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News Bulletin: November 4-15

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Important Dates:

November 6

Grade 9 Take our Kids to Work Day

November 7

6:30 pm Grade 8 Open House

November 11

Remembrance Day

November 12

Field Trip—Court House

November 13

Canadian Math Contest

November 15 PA DAY

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members:

Hope your Halloween was **SPOOKTACULAR!!**

Last week we had an amazing Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview Night. We loved seeing so many parents in the building. It was so nice to see so many Parent/Guardian-Teacher conversations taking place. We really like our “Meet & Greet” format.

Yesterday, we celebrated Halloween at school. We loved seeing so many great costumes and we know the students really enjoyed the Halloween Fashion Show that took place during the lunch hour. As well, the students loved looking for the three “Golden Tickets” and those who found the Golden Tickets were very happy to receive such a giant chocolate bar!

On November 6th we have a very exciting event taking place. Our grade 9 students will be taking part in the annual Take Your Kids to Work Day. All grade 9 students will be attending a workplace of interest to them of a parent or family member. This day at work can occur in person or virtually. Important forms have been sent home electronically to all grade 9 students and families. There will be no Grade 9 classes at LSS on this day. Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 students please make that you have completed the permission form.

Also on this day, we are having the future Langstaff Bears, the grade 8 students, will be participating in a visit to Langstaff SS. All grade 8s will participating in visiting classes, meeting with Guidance, Admin and Student Council, and each grade 8 student will receive a little LSS swag to help them feel more connected to their future high school.

Then, on the evening of November 7th we will be hosting our Grade 8 Open House for all future Langstaff Bears. We are so excited to be able, once again, to have our future LSS families join us, to hear about High School, meet our wonderful staff, and check our building and facilities.

We are in the long stretch until Winter Break and we look forward to making it filled with good spirit and learning.

Ms. Sheri Epstein
Principal

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

Yearbook

2024-2025 Yearbooks are on sale now on School Cash online for \$35.00. Prices will increase January 1st to \$40.00. Any questions or concerns can be directed to: mary.crognale@yrdsb.ca

Afterschool Programs

Numeracy is an afterschool program to support grade 9 and 10's with their math skills. This program is being run by Ms.Cehade in the student success room-room 132. This will start on Wednesday October 30th. It will run 10 weeks from 2:45-4:15pm on Wednesdays. Permission forms are available in student success, posted on the student success and guidance classroom.

Credit Success is an afterschool program that will run weekly on Tuesdays to support all students with completing their coursework. Ms.Idziak will be leading this program starting Tuesday October 29th. It will run 10 weeks from 2:45-4:15pm on Tuesdays. Permission forms are available in student success, posted on the student success and guidance classroom.

Remembrance Day 2024

On Monday, November 11, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day with assemblies during Period 2.

9:45 to 10:20 am – Grades 9 and 11

10:30 to 11:00 am – Grades 10 and 12

This year, we are looking forward to welcoming **Captain Gregory Meckbach** as our guest speaker from the Canadian Forces College.

Captain Greg Meckbach is a reservist in The Queen's York Rangers, which is the only Army Reserve unit in the Regional Municipality of York.

Captain Greg is employed temporarily full-time at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, while also parading with his home unit, which has a workplace at John Graves Simcoe Armoury on Industrial Parkway in Aurora.

Captain Greg has been deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2007 and also to Toronto International Airport in 2010 as part of the security force for the G20 summit.

In addition, we will be having presentations and performances from our music, drama, geography, history, and art students.

School News

LANGSTAFF SS

Music Workshop

We are happy to be hosting two free music ensemble workshops, one each semester, open to all interested students. This is an exciting opportunity for students who love music!

Workshop 1: Steel Pan Ensemble

Dates: Monday, December 9 to Friday, December 13, 2024

Time: Daily during lunch in music room 352

Workshop 2: Djembe Drumming Ensemble

Dates: Monday, March 24 to Friday, March 28, 2025

Times: Daily during lunch in music room 352

The purpose of these workshops is to introduce students to different cultural traditions and customs of music, fostering an appreciation for diversity in musical expression. Through hands-on activities, interactive performances, and discussions, students will explore the historical context, instruments, and unique styles of various cultures. This immersive experience aims to enhance their understanding of global music while encouraging creativity and collaboration among peers. Ultimately, the workshops seek to inspire a lifelong love of music and an awareness of its role in shaping cultural identities.

For the first workshop, focusing on the Steel Pan Ensemble, students will be given an opportunity to play four different types of steel pan instruments (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). We're excited to have Mr. Randolph Karamath join us as a facilitator. A retired secondary school teacher with the TDSB, Mr. Karamath has pioneered numerous steel band courses across Ontario. He has performed and toured internationally, including in Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Europe, with students and at various events. In addition to producing several CDs and documentary DVDs, Mr. Karamath is a highly respected steel pannist and a cornerstone of the steel pan music community.

For the second workshop, focusing on the Djembe Drumming Ensemble, students will be given a form of djembe drum where they will be learning the rhythms and stylistic features of West Africa and people of countries like Mali, Guinea, and Senegal.

