond The Month
- **Black History Workshop**
March 22, 2018

Annual AEBS Awards
May 2018

AEBS Executive

Rose Gibbs
Camille Logan (Superintendent)
Shayna Macdonald (Chair)
Anita Mcfarlane
Vivet Mendoza
Tisha Nelson
Darcie Sutherland (Chair)
Charlotte Reid
Elaine Ricketts
Dr. Kim Tavares (Chair)
Pierrette Walker
Wendy Wright



@AEBSyrdsb

AEBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WHEN

January 20, 2018
6:00pm – 1:00am
Dinner at 7:30pm

WHERE

Crystal Fountain Event Venue
60 McDowell Gate, Markham, ON L6G 1B5



FEATURING · Entertainment · Live Auction · Music ·
Carnival Theme · Dancing · Semi-Formal Attire

JOIN US!

Join the Alliance of Educators for Black Students at the 5th Annual Fundraising Gala

ADVANCE TICKETS

\$85 if purchased by December 22, 2017

AFTER THIS DATE

\$90 Final date to purchase tickets – January 10, 2018

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To purchase tickets, please contact Elaine Ricketts – elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca

For additional information, please contact Shayna MacDonald – shayna.macdonald@yrdsb.ca



BENEFITING

All monies raised will support programs for African-Canadian & Caribbean students and their families in the YRDSB

Spotlight on Kwanzaa



Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) of Kwanzaa

Umoja (Unity): Striving for and maintaining unity in the family and the community.
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): Defining oneself and speaking for oneself
Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): Building and maintaining a community and making our brothers' and sisters' problems our own and solving them together
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): Building and maintaining our businesses
Nia (Purpose): To build and develop our collective communities together
Kuumba (Creativity): To do whatever we can to leave our communities more beautiful than when we inherited them
Imani (Faith): To believe with our hearts in our people, our families and the righteousness of our struggle

Source: <http://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/kwanzaa/>

THE MARKHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MARKHAM PRESENTS:

THE 21ST ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HIDDEN INNOVATORS

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2018

TIME: 11 AM -1:30 PM

LOCATION:

Flato Markham Theatre,
171 Town Centre
Boulevard, Markham
Ontario L3R 8G5



FEATURING:

Dance performances
Musical performances
Refreshments (1-1:30 pm)

SPECIAL FEATURE:

STEM Demonstrations
from students across York
Region

MACCA1987.COM

@MACCAMARKHAM



Markham African Caribbean Canadian Assoc.
SUCCESS PROGRAM



This exciting new program provides students in grade 4-12 with essential leadership training. We also offer homework assistance and tutoring services.

Saturdays from 10am-1pm

October— May

Milliken Mills H.S.

7522 Kennedy rd. Markham

Cost: \$75 per semester.

Spaces limited. Register today!

For more information contact:
maca1987@rogers.com or call (905) 946-9998.

**Public Engagement on
Education Assessment in
Ontario | 1/6**

<https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=dc2fe0bd-01eb-4f69-bfca-f347367a0765&lang=EN>



The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities presents...

Celebrating the Success of our Black Families in York Region



Saturday, February 17, 2018

**Thornlea Secondary School
8075 Bayview Ave. Thornhill, ON
L3T 4N4**

Time: 11:00am - 2:30pm

**11:00-11:30am
Registration**

**11:00-11:30am; 1:30-2:30pm
Networking**

Free Admission

**Uplifting our Black Families
Bridging the Past with the Present
Navigating the Present into the Future**

**Celebrating our "Firsts":
Members of our Black
community in York Region who
have broken glass ceilings.**

Bring the entire family!

Activities include:

- Community Speakers
- Black Marketplace

Entertainment:

- Drumming
- Youth Entertainment



Refreshments provided

Contact: Ann Marie (647)-280-9879 | info@yorkregionaacc.ca
Register at: <http://bit.ly/YRAACCEvent>



WOODBIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL (HWY#7 & KIPLING)
60 BURWICK AVENUE, WOODBRIDGE, ON



SEPTEMBER - MAY : 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Youth Circle (JK - Grade 8):

- Math Literacy
- Block History
- Social Skills
- Recreational Activities
- Healthy Snacks

Parent Forum:

- Parent Directed Armchair Discussions
- Guest Speakers
- Keep Fit Fridays
- Healthy Snacks

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FRIDAY FOCUS, OR TO MAKE A DONATION TO BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS, CONTACT CHELSEY DABUZ / 416.566.7731 / INFO@BFON.CA / WWW.BFON.CA



#BFON2017 | BFON - BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS

Link to African Heritage Class Materials, Programs, Assemblies, Presentations



Picture: Courtesy of Doahl Dance Company

https://docs.google.com/a/gapps.yrdsb.ca/document/d/19eSEGV0C8KoP5s_53hQkFbZrXI4j9jcJA0kODFxBqko/edit?usp=sharing

Cost for the various programs may vary.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

The Office of Health Professions Student Affairs
 ohpsa.outreach@utoronto.ca or visit us online at uoft.me/smp




SUMMER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The deadline for the SMP is March 23, 2018 — but, since space is limited, apply early. If students complete and submit the application by January 12, 2018 they will be invited for an interview in late January. Successful early applicants will receive early admission for the SMP.


