Langstaff S.S.



Administration Team:

Principal Ms. S. Borrell Vice-Principal Ms. C. Albanese (surname A to K) Vice-Principal Ms. T. Paul (surname L to Z)

January 25, 2018

To the families of «First_Name» «Last_Name»,

As the semester is winding down, and our students are completing exams, it is also a good time to refresh once they have finished in order to be ready for semester 2. We will be sending out student timetables on Friday, February 2nd via e-mail. Please note that February 2nd is also a PA day. A reminder that exam feedback day is Thursday, February 1st, the details are below.

EXAM FEEDBACK DAY: Thursday, February 1st, 2018

Period 1	(exam feedback)	8:25-8:55
Period 2	(exam feedback)	9:00-9:30
Period 3	(exam feedback)	9:35-10:05
Period 4	(exam feedback)	10:10-10:40

Please note that the next e-bulletin will arrive in your mailboxes on February 2nd, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

S. Borrell, C. Albanese, T. Paul

LANGSTAFF S.S. SCHOOL LINKS

Co-op Department: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/langstaff.ss/DeptPrograms/coop/Pages/default.aspx

Langstaff S.S. School Website : <u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/langstaff.ss/Pages/default.aspx</u>

York Region District School Board: http://www.yrdsb.ca

YRDSB Guide to the 2017-2018 School Year:

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Parents/Documents/GuideToTheSchoolYearWeb.pdf

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 22 through Thursday, January 24, 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»
Tot	al Absences a	ind 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board <u>Multi-Year Plan</u>. In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting <u>Board policies</u> and the <u>annual budget</u>, and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the <u>role of trustees</u> with the next <u>municipal</u> <u>election</u> taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has <u>12 trustees</u>, elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board,



Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

January 22, 2018	Head's Meeting
January 23, 2018	International Students A Day in the Life of a LSS Student
January 24, 2018	International Students Welcome @ Langstaff S.S.
January 25, 2018	EXAMS
January 26, 2018	EXAMS

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 29, 2018	EXAMS
January 30, 2018	EXAMS
January 31, 2018	Inclement weather Exam Make-Up Day
February 1, 2018	
February 2, 2018	P.A. DAY

LANGSTAFF S.S. HIGHLIGHTS

LANGSTAFF Exam Schedule for January 2018

The January Exam schedule was distributed just before the Winter Break to students in their homeroom classes. Please review the schedule and student guidelines (found on the back) with your child(ren) so that they understand the expectations during the formal exam period. Attached is the PDF for the schedule. Exam schedule Sem 1 2018.html



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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TURNING 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the <u>Consent for Information Sharing</u> form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

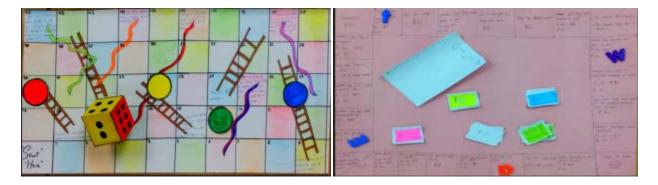
The Langstaff math department ran 19 classes this semester. The student volunteers did great work in the extra help room to support students. 48 students took the challenge to write the Canadian Open and the Canadian Intermediate / Senior Math contests. Top scorers were Elmer, Amy L., and Tony. Congratulations! We are looking forward to second semester. Registration is open for the next set of math contests and will close February 8. Contact Mrs. Shukster for more information.

FROM THE ESL DEPARTMENT

THE END OF SEMESTER 1



The ESL Department has had a busy a semester. Students have done a variety of reading and writing tasks and have also had a number of opportunities to practice their speaking skills. We have spent the month of January finishing the last of the term work, which gave students a chance to learn about and teach their classmates about some aspect of Canadian culture. ESLEO1 students presented their culminating novels. Students in ESLAO1 through ESLDO1 completed oral exams and during the final week before the exam schedule, students completed their reading and writing exams, culminating essays. Some of the highlights of the semester are the poetry café that took place in October for all the ESL levels and learning about financial literacy, while having fun playing financial literacy games created by the ESLAO1 students.



2018 Winter Carnival (Feb 2-4) Photo Contest



and the

Richmond Hill Winter Carnival

Committee present the annual Winter Carnival Photo Contest

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to submit digital photographs taken at the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival

You must <u>register</u> prior to submitting photos to this contest

(The registration process requires a human (the contest administrator) to activate your registration request, so please be patient while the request goes to him and he activates you. You will receive an email confirming when your account is activated and you can then submit your photos.

Once you are logged in, go to Entry Form to submit photos.

Contest Deadline is midnight, Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Winners will be notified and invited to attend a meeting of the

Richmond Hill Camera Club to receive their prizes



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 LOE 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 <u>k_carbis@hotmail.com</u>



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 955 -(*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

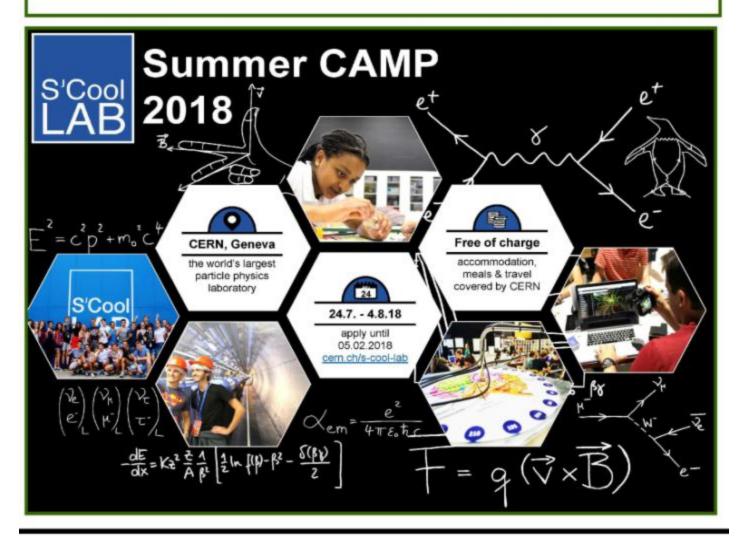
Please register online by Friday January 12, 2018.

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





The 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.



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 Brack 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 ar Science program which relates to their SHSM. Must have 75% average. Award renewed for 2.5 OPA in full-time studies.

TRENT UNIVERSITY

\$2000 - 2018 Deadline TBD.

Students answer an essay question (1000 words or less): "How did your Specialist High Skille 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 avaerge 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 overage





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 Wed February 14 th , 2018 Tues March 20 th , 2018 Tues April 24 th , 2018 Wed May 23 rd , 2018 Wed June 20 th , 2018	llam - 7pm 9am - 5pm	
 Aurora: 240 Edward		

Thurs February 8th, 2018	llam - 7pm
Thurs March 15th, 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues April 10th, 2018	llam - 7pm
Wed May 9th, 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues June 5th, 2018	llam - 7pm

Vaughan: 9401 Jane St. 3rd floor, Suite 301

 Tue January 16th, 2018
 9am - 4pm

 Thurs March 8th, 2018
 9am - 4pm

 Thurs April 19th, 2018
 9am - 4pm

 Tues May 15th, 2018
 9am - 4pm

 Thurs June 14th, 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.

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 wellbalanced 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) dally
- · 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.

homestay@yrdsb.ca | 905 884 2046 ext 239 www.yrdsb.ca/homestay

School year and summer placements are availab