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### **News Bulletin:**

### **Administration**

### A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members,

**Principal:** Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal: Janice Bordonali

Vice-Principal: Derrick Schellenberg

### **STAY CONNECTED**



@langstaffss

### **Important Dates:**

March 31 Diamond Day: Eid-ul Fitr

### April 2

Euclid Math Contest Fast Track: Explore your Future Conference 12 pm Interview Scheduler Closes on TeachAssist

April 3

6:30 pm Paren/Guardian Interview Night

**April 9** Vimy Ridge Day I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful March Break and are looking forward to the final few months of the semester.

I want to tell you about some wonderful student-driven activities that have taken place this week at LSS. Our Persian Club set up a "Haft Sin" display in honour of Nowruz, the Persian New Year. This "Haft Sin" display contains the seven essential symbols – Wheat Grass, Dried Fruit, Vinegar, Apple, Sumac, Sweet Pudding, and Garlic – that represent nature. The LSS students have thoroughly enjoyed walking past this very decorative display to learn more about Persian culture and traditions.

Second semester Interim Report Cards have been sent electronically to all students' GAPPS accounts and are available on the new YRDSB Family Dashboard. Please make sure that you ask your student to see this Interim Report Card. This report card is a good way to see if your child/student is on track to earning the credit. Please use this information to decide whether it is necessary to book an appointment at our upcoming Teacher Interview Night taking place on Thursday, April 3, 2025. More information about this evening to follow in this bulletin.

Our Awards Assembly for our First Semester courses took place today. All award winners were able to bring two guests to this assembly and I hope I got to see you this morning and say hello. We love to celebrate the successes of our students.

Also coming up in April is both the Euclid math contests and the second writing of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Many of our students will be participating in both of these opportunities and wish them all the best of luck!

Have a wonderful weekend! Ms. S. Epstein





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### Families planning to move or students not returning in September

Dear Families,

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year.

Thank you for your support.

### Attendance Reminder

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE by calling: 905-889-6266 ext.: 1

OR

email: langstaff.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca Please note we do not use EDSBY for attendance.

### Yearbook

### Preserve the Memories-Order Your Child's Yearbook Today!

High school flies by in the blink of an eye, but the memories last a lifetime! A yearbook is more than just a collection of photos—it's a keepsake that captures friendships, achievements, and the moments that make high school special.

Yearbooks are on sale on school cash online until May 1st. Only students who preorder their yearbooks are guaranteed to receive a yearbook.

The cost is \$35 for students who have their school activities fees paid for the 2024-2025 school year and \$40 if it has not been paid yet.

Any questions or concerns contact Ms. Crognale at: <u>mary.crognale@yrdsb.ca</u>

### **Dear Families**

The Ontario Ministry of Education released <u>Policy/Program Memorandum 128</u> in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.

Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products.

Please see resources listed below.

**Resources for Families** 

### QUASH

### A Logical Plan for Quitting

This is a free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

### **School Mental Health Ontario**

### Vaping: What you need to know

This contains general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students.

### York Region Public Health (YRPH)

### Vape Facts: What You Need to Know

This website contains YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts.

### Vaping and E-Cigarettes

This website contains YRPH information on vaping and health risks.

### **Canadian Lung Association**

### How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping

This is a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks.



# Schedule for Parents Night!

# Thursday, April 3, 2025

# 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**6:30—7:15 pm:** Join Langstaff teachers for a "meet and greet" in the Cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and have a quick chat on how they are doing in class. This time is great for those progressing well in courses and who just want to say hi to the staff.

Refreshments will be provided.

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7:15—8:30 pm: Formal parent-teacher appointments will take place. These appointments can be initiated by teachers and/or parents and guardians, and will only be for situations that are more serious or of concern, relating to academic performance, attendance, or any other issues. Note: These appointments will not be for students progressing well in their courses.



### **School News**



# Langstaff Secondary School

106 Garden Avenue Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 6MI

Tel: (905)-889-6266 Fax: (905)-889-6676

March 5, 2025

Parents' Night is on Thursday April 3rd. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in <u>person</u> and learn more about their course(s). Parents can use **TeachAssist**, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Parents' Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/guardians may access appointment bookings on Wednesday March 26th through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a <a href="mailto:one.time">one.time</a> access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca To: parent\_email Click here for your one time access to teachassist https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book a parentteacher interview through TeachAssist, please click <u>here</u>. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on Thursday April 3rd , please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for another day.

