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News Bulletin: November 18-29

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Important Dates:

November 18

Mid-Term Report Cards
Distributed Electronically

7 pm School Council
Meeting

November 20

Field Trip to Soutlake
Hospital

November 28

OSSLT

November 29

Tour for Humanity—
Holocaust Education

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members:

We have just about reached the halfway point of the first semester. It is truly remarkable how many incredible things go on in this school. It is nice to see both the staff and the students engaged in teaching and learning each and every day.

November is a time of reflection and remembrance. Last week we acknowledge Holocaust Education Week. To do this, we had morning announcements and we had most of our Grade 10 students visit the Tour for Humanity Bus. Approximately 150 students were able to attend an in-school field trip on the bus to learn about the Holocaust and begin the conversation on why such atrocities were able to take place. This is of utmost importance at this time in our world. Special thanks to Ms. Romero and Ms. Starkman for organizing these Holocaust Education events.

For Remembrance Day, all LSS students attended a Remembrance Day Assembly to recognize the importance of November 11 in Canada's History. Mr. Barrow, and his Drama and Music students, developed and performed a very impactful Remembrance Day assembly, which included a talk by special guest speaker, Captain Gregory Meckbach. Captain Meckbach is a reservist in The Queen's York Rangers, which is the only Army Reserve unit in York Region. Having Captain Meckbach speak to the students was a wonderful addition to the assembly. It was clear that our students found the variety and content of the information meaningful and relevant to their lives and their learning. Huge thanks to Mr. Barrow for taking the lead and organizing this event. And I am also going to add that the music students played beautifully, it is so wonderful to have music, and music classes back at LSS.

Last week we hosted our Open House for all Grade 8 students and their families. We had an amazing turnout and, loved meeting our future Langstaff families. Our attendees asked very good questions and the enthusiasm was contagious. Our LSS staff and students did an outstanding job of highlighting LSS and all our wonderful attributes. We look forward to working with these Grade 8 students and their families over the next few months to get everyone ready to come to High School.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to connect with us – we always like to hear from you!

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

Graduation Pictures

Grad photos are now open for booking. All appointments are booked on Pegasus website. Here is the link: www.pegasus-si.com The photo studio will be set-up in **room 254**. Payment for the session is made at the time of booking an appointment. Please see attached flyer for school code.

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

PREPARING FOR YOUR GRAD PORTRAITS!

WWW.PEGASUS-SI.COM

BOOK YOUR GRADUATION PORTRAIT SESSION ONLINE!

TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:

<https://pegasus-si.com> and click on "Book Your Grad Photos" at the top of the page

SCHOOL CODE: 02LAN2674

It is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- i. Type in the access code
- ii. Select an available date & time for your portrait session
- iii. Confirm your personal information

A sitting fee is required to book your portrait sessions. The fee provides you 10 different poses during the session, with variety of backdrops that are available for purchase online, and an 11' x 14" Composite of your graduating class in a keepsake folder.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL ONCE YOUR APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN BOOKED.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to the photo studio set up at your school which will be set up at your school.

All graduates should come wearing a white dress shirt with a crisp collar. Neckties are optional for any graduate wearing dress shirts to complete a formal appearance. Please arrive to the studio fully dressed and prepared.

Your hands will show in some poses, so clean & presentable nails and your favourite ring will enhance your portraits.

GUESTS, PETS, AND GROUP PHOTOS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

ONCE THE PHOTO SESSION IS COMPLETE: A few weeks after your portrait session you will receive an email with your secure login information and link to the Pegasus proofing website. Once online you can view all your poses, order photo packages and create custom portrait products using your own poses. You can select which poses you wish to order.



School News

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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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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**

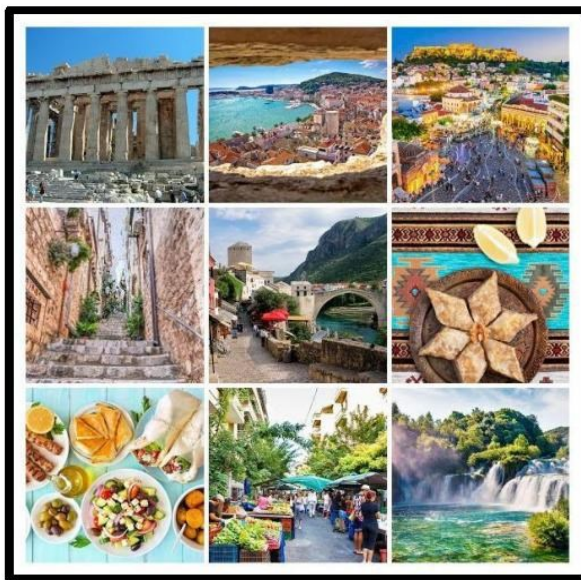


**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP
USING THE GOOGLE FORM!**

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

Ms. A. Ventrice,

angela.ventrice@yrdsb.ca

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Ms. A. Sitt

alice.sitt@yrdsb.ca

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.

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.

The Scholarship Report

Please see pdf attached to our newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Newmarket is hosting a Virtual Summer Camp Job Fair to fill over 200 Summer Camp positions from Junior Camp Counsellor to Camp Coordinator!

