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Parent Newsletter: March 25-April 5

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A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members,

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.

We have also set up a Multi-Faith space for those students who wish to pray during Ramadan. The prayer room is located in the library. Students are free to access this space when they need to throughout Ramadan or any time of the school year.

Today, March 22nd, was our first “Consolidation Day”. We asked all teachers to not teach any new content today, but instead to have today as a day that students could ask questions, catch up on work, and make sure that they understand all the material that has been taught thus far. On April 3rd, we are having our first “Credit Rescue Day” of the semester. On this day, we are asking all teachers to identify students who are behind in their assignments so that extra help can be provided to them to get caught up and be successful in all their courses.

Our second semester Interim Report Cards will be sent electronically to all students’ GAPPs accounts between March 25 and 26. 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 4, 2024. More information about this evening will follow in this bulletin.

Our Awards Assembly for our First Semester courses is taking place next week on Wednesday, March 27. All award winners have received an invitation to this wonderful event. All award winners are able to bring two guests to this assembly. We hope that you will join us next Wednesday, from 8:45 am to 9:30 am to celebrate the successes of our students.

Next week, on Tuesday, March 26, is Epilepsy Awareness Day. Countries around the world are asked to wear purple and learn about epilepsy so that we are aware of this ailment that affects so many in our community. We hope that your sons/daughters/students will wear purple on this day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. S. Epstein

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Teacher Interview Night

Thursday April 4, 2024

From 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

All teachers will be available in the Cafeteria to meet with parents for quick conversations for the following reasons:

- 1) Meet the teacher your child is always talking about
- 2) Put a face to a name you have been hearing daily
- 3) Get a quick update on your child's progress knowing that all is going well but you just want to hear that from the teacher directly
- 4) Say hello



Farsi and Ukrainian / Russian translators will be available at this time. From 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm

All teachers will be in their classrooms and will be meeting parents/guardians by appointment. Appointments are to be booked ahead of time using Edsby.

These appointments are for the following reasons only:

- 1) The teacher has requested a meeting
- 2) There are attendance concerns with your student
- 3) There are academic concerns with your student
- 4) There are social-emotional concerns with your student
- 5) You have serious concerns you would like to discuss with the teacher

We hope that you find this new format very helpful and allows those of you who just want a quick word with your student's teachers the freedom to just come to the first part of the evening without having to worry about making any appointments.

Administration and Guidance will also be available to speak to anyone – please come and see us in the Cafeteria

School Bell Timetable

Period 1	8:25 am – 9:40 am
Period 2	9:45 am – 11:05 am
Lunch	11:10 am – 11:50 am
Period 3	11:55 am – 1:10 pm
Period 4	1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

March / April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29
Report cards go home electronically	Epilepsy Day— Wear Purple 3pm BSA Dance	Semester 1 Awards Assembly		Good Friday—No School
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
Easter Monday—No school		8:30 am Math Contest Credit Rescue Day	6:30pm Parent Teacher Inter- views	11:00 am SIN Clinic

On Tuesday February 27 we had the pleasure of welcoming back Juno-nominated Glenn Marais and the Mojo Train (bassist Manny De Grandis, keyboardist Jesse Karwat and drummer Jeff Saulnier) for our Black History Month Assembly. They are a blues rock band known for their powerful and dynamic sound with their music taking listeners on a journey through the Mississippi Delta, with stops at Detroit, Motown, and the funky sounds of Philadelphia.

Through the band's use of digital media, personal anecdotes, and historical facts, our students gained a deeper understanding of the history of Black people in Canada while recognizing their excellence and impact on Canadian society.

The talent, passion, and the electrifying energy Glenn Marais and the Mojo Train brought to the stage truly made this Black History Month event memorable for staff and students.



Glenn Marais and the Mojo Train with student presenters, Solange Forrester, Ana Longa Camacho and Itohan Edison-Edebor.



Langstaff SS STUDENT SIN CLINIC April 5, 2024

**Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your
Social Insurance Number on the Spot!**

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
Langstaff SS	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.</p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada</p>	<p>or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth</p> <p>Learn about the new Federal Dental Program</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developers,

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BRINGING STEM TO LIFE: WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING PROGRAMS

*Summer
2024*

**Are you a high school student entering Grades 11 or 12?
Get paid while working with k2i academy on a
STEM research project and pursuing a Grade 11 (3U) or
Grade 12 (4C) Physics credit.**

**Students will be selected by their school board and priority will be given to
underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and math
(STEM) fields including: Black and Indigenous youth, and women.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LEARN MORE HERE.





First Nations, Métis, and Inuit **SELF IDENTIFICATION**

York Region District School Board is committed to providing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students with access to programs to support student achievement and well-being.



Scan the QR code here to learn more about the benefits of self-identification.

WHEN YOU SELF-IDENTIFY as an Indigenous person, it benefits others by helping to build a sense of community and pride among Indigenous learners at YRDSB

If you have any question please email Indigenous.education@yrdsb.ca

**A voluntary and confidential process.

How to Self-Identify

Students with any degree of Indigenous ancestry are able to self-identify. Students under the age of 18 require parental approval. No proof of ancestry required.

New Student

Indicate First Nation, Métis, and Inuit ancestry on the school registration form. School administrators are available to support you. Please contact your school office if you have any questions.

Current Student

Complete a First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Self-Identification form and submit it to the school principal. This form is available from the school.



Accessing Your Guidance Team

WELCOME
TO
GUIDANCE



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.

-Ontario School Counsellors' Association

Contact Information: Please note the Guidance Counselors below

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Mrs. L. Rico, *Guidance Secretary*
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Instagram: @lssguidance

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



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.

A-Q :Mme Chidiac, R-Z: Ms. Starkman



YRDSB Arts Camp 2024

CAMPERS

CAMP DATES: SATURDAY, MAY 25TH
TO SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2024.

Learners & Lovers of the Arts 

APPLY NOW!



Arts Camp 2024 is now
accepting applications
for **CAMPERS!!**

More info can be found in
the information package and on
the application form.