

# 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)

June 6, 2018

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

The school community is reminded that the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is scheduled to take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It is an exam-style day where teachers will be supporting the test. New to the test this year is that all students in Ontario have access to extra time to complete the test. Students who are writing the Literacy test are asked to be at Langstaff for 8:25 a.m.; Booklet 1 begins at 8:45 a.m. Further details can be found in this newsletter and questions can be directed to Ms. McLaughlin, our Literacy Lead, or Ms. Albanese, Vice Principal.

For those celebrating Passover or Easter, warmest wishes to you and yours as you celebrate this weekend.

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 23 through Thursday, March 28, 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»
<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.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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

### LOOKING AHEAD:

April 9, 2018	
April 10, 2018 	
April 11, 2018   <b>UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO</b>	
April 12, 2018	
April 13, 2018  Field Trip – SHSM Southlake Hospital Tour – Reach Ahead	

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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](http://www.campenterprise.ca.Enterprise) . This year's camp is scheduled for May 3rd-6th, 2018.

Guidance will be hosting an O.S.A.P (Ontario Student Assistance Plan) presentation after school on Thursday April 12th in room 122. All are welcome to attend.

## FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Spring has sprung and although the temperatures outside don't feel "spring-like" yet, the halls of Langstaff definitely do. Our **Grade 12 Art students (AVI4M1)** have all created **Public Space paintings** that explore a variety of themes such as environmental issues, mental health, well-being, pressures of school, and fear of their unknown paths and futures. All topics that are very relevant and that resonate with many of our students. These themes and many more are also reflected in the newest school **banners** that consist of inspirational quotes, also created by our **Grade 12 Design students. (AWS4M1)** All of these artworks have now been added to our **"permanent" Art Collection**, which add warmth and beauty to our school hallways.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Callista Pellegrino**, whose Grad Cover Design has been chosen to be published. Her design will appear on the program cover on the evening of Commencement at the end of June. A huge congratulations also goes out to **Helen Kim**, whose book cover design was chosen to be published for our Expressions of Youth student writing contest. This book, which will soon be available, is truly a reflection of all the talent amongst our students, from cover to cover.

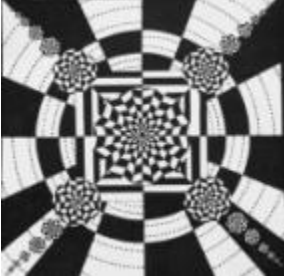
And finally, our **Art & Mural Club students** are currently working on transforming our main foyer. The Grade 11 and 12 Art students from first semester completed a series of black canvas paintings, which explore and celebrate the diversity in our school. These paintings are already on display and the students in the Art & Mural club are currently working on the background that groups and showcases all of these artworks together. It is a work in progress, but will be completed before May. In the meantime, they are also collaborating with Ms. Steven's Fashion students to complete a mural that reflects Fashion through the eras and explores a variety of different cultures.

Caterina Schiavone  
Head of Visual Arts

## FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT cont.

### Grade 10 Visual Art AVI 201

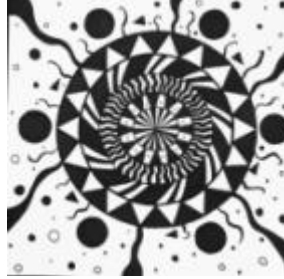
Grade 10 Art students are exploring the power of the elements and principles of design first hand as they manipulate these concepts to produce Op Art designs. These impactful compositions interact with the viewer producing strong ocular sensations which appear to pulsate, move and vibrate!



Chloe Boehlau



Grace Tian



Jessica Luong



Malak Elhaloty

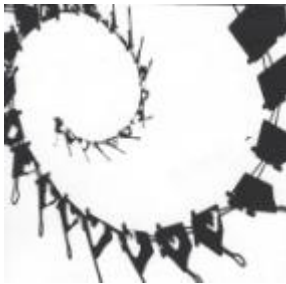
### Grade 11 Introductory Photography AWQ 3M1

Grade 11 Photography students are applying historical image making techniques in the in the traditional darkroom to time honored compositional strategies which turn everyday objects into extraordinary abstract works of art.