S'Cool LAB

Summer CAMP


2018




CERN, Geneva
the world's largest particle physics laboratory





Free of charge
accommodation, meals & travel covered by CERN



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24.7. - 4.8.18
apply until 05.02.2018
cern.ch/s-cool-lab





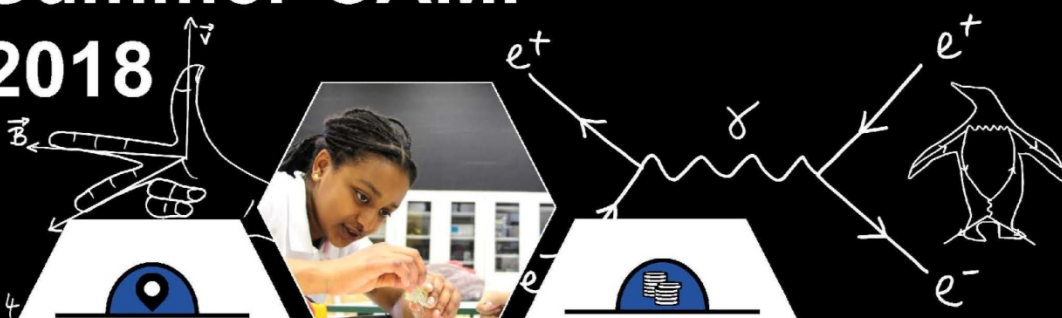
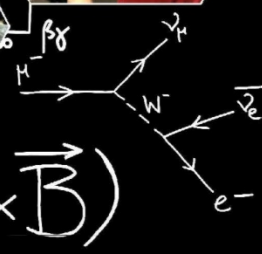


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$\alpha_{em} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c}$

$-\frac{dE}{dx} = Kz^2 \frac{1}{A\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\beta^2} - \beta^2 \right) - \frac{f(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$

$F = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES FOR SHSM STUDENTS

Get money to help pay for school! Check out school website's for full details and recent deadlines.

Talk to your teacher or guidance counsellor about finding the right financial options for you, whatever pathway you're in!



BROCK UNIVERSITY

\$500 - No deadline, automatically applied.

Awarded to graduates entering Brock with an admission average of 80% or higher.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH-HUMBER

\$500 - No deadline, automatically applied.

Student must be in a specific SHSM sector, have 12 M/U courses, and an average of 80%.

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

\$500 - Application Deadline: April 15, 2018

Student must be part of a specific SHSM sector and demonstrate financial need.



NIAGARA COLLEGE

\$1000 - No deadline, automatically applied.

Graduates must have at least an 80% average in courses used for admission into a related Niagara College program.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

\$2000 - Application Deadline: March 1, 2018

Must enrol in a Arts, Commerce or Science program which relates to their SHSM. Must have 75% average. Award renewed for 2.5 GPA in full-time studies.



TRENT UNIVERSITY

\$2000 - 2018 Deadline TBD.

Students answer an essay question (1000 words or less): "How did your Specialist High Skills Major help prepare you for Trent University?"



ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

\$1000 - No deadline, automatically applied.

Awarded to three SHSM applicants with highest average. Must have min. 75%.

KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE @ WESTERN UNIVERSITY

\$250 - No deadline, automatically applied.

Completed SHSM in: Arts and Culture; Business; Health and Wellness; Justice and Community Safety and Non-Profit/Social Justice.

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE @ WESTERN UNIVERSITY

\$2000 - No deadline, note SHSM on application.

Offered to one student with an 80% final average from each of the following SHSM programs: Arts & Culture, Business and Non-Profit.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE @ WESTERN UNIVERSITY

\$500 - Application Deadline: July 16, 2018

Successful completion of a SHSM in a specific sector and a minimum 78% admission average



Presented by Langstaff Secondary School

EQUITY IN EDUCATION Speaker Series

**Open
invitation to
YRDSB
parents
and staff**

Anti-bias Work in Schools

November 20, 2017 Speaker: Carolyn Albanese

Supporting African-Caribbean-Canadian Youth

January 16, 2018 Speaker: YRDSB Inclusive Schools

Community Support for our LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans) Youth

March 6, 2018 Speaker: My House York Region

Supporting our Muslim Youth

April 18, 2018 Speaker: YRDSB Inclusive Schools

Building A Better Bystander

June 7, 2018 Speaker: Langstaff Leadership Class



Langstaff Secondary School
106 Garden Avenue, Richmond Hill
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Child-minding available



Reserve your seat and RSVP to:

[Equity in Education Speaker Series RSVP](#)



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



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, January 8 through Friday, January 12, 2018.

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>