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)

April 27, 2018

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

This weekend the flag at Langstaff Secondary School will be flown at half-staff to mark the National Day of Mourning for persons killed or injured in the workplace. Flags at all Ontario government buildings across the province will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset. This day is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives or suffered injury or illness on the job or due to a work-related tragedy. It also reaffirms our commitment to providing a safe, secure environment for all of our staff and students when they come to LSS each day to work and learn.

SAVE THE DATE: Our final School Council Meeting of the year will take place on Monday, June 4th, 2018 in the LSS School Learning Commons, from 6:30pm to 8:00 p.m. Even if you have not had an opportunity to attend a meeting yet this year, everyone is welcome to attend.

Here are a few reminders from our previous Message from Administration:

- Midterm Report Cards were distributed on Friday, April 20th. This is the perfect time to have discussions with your child about how they are doing and to set some goals for the second half of the semester.
- > To support your child's success, please ensure that your children are arriving at LSS no later than 8:15 a.m., so that they are in time for their period one classes. Arriving at school in time for the beginning of the day ensures that instructional time is not missed.
- ➤ Parking Lot Safety: Please remind your child to pay attention when leaving school, crossing any roads and walking through the parking lot. They should avoid walking in front of and in between cars, pay attention to cars, and be aware of their surroundings. If you are picking up your child, please park in our parking lot rather than pulling up to the front of the school and illegally parking in the fire zone. This will avoid cars blocking our buses and slowing the flow of exiting traffic.

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 <u>weekly</u> attendance summary below includes all of the semester one absences and lates from Friday, April 20 through Thursday, April 26, 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:

May 14, 2018	Charles Howett PS TRACK& FIELD Water Festival Field Trip Spring Shows
May 15, 2018	Charles Howett PS TRACK& FIELD Forrest of Reading Awards Celebration @ Harbourfront Ctr Spring Shows 11am
May 16, 2018 Happy Ramadan	Spring Shows 11am Spring Evening Show 7pm
May 17, 2018 Happy Ramadan	Photography Club Spring Shows 11am Spring Evening Show 7pm
May 18, 2018 Happy Ramadan	Spring Shows 11am

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 21, 2018	Happy Ramadan
May 22, 2018 Happy Ramadan	Big Bear Training Leadership Meeting
May 23, 2018 Happy Ramadan	Careers
May 24, 2018 Happy Ramadan	An Enchanted Evening Prom 2018
May 25, 2018 Happy Ramadan	

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 <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 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

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.

We are pleased to announce that the International Languages Credit course registration for YRDSB day school students is available online through Career Cruising opening on May 1st. Courses will start September 2018. More information is available in guidance. What a great way to earn a credit learning a new language or use your 1st language!!

Access and career cruising instructions regarding International Credit course registration is available to students at http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-nonYRRegistration.pdf. The course offerings and sites are available on the Career Cruising Student Portfolio login page. Career Cruising Registration – for YRDSB students opens May 1, 2018 and closes September 12, 2018. More information is also available in guidance.

Women Offering Wisdom (WOW), in collaboration with ESSAH and ETSS, hosts our South Asian Heritage Month, WOW 2018 Conference: Self-Love and Care at Coppard Glen Public School on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Registration is open to self-identifying South Asian, female, grade 8 to 12 students to participate in a day of culturally responsive coaching and mentorship in support of agency, health and well-being.

To register for this free event go to:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-offering-wisdom-conference-self-care-and-love-wow2018-tickets-43324409475

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT cont...

Western's Summer Academic Writing Clinic is a three day clinic designed to give graduating high school students a head start on their transition to university. This program specifically focuses on giving students exposure to the kinds of writing assignments, critical expectations, and social experiences they will encounter while at univerity. For registration details go to: sdc.uwo.ca/writing

Below you will find the link to the April / May 2018 issue of *The Scholarship Report*. It contains scholarship listings with June / July deadlines as well as Updates.

Just a reminder: **All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website.** Just click on the name of the scholarship. Please copy and paste the link below.

http://seekingscholarships.com/issue-18-april-may-2018-the-scholarship-report/

York Region's largest education fair will take place on Friday May 4th (on the PD day). It will take place from 11am-3pm at 36 Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill. All Ontario Universities and colleges will be present as well as University of Saskatchewan. See poster on the guidance window to find out how to register.

Global Citizenship program hosted by the university of toronto is an exciting program for high achieving students from around the globe. This program invites students to become active members of an international community. Students will spend 3 weeks in the summer at the UFT downtown campus, developing the necessary skills to create more peaceful, connected, and inclusive world. Go to: www.gcp.utoronto.ca/apply.

For scholarship information go to: www.gcp.utoronto.ca/scholarships. The deadline to submit scholarship applications for this program is May 18th.

