

Langstaff S.S.



Administration Team:

Principal
Ms. S. Borrell

Vice-Principal
Ms. C. Albanese
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(surname L to Z)

May 18, 2018

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

As the warm weather is here, we are sending along a reminder to our students and community about appropriate attire, as found in the Langstaff School Handbook. Students are expected to dress appropriately and to this end we ask that the points below are followed:

- Head covering for religious observances or medical reasons are permitted;
- Bare feet or stocking feet are not permitted;
- No spaghetti straps;
- No visible cleavage;
- No visible undergarments;
- No bare mid-riffs or backs or see-through clothing;
- No clothing with writing or images depicting or promoting alcohol, illegal drugs, violence, weapons, cruelty, obscenity, racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, inappropriate language or derogatory comments.

Note that consequences for inappropriate attire may include changing into other clothing, parent/guardian contact, going home to change into appropriate clothing, for example.

Students are welcome to speak with an administrator about the policies and educational acts that frame the Appropriate Attire policy, or if they have any questions about attire in general.

Ramadan Mubarak to our students and families who are observing Ramadan this month and next. Those observing Ramadan may access prayer space in the Learning Commons, which is reserved.

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, May 11 through Thursday, May 17, 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:

<p>May 21, 2018</p> 	
<p>May 22, 2018</p> 	<p>Big Bear Training </p> <p>Leadership Meeting</p>
<p>May 23, 2018</p> 	
<p>May 24, 2018</p> 	
<p>May 25, 2018</p> 	

LOOKING AHEAD:

<p>May 28, 2018</p> 	
<p>May 29, 2018</p> 	<p>Field Trip </p>
<p>May 30, 2018</p> 	
<p>May 31, 2018</p> 	 
<p>June 1, 2018</p> 	

LANGSTAFF S.S. HIGHLIGHTS

[LANGSTAFF Exam Schedule for June 2018](#)

Please review the schedule and student guidelines with your child(ren) so that they understand the expectations during the formal exam period



Exams Semester 2 -
June 2018.xlsx



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 behavior.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

LSS CARNIVAL - May 25



The annual Langstaff Secondary School Carnival will be during our **common lunch time**, as indicated below:

Period 1: 8:25-9:40

Period 2: 9:45-11:00

Period 3: 11:05-12:15

Common Lunch: 12:15-1:15

Period 4: 1:20-2:30

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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/>

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

Vaughan Employment is offering an abundance of courses for students free of charge. Here is a list of some courses happening this month:

Food Handler Certification Program: Monday May 28th 9am-4pm

Please see the posters on the Job board outside of guidance for more information. Also, you can register at: vaughanemployment@costi.org. For more information and a calendar of events, please go to: costi.org

James Bartleman: Indigenous youth creative writing award

Get Creative: \$2,500 creative writing award per recipient. This is open to all Indigenous students in Ontario aged 18 and under. Deadline is May 31st, for submission forms and more information visit: ontario.ca/bartleman.

Email: ontariohonoursandawards@ontario.ca

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).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Black Legal Action Centre Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlackLegalNeeds>

Summer School

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association Summer Reading and Robotics

Register at the website: www.macca1987.com

Community Collaborators - News items

Black Foundation of Community Networks



Check out the
[2018 Scholarship Directory here](#) and
learn more about the
[BFCN Scholarship Program here](#).

More Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Sites

Scholarships and Financial Aid at Ontario Colleges - Most college websites have a section on scholarships and financial aid that is available at their college. The link to scholarships and financial aid is usually visible on the homepage or is listed in the prospective students section.

Scholarships and Financial Aid at Ontario Universities - The Ontario Universities' Application Centre eINFO website has a scholarship search tool to help students find the internal scholarships, unique to a specific university and available to first-year students. Once students have located a scholarship of interest, visit the Financial Aid section of the university's website for additional information.

Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) has links to a number of other non-OSAP scholarships and bursaries.