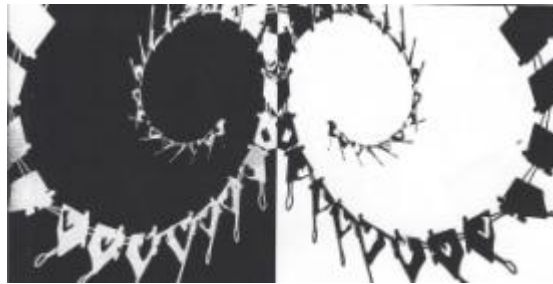
**Photogram Print**

Made using bulldog  
grip clips



**Historic Calotype Print**

A positive print made  
from the photogram  
negative



**Finished Abstract Print**

Symmetry and radial balance  
are used to create a strong  
centrally located focal point



## FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT cont.





# Relay For Life at Langstaff Secondary School

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

9am -9 pm

[www.relayforlife.ca/LangstaffSS](http://www.relayforlife.ca/LangstaffSS)

**Cancer changes everything. So can you.**

**Thank you to those who participated in our Parent's Night raffle and to Starbucks and Sotto Sotto for their generous donations.**

Relay Update: School Cash Online permission form has incorrect date of Relay for Life. The event will take place **May 31st, 2018 from 9am to 9pm. Please give permission for your child/ward to participate.**

We have currently raised well over \$6000,00 for Relay. Way to go Bears. Thank you!

Langstaff is joining the fight against cancer by hosting a Relay for Life event in support of the Canadian Cancer Society - but we need your help! **So far, participants have raised \$3,524.00. Congratulations to Jada Chang in grade 10 who leads the way in fundraising thus far.**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, we will be relaying at our school from 9am – 9pm to save lives. Relay For Life is important to us because we want to fund Canada's most promising cancer research and vital support services for patients and their families right in our community.

## **Why get involved?**

This year alone, 202,400 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer and 78,000 will die from it. This makes cancer the leading cause of death in Canada.

The Canadian Cancer Society is the largest national charitable funder of cancer research. It is also the only cancer charity in Canada that fights all types of cancer, while also working to prevent cancer and support patients living with cancer.

## **How can you help?**

- \_\_\_ **register your child/ward: registration is \$20.00**
- \_\_\_ **donate to your child and encourage family and friends to donate as well**
- \_\_\_ **sponsor the event by contributing donations, food or prizes. Your donation will go a long way to help us to achieve our fundraising goals. With your help, we can work together to create a cancer-free future. At our past 2 relays, generosity such as yours helped us to raise collectively \$142,000.**
- \_\_\_ **come and join us on the field on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am-9pm and be so proud of your child/ward that is joining the fight against Cancer and becoming a philanthropist.**
- \_\_\_ **join us a cancer survivor or a person living with cancer where we can honour you the day of our event.**

**We invite you to connect with the community, show your spirit and support this important cause.**

If you have any questions, or would like to join us in the fight, please contact:

Luke Buckberrough

Karen Burley

[Karen.burley@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Karen.burley@yrdsb.ca)

905-889-6266

Sharonne Starkman

[sharonne.starkman@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sharonne.starkman@yrdsb.ca)

905-889-6266



## 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

## OUR COACHES

Our tennis coaches are certified by Tennis Canada and the Ontario Tennis Association and are members of the Professional Tennis Association.

Our professional coaching staff are dedicated to providing you with the foundational skills needed to quickly get you playing and enjoying the game of tennis. The benefits of learning proper technique will greatly enhance your skills and put you on a path to enjoy the exciting sport of tennis for a lifetime.



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CLUB**

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LESSONS**

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**\$141.60**  
plus HST

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LAWN TENNIS  
CLUB**

The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club is a community-based, non-profit organization offering affordable tennis programs to the Richmond Hill community.

Our mission is to make organized tennis available to residents of all ages and skill levels. We are committed to enriching the lives of our community through the game of tennis.

**[www.RHLTC.ca](http://www.RHLTC.ca)**

161 Newkirk Rd, Richmond Hill  
Tel: 905-252-2277  
Email: [lessons@rhltc.ca](mailto:lessons@rhltc.ca)

**KIDS & YOUTH  
AGES 5-17**

**ADULT LESSONS**

**SMALL  
CLASS SIZES**





# Asian

HERITAGE MONTH  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Embrace diversity.  
Experience culture.  
Celebrate heritage.

## EXPERIENCE ASIAN CULTURE

Cultural performances and  
artistic & musical showcases

## DISCOVER ASIA'S DIVERSITY

## CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

## SAVOUR THE TASTES OF ASIA



**Sunday, April 29, 2018 | 4:00-6:00 PM**

Location: Langstaff Community Centre, Gym A  
155 Red Maple Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4P9

**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME**

Event Chair

**Carol Chan**  
School Trustee

Event Partners



**VISION  
YOUTH**



# 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.**

<b>Markham: 50 McIntosh Dr. Suite 239</b>	
Tue January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
Tues April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 5pm
Wed May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 5pm
<b>Aurora: 240 Edward St. Unit 3</b>	
Thurs February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
Thurs March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
Wed May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 5pm
Tues June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11am - 7pm
<b>Vaughan: 9401 Jane St. 3rd floor, Suite 301</b>	
Tue January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 4pm
Tues May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	9am - 4pm
Thurs June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 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](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 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](mailto:homestay@yrdsb.ca) | 905 884 2046 ext 239  
[www.yrdsb.ca/homestay](http://www.yrdsb.ca/homestay)