All of the activities in these workshops are directly connected to overall curriculum expectations in the arts, such as the creative process (A1), music and society (B2), connections beyond the classroom (B4), and characteristics and development of music (C2). Students will be given materials for this workshop on the first day upon arrival, which includes playing mallets, music sheets, and historical information.

Due to limited spacing, there will only be 30 spots available for each workshop. Students will be able to sign-up via the Google Form linked to the QR code on the flyers posted around the school or on the following page.

Thank you for your dedication to this wonderful opportunity for students to enhance our school community through music!

Mr. Jaime Barrow

Music, Drama, Family Studies

Langstaff Secondary School, York Region District School Board

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Langstaff S.S.

Music

STEEL PAN

ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024**

**AT LUNCH (11:10 - 11:50 AM)
IN ROOM 352**

**GUEST INSTRUCTOR -
MR. RANDOLPH KARAMATH**

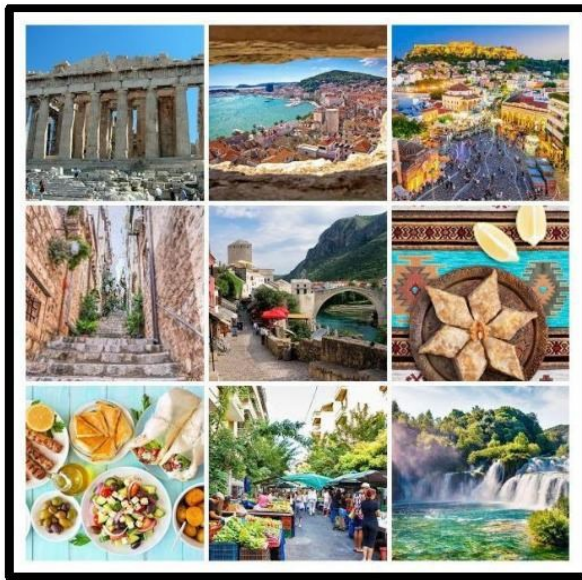


**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP
USING THE GOOGLE FORM!**

ONLY 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

FOR MORE INFO, SEE MR. BARROW

Have you heard the news??
LSS is going to Europe in 2025!!
May 1 – May 10



This is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, meet new friends and create unforgettable memories.

Click on the [link](#) to register for the **Greece-Croatia 2025 trip!**

Don't wait – sign up now! Only 5 spots left!
ALL grades are invited to join! Get ready for
an adventure of a lifetime!

For more information please email:
sharon.romero@yrdsb.ca

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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angela.ventrice@yrdsb.ca

Alpha A-M

Ms. A. Sitt

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Alpha N-Z

Mrs. L. Rico, *Guidance Secretary*

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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: <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.

2024-2025 Post Secondary Events to Advertise Across the Board

| Post Secondary Events | Date | Time | Location |
|--|--|--|--|
| Ontario Universities Fair | October 5 October 6 | 9:30 am to 5 pm, daily | Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building |
| Ontario Colleges | October 16 October 17 | 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Enercare Centre Exhibition Place, Hall B Toronto |
| Level Up- Apprenticeship Fair | TBA | TBD | TBD |
| Ontario Skills Competition | First Tuesday of May | TBD | TBD |
| School(s) Hosting | Date | Time | Location |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau | September 26, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Pierre Elliott Trudeau S.S. |
| Bur Oak Secondary School | September 19, 2024 September 24, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. | Bur Oak Secondary School |
| Aurora, Carter, G.W. Williams & King | October 28, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | St. Max |
| Richmond Green, Bayview, Alexander Mackenzie Richmond Hill & Langstaff | October 16, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | Richmond Hill H. S. |
| Dr. Denison, Huron Heights, Mulock, Newmarket & Sacred Heart | October 10, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Sacred Heart Catholic HS |
| Thornhill | September 24, 2024 | 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Thornhill S.S. |
| Stouffville DSS, Markham District, Bill Hogarth | November 7, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. | Stouffville D.S.S. |
| Bill Crothers, Markville & Unionville | November 14, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Bill Crothers S.S. |
| Hodan Nalayeh, Maple, Stephen Lewis, & Westmount | October 17, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Westmount CI |
| Keswick, Sutton DHS and Our Lady of the Lake | November 7, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Keswick H.S. |
| Middlefield & Milliken Mills | November 15, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Middlefield C.I. |
| Emily Carr, Tommy Douglas & Woodbridge College | November 14, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Emily Carr S.S. |

Guidance News

Exciting Opportunity: Lunch and Learn Series for Grade 11 and 12 Students

Guidance is pleased to announce the launch of our *Lunch and Learn* series for senior students. This series offers an invaluable chance for students to meet graduates from various fields and gain firsthand insights into their academic and career paths.

Upcoming Sessions:

- November 20 – Health Sciences, McMaster University
- November 26 – Life Sciences & Environmental Science, University of Toronto

Additional sessions will be scheduled soon.

Please note: spaces are limited. Interested students are encouraged to sign up promptly in the Guidance Office.

