

Langstaff S.S.



Administration Team:

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Ms. S. Borrell

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Vice-Principal
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March 2, 2018

To the families of «**First_Name**» «**Last_Name**»,

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and restful March Break. Please remain focused and continue working to your potential as we head into mid-terms.

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

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/langstaff.ss/info/Pages/Our-Staff.aspx>

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 Friday, March 9 through Thursday, March 22, 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.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

March 26, 2018	
March 27, 2018	Field Trip – Toronto Convention Centre    Field Trip – Richmond Hill
March 28, 2018	Field Trip – Toronto Convention Centre   
March 29, 2018	
March 30, 2018	

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 2, 2018	
April 3, 2018	Student Council Meeting Staff Meeting 
April 4, 2018	
April 5, 2018	
April 6, 2018	 Orthodox Easter

LANGSTAFF S.S. HIGHLIGHTS

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 [Consent for Information Sharing](#) 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.

PREPARING FOR THE EQAO

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on **April 10th 2018**. Additional information about the actual day will be sent to you at a later date. As part of our effort to ensure that your child is prepared and confident for the OSSLT, we have prepared this practice booklet which will be used over the month of March, in your child's regular classes. We hope to be able to familiarize students with strategies to be successful for the test, as well as provide them with some experience with the types of questions they will encounter on the test.

The schedule below outlines how we will be using the materials found in this booklet to prepare. Your child should bring this booklet with him/her to the classes indicated below. During these sessions, students will complete new activities and take up the information.

Date	Period	Content
March 21, 2018	2	OSSLT Assembly Introduction & Booklet Distribution (Whole Group)
March 22, 2018	3	Lesson 1-Reading Graphic Texts
March 23, 2018	4	Lesson 2-Reading Informational Texts (News Report)
March 26, 2018	1	Lesson 3-Reading Literary Texts
March 27, 2018	2	Lesson 4-Reading Information Texts (Real-life Narrative)
March 28, 2018	3	Lesson 5-Reading Information Texts (Information Paragraph)
March 29, 2018	4	Lesson 6-Writing Multiple Choice Questions (Grammar & Punctuation)
April 3, 2018	1	Lesson 7-Long Writing Tasks (Writing News Reports)
April 4, 2018	2	Lesson 8-Short Writing Tasks (Paragraph Writing)
April 5, 2018	3	Lesson 9- Long Writing Tasks (A series of Paragraphs)
Prior to the OSSLT		Students should the APPENDIX, STRUCTURE OF THE DAY-OSSLT TIMETABLE, WRITING TIPS

The OSSLT will be written on **April 10th 2018**. The school will adopt a modified timetable to facilitate students writing the test. Students writing the test are expected for our normal start time of 8:25 a.m. Additional information, including the structure of the day, is included at the end of this booklet.

Should you require any additional information, please contact me at the school at (905) 889-6266 EXT # 420
Best of luck to your child!

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

University of Toronto offers a Youth Summer Program which provides access to the University's distinguished academic and research professional who lead hands on academic programming. In partnership with the Faculty of Law and Faculty of medicine, the Youth Summer Program offers high school students a glimpse into the life of studying law or medicine. This program takes place in July and August for 6 weeks. For more information see the leadership board in guidance or go to www.ysp.utoronto.ca

York Region District school board are looking for 25 grade 10 and 11 students who would be interested in assisting ESL teachers in a high school setting in Taiwan this summer for a month. Upon completion of this program students will receive 100 hours of community service. For application information please see Ms. Starkman in guidance as soon as possible. Application deadline is March 31st 2018.

Are you interested in doing co-op this spring/summer? There are 3 different types of co-op opportunities you can choose from. There is a one or 2 credit co-op, as well as a Mackenzie Health 2 credit co-op. Applications are due on March 23rd for the 2 credit option and June 1st for the 1 credit option. For more information and how to apply go to: bit.ly/SummerCoop2018.

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill is delighted to bring to your attention another exciting and useful program for students especially those with inclination to business and peoples' and community work. Students in Grades 10 to 12 are welcome to apply to be considered for the **Camp Enterprise 2018** - a three and half day Camp in Bolton YMCA. Interested students are advised to visit the website www.campenterprise.ca.Enterprise. This year's camp is scheduled for May 3rd-6th, 2018.

FROM THE MODERNS DEPARTMENT

As it has become a tradition at Langstaff, some students from the French and Moderns Department had been preparing for so long for the annual French Language oral contest known as "Concours d'art oratoire" that is taking place on Thursday, March 22nd, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Tommy Douglas Secondary school. This oral spoken contest gives the opportunity to our students, both from the French Immersion program and the Core French Program, to speak in front of an audience about a topic that they like without notes, to affirm their capabilities of fluency in the language and educate on an interesting aspect of life or culture at the same time, tout en français. This truly important contest is a very good chance for the students who love the language and who would like to carry it outside the classroom, in a very formal context, to meet with other students from across the board and to measure their skills to others, so as to have a good sense of their level and make new friends through French Language.

Langstaff students have the reputation to perform very well at this contest, and we sincerely hope that they will rank themselves among the very best of the York Region District School Board. We have students competing in the two categories offered for all Grade Levels, which are: Prepared Speech and Impromptu Speech. The Prepared Speech, which is the traditional one, allows students to select and prepare in advance their speech that they are going to deliver on the day of the contest, whereas the Impromptu Speech gives the opportunity to the contestants to prepare on the spot, about a topic that they will be given by the judges a few minute before their performance. In both cases, the contestants have to go in depth in their topic and show that they can wrap their heads around it and come up with an impressive fluent speech, just like native speakers.

We wish all our contestants good luck in this year's event.
Bonne chance!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6 - 8 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

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



SMP HEALTH SCIENCES

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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apply until
05.02.2018

cern.ch/s-cool-lab



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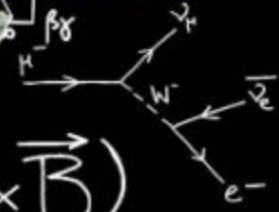


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SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES FOR SHSM STUDENTS

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.

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