Athletic financial awards in Ontario - All athletic financial awards offered by Canadian universities must follow the criteria established by Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), the national governing body of university sport in Canada.

Source: YRDSB Website

APPLYING FOR THE ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP) PAYING FOR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is an integrated program funded by both the provincial and federal governments and administered by Ontario. OSAP provides needs-based financial assistance through grants and loans to help qualified students and their families with the cost of postsecondary education. Eligible Ontario residents may receive a combination of provincial and federal student financial aid. OSAP is designed to supplement, not replace, the financial resources that you are expected to contribute to a student's postsecondary education. OSAP offers both grants and loans to eligible Ontario residents in approved full-time and part-time programs of study.

Overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Cv0f4rc0kE>

Financial Aid Estimator to find out an approximate amount of money a student can receive:
https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimator/818Web/enterapp/select_institution.shtml

Free Family Law Information Seminars



Please join the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) in collaboration with the Law Offices of Justin G. Pinesad, B.S., LL.M., as we will be hosting free information seminars on the complex area of Family Law in Ontario. Come and find out how to protect what really matters. Topics covered will include: Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Spousal Support, Division of Property, the litigation process, and more. Private consultations are available upon request.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday Time: 7pm-8:30pm

Location: Aarlin Community Centre, 5655 14th Ave, Markham, ON

Room: Program Room D-C103 (Leadership Room)

Please RSVP attendance as space is limited

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 905-946-9998

or email: macca1987@rogers.com

Please note that this is a general information seminar. There will be no lawyer-client relationship established just by attending and participating in this event.

BLACK ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION (BAA)

Inviting all Black Accountants to the inaugural meeting of the Black Accountants Association.

Where: Tropicana Community Services
1385 Huntingwood Dr., Scarborough, ON

When: Saturday May 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

For further information,
please call 416.436.2139



African and Caribbean heritage families of elementary and secondary aged children/youth. Join us for a free workshop!

Knowing Your Rights: An Understanding of Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and the Special Education Process

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Time: 6:00PM – 8:30PM

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

Learn About:

- What are Learning Disabilities (LDs) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD)?
- Advocating for children/youth with LDs and/or ADHD.
- Supporting children/youth to gain self-advocacy skills.
- Parent/Guardian rights within the school system.
- Supporting mental health awareness.
- Programs and services to support children/youth & families

Presenters:

Renee Flannery & Stephanie Gatti from the Learning Disabilities Association York Region (LDAYR)

***Free event. Light refreshments will be provided.**

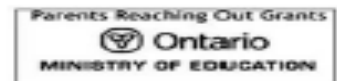
***Free child-minding is available upon request.**

Please register for this event:

Stephanie Gatti at Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
905-884-7933 ext. 24 or stephanie.gatti@ldayr.org

For more information:

Charlotte Reid at York Region District School Board
905-884-2046 ext. 264 or charlotte.reid@yrdsb.ca



Given the 2017 report *Towards Race Equity in Education: The Schooling of Black Students in the Greater Toronto area* (Turner and James, 2017) <http://edu.yorku.ca/files/2017/04/Towards-Race-Equity-in-Education-April-2017.pdf> and the over-representation of students of African Caribbean Canadian heritage in Special Education programs, it is imperative that our communities become informed about designations and supports.

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region (LDAYR) is a community agency funded by the Ministry of Education's Parent Reaching Our Grant. The purpose of the funding is to reach parents of different communities. Presentations have already been made to the parents of Chinese and Arabic speaking families. This is the third presentation in the series.

The LDAYR's vision is to be inclusive and equitable, and this awareness presentation is one way LDAYR is able to inform and to listen to concerns parents may have. The LDAYR presentation will deliver general knowledge to parents of children/youth living with Learning Disabilities.