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TEMERTY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

STEAM DESIGN PROGRAM



The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Design Program is an experiential learning program with an equity focus, as it is designed for grades 10-11 students identifying with groups that are underrepresented in health sciences (i.e. Black, Indigenous, Filipino, Latin American, racialized, and/or from any background experiencing socio-economic barriers). Priority is given to students from underserved schools and neighbourhoods.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

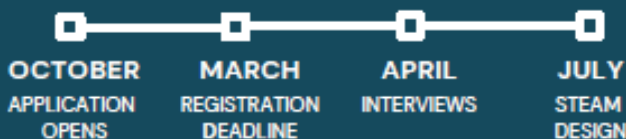
- Partake in a variety of **interactive workshops** that center the **theory of learning-by-doing**.
- Gain a **broad exposure** to organizations, professionals and student-led groups that are **leading the charge in healthcare systems initiatives**.
- **Collaboratively work** on a research and design project with their peers.

WHAT WILL YOU EARN?

- Students attending a provincially funded Ontario school can **earn a Grade 12 Science credit (SNC 4M)**
- Upon completion, STEAM-D participants also receive a **\$1600 stipend**

ELIGIBILITY

- be 16 years of age by June 30
- have completed a Grade 10 Science (Academic) or Grade 11 Science Course



QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT STEAMDESIGN.OAO@UTORONTO.CA

FIND MORE DETAILS AT TEMERTYMEDICINE.UTORONTO.CA/STEAM-DESIGN-PROGRAM

Board News



Dear Families,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

| Family size | Annual income* |
|-------------|----------------|
| 2 people | \$30,286 |
| 3 people | \$37,234 |
| 4 people | \$45,206 |
| 5 people | \$51,272 |
| 6 people | \$57,286 |
| 7 people + | \$64,381 |

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the [online application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

1. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$25 charge for laptops and a \$35 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at **945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga**. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order. If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from September 12, 2024 – November 22, 2024 with delivery to schools taking place in December.

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Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from September 12, 2024 – November 22, 2024 with delivery to schools taking place in December.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income

Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

Sincerely,

Sheri Epstein
Principal



Exploring Family, Community & Love: YRDSB Family Day at Toronto Holocaust Museum (Grades 4+)



Right photo by Shay Markowitz for the Toronto Holocaust Museum

TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Contact: education@thethm.org

Registration Form: bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyDayTHM

Address: 4588 Bathurst St., Sherman Campus, North York, ON M2R 1W6

This program is open to YRDSB families with children in grades 4-12. Please be aware that this is not a drop-off program and all students participating are to be attended with a parent or guardian.

Join Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum. This afternoon at the museum will focus on meaningful learning about the history of the Holocaust and explore themes related to Family and Love. Age-appropriate activities will be featured for families with children in fourth grade and older throughout the Museum and Learning Lab. Activities include, reflective artmaking projects such as creating custom buttons reflecting on love and journal making that explore the themes of family history. Additionally, families can look forward to a special museum tour, with family members of Holocaust survivors who have contributed artifacts featured in the exhibition who will share the importance of these objects to their families. There will also be an opportunity to hear the age-appropriate story of Holocaust survivors' survival and immigration to Canada, with an opportunity to ask questions.



G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2024 Fall Session Cohort 2

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

Location: Main Floor, 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7

Dates: November 11 to 15, 2024 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!
Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3WWRsxz to register now!



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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ART CONTEST

Young artists, show us your creativity and help us mark the Supreme Court of Canada's 150th anniversary! We're looking for drawings, paintings or other graphic artwork illustrating the history and future of the Court as we commemorate its 150th year.

The contest is open to all young artists residing in Canada who will be between the age of 5 and 17 at the time of the artwork submission.

DEADLINE

Your artwork has to be received no later than January 31, 2025.

For more information and contest rules, visit:

scc-csc.ca/150



Coffee with Tamil Social Worker

*Service in English and Tamil

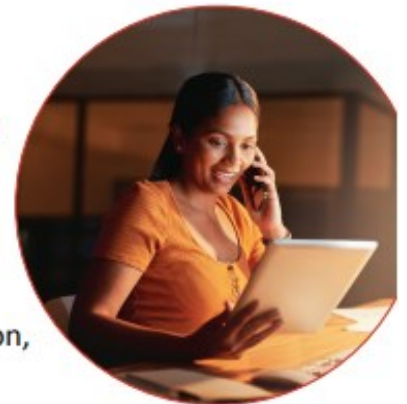
**Join our Social Worker for the
Tamil Diaspora, Nijatha Subramaniam
virtually to chat about:**



- Tips to engage and connect with your child
- Ways to support your child's well-being and emotional ups and downs
- How to request and navigate getting support for your child at school
- Guidance for current challenges and concerns experienced by your child
- Resources in the York Region community to support your child's needs

Consultation sessions are offered by
video conference or telephone.

For more information and/or to book a consultation,
please contact Nijatha Subramaniam at
nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
or 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).





THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Subscribe to our mailing list.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is a space committed to the implementation of goals set out in our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Establishing this mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our strategy.

Subscribe to our mailing list to stay up to date on:

- information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children
- updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism

Learn more about the ongoing work to dismantle anti-Black racism and support Black student excellence by visiting www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence



If you require further information, please contact
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