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News Bulletin: December 2-13



Administration

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Important Dates:

December 3

Field Trip –Seneca College

December 4

Maker Fair

December 6

Field Trip—Seneca @ York

December 9

Steel Pan Ensemble
Workshop

December 10

3:30 Basketball game

December 12

3:30 Basketball game

December 13

Field Trip—Aquarium

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are about to start the final month of 2024. 2025 is just weeks away! Many of us recall the start of the school year and are wondering where the time went and now we are heading into the start of a new year. LSS is always a busy place especially during the month of December as students are engaged in many events and activities inside and outside of school. Many classes have already begun their culminating activities and are gearing up for exam preparation. We hope that you will reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns with your child's progress – this two-way communication will help to ensure students complete the semester successfully.

The Red Cross Club has begun a wonderful event and is collecting non-perishable food items for the local Richmond Hill food bank. Please encourage your child to bring a canned or boxed food item to their homeroom class. The homeroom class that has collected the most food will win some very special treats. We are very proud of all our students and staff who participate in this initiative.

Student Council is busy getting ready for our Spirit Week, which will occur the last week of school. There will be a number of dress up days to get all the students into the holiday mood. We look forward to participating in all these fun activities. Watch out for future announcements.

Our grade 10 students and many of our English Language Learners participated in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test recently. We wish them all good luck and we know they will be successful and make themselves, their teachers and their families very proud.

Over the last couple of weeks, students participated in field trips, on sports teams, in workshops, in assemblies, and in tournaments. These events and opportunities help to enrich the high school experience of all of our students; we are very happy when students decide to participate in activities that occur outside of the classroom. This spirit also enriches the school community.

Thank you to all the staff and students who put countless hours into planning events for the entire school to enjoy and to the parents/guardians who are supporting these events by encouraging their children to take part in something while in school, and having to do all the drop-offs and pick-ups.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Epstein

Message from Our Trustee

December 2024

As we approach the winter break, I am happy to share a few updates from the Board of Trustees and to wish you all the very best for the approaching break and holiday season.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

In October, we launched our new Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Building Unity, Achieving Excellence. The plan sets out three priorities that will guide our direction and decision-making as a school board: student achievement, health and well-being, and human rights and inclusive education. It was developed by the Board of Trustees based on feedback received from the community, and we are grateful to everyone who shared their input. It was important to Trustees to ensure that this is a plan that serves the needs of our students and community. I invite you to [learn more about this plan](#).

Family Engagement

Earlier in the fall, we hosted a series of **school council forums**, bringing together school council representatives for an evening of shared learning and discussion. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the important role school councils play in our system and to connect with families. Thank you to all of the family members who are supporting the work of our school councils, volunteering in schools, attending events and meetings, sharing information and getting involved in any way to support and strengthen our schools and school communities.

Some families have asked for tips on encouraging their children to share more information about their school day. Here are [some tips](#) that I hope you find helpful.

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families to support your child's education, we also recently introduced the **Family Dashboard**. The dashboard will offer you secure, one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. If you have not yet signed up, you can find more [information on the Board website](#).

Happy Holiday Season and Winter Break

For many in our community, this time of year includes significant dates and celebrations. For those who are celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. It is also a valuable time to connect with family and friends, as well as to rest and recharge. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Cindy Liang, Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6



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

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

Activity Fee

The Student Activity Fee is very important as it allows us to make Langstaff SS a great place in which to learn and grow. The funds are used throughout the year and allow our school to provide informative assemblies, guest speakers, special events, open houses, school dances and other spirit activities. All of these events provide our students with an enriched education and help to build our wonderful school community.

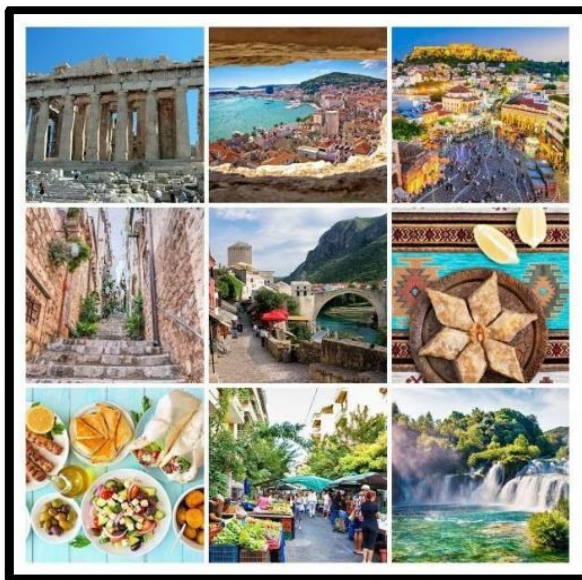
Report Cards

The link to access the **Secondary Midterm Report Card** will expire on **December 4th 2024**.

Start Up Packages

Please return important forms that were given to students at the beginning of the school year. There is a green Permission Form regarding school board policies. A blue form which gives the school consent for student's pictures to be taken, have their picture in the yearbook and Social Media.