### Important Timelines

March 21 - March 24	Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
March 26	Parents' Night schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal <u>https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</u> to book their appointment(s).
April 2	Interview Scheduler closes at 12:00 p.m.
April 2	Parents receive confirmation email(s) from teachers.
April 3	Parent Teacher Interview Night 6:30 - 7:15 p.m Meet and Greet in the Cafeteria 7:15 - 8:30 p.m Formal Interviews

Your partners in education,

Sheri Epstein Principal Derrick Schellenberg Vice Principal Janice Bordonali Vice Principal 6

# Accessing Your Guidance Team

### YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Support and promote students' well-being and continuous growth in three areas: personal (student) development, interpersonal development, and career development in order to help them develop resilience and realize their potential (success) as individuals and as valuable members of society.

WELCOME

GUIDANCE

TO

-Ontario School Counsellors' Association

### Contact Information: Please note the Guidance Counselors below

Ms. H. Wager heather.wager@yrdsb.ca Alpha A-Q Ms. N. Cooper nadine.cooper@yrdsb.ca Alpha R-Z

Mrs. L. Rico, Guidance Secretary lina.rico@yrdsb.ca





**Stay Connected and in the "Loop":** Continue to stay up to date by following us on Instagram and LSS Guidance & Success Google Classroom.

Instagram: @lssguidance Google Classroom: <u>https://classroom.google.com/c/NjcxOTQwNzYzNDFa?cjc=4rjwryf</u>

**Guidance Appointments** can be made in person by coming to guidance. There is a red binder on a standing desk in the Guidance Office. Students can book with their respective counsellor, by alpha last name. The appointments are made available every Monday morning for the week.

### **Board News**

# **3RD ANNUAL YORK REGION ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE**

# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: EDUCATE TO ERADICATE

### FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND YOUTH AGES 11+

Join us for an educational and awareness raising event about human trafficking. Gain valuable knowledge, tools and resources to help protect and empower our community!

## **PARENTS!**

Learn how to safeguard your children from human trafficking. Hear from a mother of a survivor and York Regional Police officer.

# YOUTH!

Win prizes and have fun, while learning about personal safety, self-esteem building, and resilience.



Funding provided by Department of Justice Canada

# LOCATION

Seneca Polytechnic, King Campus 13990 Dufferin Street, King City

# DATES

Attend on either May 13 OR May 14 2025 from 6-9 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

# LEARN, ENGAGE & ENJOY

- Information sessions
- · Community information booths
- Free pizza and refreshments!



REGISTER USING QR CODE OR USING THE CODE BELOW BIT.LY/4B04CTH 8



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Counselling Settlement

### **Community News**







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### APRIL 6 - JUNE 8, 2025

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**REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS** 

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\$240 (+tax)

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- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

### 8 weeks on Sundays

Session 1: 9am - 10:30am | 8 - 11 years old Session 2: 10:30am - 12pm | 12 - 15 years old Session 3: 12pm - 1:30pm | 8 - 11 years old Session 4: 1:30pm - 3pm | 12 - 15 years old

### Location:

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School 525 New Westminster Dr, Thornhill, ON L4J 7X3 **Community News** 



Have fun and make friends. Gain self-confidence. Learn to bat, catch, throw, field and work together as a team!



2025 registration now open New players welcome All skill levels, ages 4 to 21

LEARN TO PLAY HOUSE LEAGUE AND SELECT TEAMS Learn to play

**AGES 7 AND UNDER 1 NIGHT A WEEK \$105 FOR THE WHOLE** SEASON



RICHMOND HILL MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

# Want To Play? REGISTER at rhmsa.ca



Umpiring and sponsorship opportunities available

### **Community News**



Come find the dress or formal wear of your dreams for your Grade Eight Grad and High School Prom or Graduation FREE of charge!

All attendees receive one raffle ticket at the door for a chance to win one of our amazing Prom Prep Raffle Baskets! Register in advance to guarantee entry to the event!

### REGISTER HERE:



### TO DONATE:

Donate new or gently used Prom dresses, gender-neutral formal wear, shoes or accessories please contact janine@girlsincyork.org between March 1 to April 7

### TO VOLUNTEER:

Contact emily.lynch@girlsincyork.org to apply to volunteer \*\*\*Must be 18 or older and out of high school to volunteer

www.girlsincyork.org info@girlsincyork.org

Girls Inc. of York Region 905-830-0776