Event Details:

- When: Thursday, November 28 OR January 16
- Time: 5 to 6 p.m.
- Where: Zoom (link will be sent prior to the event)

How to Register: Email camps@newmarket.ca with "Job Fair" in the subject line

- We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly applicants with expertise in the following areas:
- Sports – Hockey, Tennis, Swimming, Biking, Skateboarding, Scootering, Basketball, Soccer and much more!
- Performing Arts - Dance, Vocals & Drama
- Visual Arts – Painting, Sketching, Watercolours, Cartooning & other art forms!
- Cooking & Baking

STEM & Environmental Science

www.newmarket.ca/ThingsToDo/Pages/Recreation%20and%20Culture/Recreation,-Events-and-Culture-Job-Opportunities.aspx

**Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)**



**York Region District School Board
(YRDSB)**



Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in Grade 8 or high school, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca.



Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.

BSA DROP-IN SESSIONS

Dates:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time:

4-5 pm

**Format:**

Drop-in

[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

Meeting ID: 289 948 620 938

Passcode: CoWuMh



Contact: Heather Henry
heather.henry@yrdsb.ca

There is no need to RSVP but if you would like to receive on going updates and information please [Register Here](#).

Black student groups (BSAs) work to action the YRDSBs Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy and support students in achieving their academic and well-being goals. BSA Drop-in Sessions are for any educators, administrators, or staff who are building, supporting, and/or maintaining a BSA both in the Elementary and Secondary panel.

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, November 25, 2024
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Presentation by YRDSB administrators and families on school engagement opportunities
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session



Please register no later than November 20, 2024.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

[Register now.](#)



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For more information, please contact
blackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca



SEAS Social Evening

Networking Event

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) welcomes you to join us at our first Networking Event of 2024-2025 at Bill Crothers Secondary School. Bring your favourite Asian snack to share (*optional*) as we connect about our experiences as educators supporting East Asian students. We look forward to seeing you all.

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main Street Unionville

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Please [REGISTER HERE](#) by Tuesday, November 19th, 2024.

For additional inquiries: joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca or wentao.wu@yrdsb.ca

SEAS is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.



Pre-Order Form: Bulk Purchase

From November 18 – 24, 2024, Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners will be supporting local charities, community programs, and Tims Camps across Canada.

Guests who purchase a freshly baked Holiday Smile Cookie will be donating to these great causes with **100% of proceeds being donated!**

50% of proceeds will go to Tims Camps and 50% to York Region Food for Learning to support Student Nutrition Programs in Vaughan and Richmond Hill!

To pre-order a **bulk** amount of the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie, complete this form and submit with payment to any Tim Hortons located in:

- **Richmond Hill**
- **Vaughan**

24-48 hours before your specified pick-up date & time.

Number of Boxes: (12 Cookies per box)	Payment Total: (\$18 per box)
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Your Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	()
Email:	

Pick Up Date:		Pick Up Time:	
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Thank you for your support!



Post-Secondary Education and Beyond with Centennial College



Overview of Sessions:

Career Pathway Planning & College Education

- Planning and tips
- Centennial College programs
- Additional student support

Pursuing Skilled Trades

- Benefits of Skilled Trades careers
- Apprenticeships and Skilled Trade programs

Ontario College Application

- How to navigate the Ontario College Application System (OCAS)
- Applying as a mature student and transferring credits from previous course

Financial Aid for Post-Secondary Education

- Information about student loan (OSAP)
- Scholarship and Bursaries available both within Centennial college and outside

Date: Saturdays,

Nov. 2, 2024

Nov. 9, 2024

Nov. 23, 2024

Nov. 30, 2024

Time:

10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Online

To register:



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Roots, Ruach and Resilience:

Strengthening the Spirit and Well Being of the Jewish Community in the Face of Antisemitism

Connecting youth, their families and community to help build togetherness and well being.

Join us for a group workshop for Jewish high school students to build community, resilience and well being. This program will touch on mental health, wellness and cultural identity coupled with fun programming such as:

- Paint night
- Challah bake
- A visit to the Holocaust museum
- ...and so much more!



This group is for students in Grade 9-11 that do not attend a Jewish day school. Dinner will be served.

4 week workshop | Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm

Start Date: November 26, 2024

4600 Bathurst Street | Lipa Green Centre, 1st floor

Prosserman Jewish Community Campus

Spaces are limited.

**For more information or to register, please contact Stephanie LeBlanc
at 416-638-7800, ext. 6327 or sleblanc@jfandcs.com**

Funding provided by:





The Jewish Rainbow

A monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals

Cost: Free

Pre-registration is required.

**For more info or to register, please contact
Shirley Shedletsky at 416-638-7800, ext. 6260 or
sshedletsky@jfandcs.com**



**Schwartz/Reisman Centre
from 7:00-9:00pm
On the following Wednesdays:
September 18, 2024
October 9, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 11, 2024**

JF&CS strives for inclusivity in all its programs, serving community members of any income, family structure, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, level of observance, race, ethnicity, cultural identity and place of origin.