Did you know that the **Global Young Leaders Conference** brings together more than 900 students from 145 countries each summer? This is an experience that literally changes the lives of young adults who attend, making them more confident, conscientious citizens of the world. This year the conference will take place in Washington, DC. For more information and how you can be nominated to attend, please see the leadership board in guidance or speak to Ms. Starkman. Also go to: YOUNGLEADERS.COM/GYLC

FROM THE GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Please note that Graduation Cap and Gowns as well as Graduation Tickets will be distributed on Tuesday June 12 and Wednesday June 13 in the Learning Commons during period 3ABC (11:10 am-1:05 pm).

FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

World War I Display

Students in Ms. Grossi's Grade 10 History class have created a World War I display in the second-floor display case. If you get a chance, go take a look at this student work and learn about this period in history!



Pow Wow Experience and Treaties Workshop

On May 18th the NCCT will present two workshops to about 90 of our History students.. The first will be a one hour workshop on Indigenous Treaties. It will look at the historical relationships between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian government, as reflected in specific treaties and agreements and the intent behind them. The second one hour workshop will be a Pow Wow experience. Students will learn the origin and movement of the various pow wow dance styles, through demonstration and participation, as well, as learn about the origin of the big drum.

Holocaust Museum Field Trip

On May 1st, History students from Ms. Grossi and Mr. Goodman's History classes will attend the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre. Students will have the opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor speak and to view a variety of interactive and informative displays.

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

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students

- Fostering a Child www.fosteringatyork.com.
- Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association 2018 LIFT Youth Empowerment Conference Register here: https://goo.gl/forms/rjsO4eYPFLTBU22x2

Letter: MACCA

View clip from last year's Conference: https://spark.adobe.com/video/NCtvZDUQg1xJv

- Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association Summer Reading and Robotics Register at the website: www.macca1987.com
- Sankofa Series http://www.rubiconpublishing.com/product/sankofa-evaluation-pack
- YRDSB Grades 6, 7, 8 Summer School Courses at Various Locations http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/Pages/Grade-7-8-Summer-School.aspx
- YRDSB Grades 9 to 12 Summer School Courses at Various Locations
 http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Summer.aspx
- YRDSB Summer School E-learning (Online)
 http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer%20School%20e-Learning.aspx
- YRDSB Summer Institute Program for Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 Students http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx
- Youth Conference at the University of Windsor http://www1.uwindsor.ca/diasporayouthconference

Stop arguing with your kids

An introduction to 'collaborative problem solving'



Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- · Reduce anxiety and stress, strengthen relationships
- · Build skills resilience, adaptability, problem solving, flexibility
- Enhance communication

Chris Alexiou is a positive thinker, an engaged dad, author, professional speaker, former Halton school principal, and a Think:
Kids Certified Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) Practitioner.
Chris is currently the Chair of the Board of the Community Youth in Action Network (CYAN).

This research based workshop will help parents understand why many children and youths are easily frustrated, chronically inflexible and challenge their parents and teachers.

Presented by Denne School Council



Please **RSVP** as soon as possible via our online registration form at:

http://bit.do/dennespeaker

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Event Location: Denne Public School, gymnasium (330 Burford St., Newmarket)

Please Note: This is an <u>adult only</u> evening event.

Child minding is available if registered before April 27, 2018



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: http://www.ilea.ca 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisits: Level 2	MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA 5.5.	UNIONVILLE H.S
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYFCU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED			LKB DUE	Saturday			
ADVANCED PLACEMENT							
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 1st, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



Embrace diversity. Experience culture. Celebrate heritage.



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



Event Partners







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

52000 - Application Deadline: March 1, 2018

Must enral 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 avaerge from each of the following SHSM. programs: Arts & Culture, Business and Non-

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





EQUITY IN EDUCATION Speaker Series

Open invitation to YRDSB parents and staff Anti-bias Work in Schools

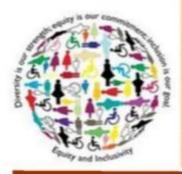
November 20, 2017 Speaker: Carolyn Albanese

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	Ilam - 7pm 9am - 5pm Ilam - 7pm 9am - 5pm Ilam - 7pm 9am - 5pm			
Aurora: 240 Edward St. Unit 3				
Thurs February 8 th , 2018 Thurs March 15 th , 2018 Tues April 10 th , 2018 Wed May 9 th , 2018 Tues June 5 th , 2018	Ilam - 7pm 9am - 5pm Ilam - 7pm 9am - 5pm Ilam - 7pm			
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St. 3rd floor, Suite 301				
Tue January 16 th , 2018 Thurs March 8 th , 2018 Thurs April 19 th , 2018 Tues May 15 th , 2018 Thurs June 14 th , 2018	9am - 4pm 9am - 4pm 9am - 4pm 9am - 4pm 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 environmen · 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. School year and summer placements are avail

estay®yrdsb.ca | 905 884 2046 ext 239