During the presentation, parents will be provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

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**we're building for the future
and the future is you**

your Community Liaisons



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>>> An important rule of planning transit is to build where people are, and where they want to go. That's why **vivaNext** is building dedicated bus lanes called **rapidways** in Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Vaughan and Markham. It's part of a region-wide rapid transit network.

why this project matters to you

- The **vivaNext** project is being built in your community and near your school.
- Once the **rapidway** is complete – with **Viva** buses riding in dedicated bus lanes – you will experience faster travel times, and wait for the bus in comfortable **viva** stations with heated waiting areas during the colder months.
- The **rapidway** projects will reinforce strong north-south and east-west connections to other regional centres and other modes of public transit.

what's happening on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill this year

- Utility relocations such as water mains, gas mains, hydro poles and lines, and telecommunications equipment.

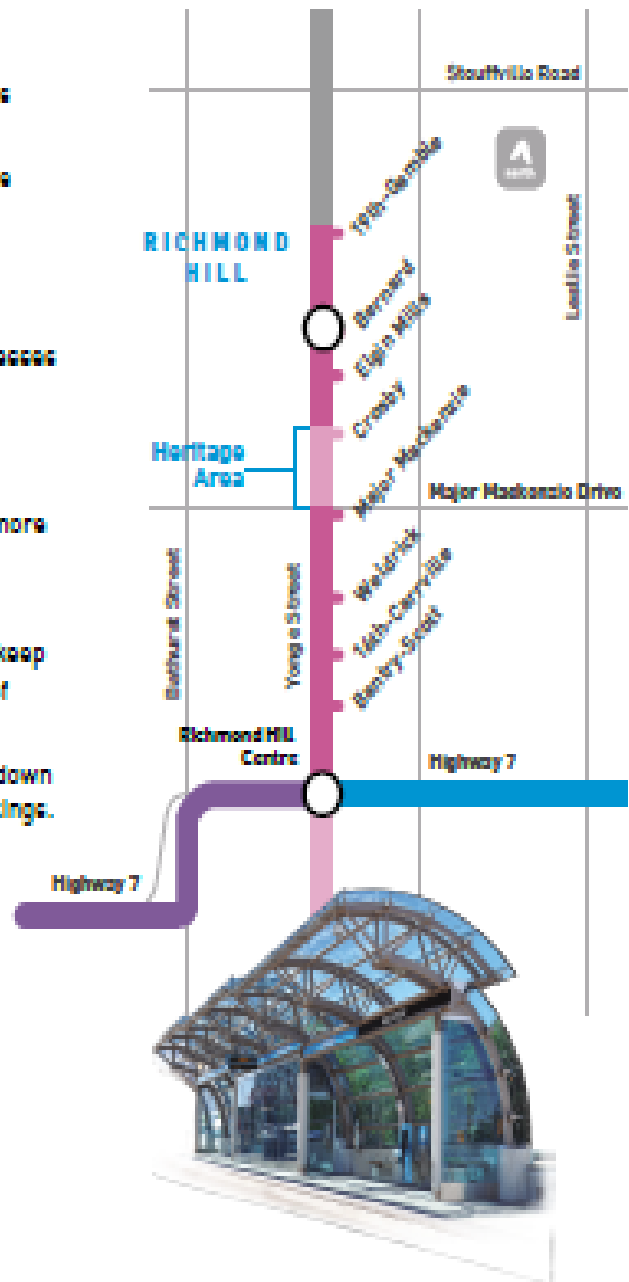


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- There will be temporary lane closures around work areas as required.
- Access to businesses and properties near work areas will be maintained.
- Where possible, bus stops and sidewalks will remain open.
- On occasion, night and weekend work will be required.
- During construction, we are committed to supporting businesses and keeping everyone informed about project activities.

safety first

- During construction, crossing at designated crosswalks is more important than ever.
- Follow signs for pedestrian sidewalk detours.
- When crossing at a designated crosswalk, it's important to keep safety in mind. Be sure to stop, look, listen - and be aware of your surroundings.
- Lane closures can change frequently. Drivers need to slow down and pay close attention to construction signs and road markings.



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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