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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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.



YRDSB FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

PATHWAYS TO SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Learn about:

- OYAP
- Pathway Planning
- Course selection for skilled trade careers
- Experiential learning opportunities

EXHIBITORS

Hear about career pathways and opportunities from:

- Industry partners and associations
- Colleges and Trade Unions
- Local Employers

IMPORTANT INFO



Monday, December 9, 2024



6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Richmond Hill High School
201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON

REGISTER NOW



SCAN ME

yrdsb.cc/PSTTDec9





NESJL invites you to...

Menorahs & Mingle 2024

A Pre-Hanukkah Gathering
For Jewish YRDSB staff and allies

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
4:00–6:00 P.M.
Rosedale Heights P.S. Library
300 Rosedale Heights Dr.
Thornhill

- Activities will be provided for children of Staff
- Snacks and Refreshments will be served

Register: 





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Tamil
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Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition

2025 Call for Entries!

Theme

Meeting Together, Meeting Place – Celebrating the Tamil Community Centre and Preserving Our Culture.

We're excited to announce the launch of our Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition as part of the Tamil Community Centre's mission to celebrate and preserve Tamil heritage! Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest.

Theme Overview

The theme **"Meeting Together, Meeting Place"** highlights the power of community spaces like the Tamil Community Centre, where Canadian Tamils gather to share stories, pass on traditions, learn, play, participate in the arts and nurture a sense of belonging. It is a place that will connect generations, shaping bonds that influence the future.

In your video essay, explore how such spaces allow us to celebrate our heritage, foster learning, form community and inspire future generations to carry on our traditions. Share your personal thoughts on how a gathering place like the Tamil Community Centre can create meaningful connections that strengthen and enrich our community for years to come.



WHO WE ARE?

360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. Through over 30 specialized programs, we empower young people to overcome adversity and achieve stability



OUR KEY PROGRAMS



Family & Natural Supports (FNS)

strengthens youth relationships with families and natural supports, equipping them with tools for conflict resolution. Through personalized case management, FNS aims to reduce youth homelessness and prevent entry into emergency housing

[LEARN MORE](#)


Nightstop

brought to Canada by 360°kids, provides emergency accommodation for youth forced to leave home, offering a safe, vetted volunteer's home for the night. This service prevents youth from sleeping in unsafe conditions or on the streets, ensuring a supportive environment in times of crisis

[LEARN MORE](#)


Supportive Housing for Independence through Nurture and Empowerment (SHINE)

program provides voluntary housing and support for youth ages 14-19 facing housing crises. With a focus on family reintegration, SHINE equips youth with life skills for independence when returning home isn't possible

[LEARN MORE](#)


Employment

offers young people essential training and skills to succeed in the workforce. Through six program streams and a holistic, empathetic approach, these programs help youth overcome employment barriers, fostering stability and long-term job retention

[LEARN MORE](#)


Counseling

services help young people move from past pain toward resilience. Through in-person and virtual sessions, youth receive consistent, empathetic support and learn new skills to manage life's challenges. Services are available at the Richmond Hill Youth Hub or through the "Let's Chat" Virtual Walk-In Clinic for accessible, free counselling across York Region

[LEARN MORE](#)


Outreach

connect vulnerable youth (ages 12-25) to essential services across the community. They build trust, assess needs, and provide referrals to support youth in achieving stability. Services, including counselling and case management, are free and tailored to individual goals, meeting youth where they are—in community spaces or their own homes

[LEARN MORE](#)

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AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE - BECAUSE
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Volunteers Wanted

Are you an Energetic, Confident, Mature, Responsible & Caring High School, College or University Student?

Current Opportunities

- **Outreach Volunteers (Rec Buddies)** - are buddied up with an individual with a developmental disability to form a peer relationship, provide minimal support, participate in activities & assist staff in setting up or taking down activities.
 - **Summer Camp** - 1 or 2-week commitment during July &/or August from approximately 8:45am to 4pm.
 - **Evening and Sunday Programs** - Fall, Winter & Spring sessions, 8 weeks each
 - **School Break Camps** - March & Winter
- Programs take place at the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, L4J 8G6
- **Benefits of Volunteering**
 - **Gain leadership skills & hands on experience**
 - **Learn & develop new skills to add to your resume**
 - **Community service hours eligible**
 - **Give back and HAVE FUN!**

Use this QR code to fill in the Reena Volunteer Interest form or contact us by email at volunteering@reena.org



"Reena is a non-profit organization that promotes dignity, individuality, independence, personal growth and community inclusion for people with diverse abilities within a framework of Jewish culture and values."

www.reena.org

Kwanzaa Celebration

Students, staff and families, please join us as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa! This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson, 36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill

Event Details:

- Storytelling on Kwanzaa's history and principles
- Music and performances celebrating African heritage and culture
- Crafts and activities for all ages
- A community feast

We look forward to celebrating this cultural holiday with you.

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **December 2, 2024**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca

