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Parent Newsletter: October 30 to November 10

Administration

Principal:
Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal:
Heather Leatham

Vice-Principal:
Marianne C. Hamilton

STAY CONNECTED



@langstaffss

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members:

Happy Halloween Weekend!

Last night we had an amazing Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview Night. We loved seeing so many parents in the building. We loved the new format and were glad that the parents/guardians were appreciative of our “Meet & Greet” to say hellos and put names to faces.

On Tuesday, we are celebrating Halloween. The students are very excited and I know that we will see many great costumes on Monday. The teachers are all dressing up as well known “song titles” and we are having a contest to see which student can guess the most song titles correctly! This should be a great deal of fun. There are many awesome activities planned for Halloween including a Haunted House, candy grams and a costume contest. It will be spooktacular!

We are very proud of our Boys’ Volley Ball team who are undefeated at this time – what a record! We are waiting to see what the team’s future is. We are hoping that a trip to OFSAA will be taking place. Go Bears!

On November 1st 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 sure 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 be 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 2nd 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 spirit and learning.

Ms. Sheri Epstein

Principal

InspireLearning!

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

October / November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
October 30	October 31	November 1 Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day Grade 8 Day— Local Elementary schools visiting LSS	November 2 6 pm Grade 8 Open House	November 3 Boys Volleyball Tournament
November 6	November 7	November 8 (Term 1 Ends)	November 9	November 10 Remembrance Day Activity Spirit Day—Wear red and white for Remembrance Day

Attendance Reminder

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-889-6266 ext.: 1 OR email-langstaffss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Should your student be absent for 3 or more days, an Extended Absence Form must be signed by each subject teacher, parent/guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving for the absence, Extended Absence Forms are available at the Main Office.

Free Afterschool Programs

Langstaff is offering **free afterschool programs** run by Langstaff teachers to help support students in their classes. Students that sign up must come to all classes.

Credit Success: this program will run **Every Tuesday Starting Oct. 31st from 2:45-4:15pm in student success.** This is to support students in all their classes and it will run until Jan.16th 2024 for 10 sessions.

Numeracy: this program will run **Every Thursday Starting November 2nd from 2:45-4:15pm in student success.** This is to support students in their math classes. It will run until January 18th 2024 for 10 sessions.

For more information, please see Ms. Starkman in student success (room 132). Permission form's are available in student success and must be submitted by Friday October 27th.

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Our Club List is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Best Buddies	Global Bears Bear Truth Business Debate (Every other week)	Wellness All girls alliance club Chess Club	All girls alliance club Spanish (last Thursday of the month) Drama	Post-Secondary Club All girls alliance club
After school	Weightlifting Yearbook (every other week)	Criminal Science Science Tutors	Weightlifting Music Club Science Tutors Peer Tutors Eco Bears Math Club	Science Tutors Math Tutors Art and Mural Badminton	Weightlifting Photoshop Club Peer Tutors Red Cross Anime

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PARENTS!**

**KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY
AND IN SCHOOL**

**Are your child's
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It's your responsibility to tell
York Region Public Health, not
your doctor's.



Update online now!
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LANGSTAFF SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30-8:30PM

THE AGENDA

6:30-7:00 PM: SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION

7:00-7:45PM: ALL ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL

7:45-8:30PM: TOUR OF LSS

PROGRAMS AT LANGSTAFF

- AP
- FRENCH IMMERSION
- HPA
- SHSM

CALL :

905-889-6266 Ext. 126

MORE CONTACT INFO:



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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 Counselor ALPHA allocation by last name

Ms. R. Chidiac, *Head of Guidance*
reina.chidiac@yrdsb.ca

Ms. S. Campbell
stephanie.campbell@yrdsb.ca

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: <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-O: Mme Chidiac, P-Z: Ms. Campbell

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

OPEN HOUSE

Langstaff is hosting an Open House for Grade 7 and 8 parents. If your child is coming to LSS, you are welcome to attend, even if you already have a child here! We have an exciting evening planned!

Date: Thursday, Nov 2, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION

1. *From CareerWise by Ceric:*

From decision paralysis to discovery: Supporting young adults to start their careers

Many conversations I have with young adults start with a statement like this: "I am stuck. I have no idea what I am passionate about. What if I make the wrong career choice and I am not passionate about the work?"

Read the full article here:

https://careerwise.ceric.ca/2023/09/13/young-adult-career-choice/?mc_cid=17597a821a&mc_eid=b42317d604

2. Guidance hosted a Post Secondary Planning Session on October 10 for all graduating students. The presentation and Grade 12 "What's Next Package" are posted in the google classroom.

Students are also welcome to make an appointment as a "Grade 12 Interview" to ask questions in preparation for their applications. Students received their Ontario Student Status (OSS), they are encouraged to check and review that everything is in order, including their required credits, 40 Hours of Community Involvement, Literacy Test and postsecondary requirements.

School(s) Hosting	Date & Time	Location
Bill Crothers, Markville & Unionville	November 8, 2023 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Unionville H.S.
Alexander Mackenzie, Bayview, Maple, Stephen Lewis, Westmount	November 9th - 6:00-8:00	Stephen Lewis Secondary School
Emily Carr, Tommy Douglas & Woodbridge	Thursday, November 16th, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m	Emily Carr S.S.
Middlefield	November 15th - 6:30 to 8:30	Middlefield C.I.
Keswick, Sutton DHS and Our Lady of the Lake	November 9th - time TBD	Keswick H.S.

SCHOOL NEWS



September, 2023

Dear parents/guardians,

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 \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 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.
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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.

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 21, 2023 – November 23, 2023 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)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,

Mme Zaitlin

Principal

*****please see flyer attached*****

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$75.00 to \$160.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$140.00 to \$275.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

With funding from

Canada

Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Renewed Computer Technology

Application Check-List



You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 21st, 2023
Application deadline: November 23rd, 2023

1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB23

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB23

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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SANKOFA MENTORING UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFO SESSION



Want to get an understanding of the College and University process and system?

Date: Saturday Nov. 11th, 2023
Time: 10:00 Am to 1:00 pm
Location: Bur Oak Secondary School
933 Bur Oak Ave. Markham Ontario



Want to know what mindset you should have going into College and University?



Want to know what opportunities exist to get into University or College?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

-  <https://yraacc.ca>
-  gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca
-  647-425-5700



Connection For Women **1**

**Learn mindfulness and meditation
in a safe and supportive group setting**

Topics will include:

- Stress and anxiety reduction
- Connecting with your mind and body
- Self worth and self esteem
- General relaxation and happiness



\$120 per person

(sliding scale available)

6 Sessions beginning Thursday November 2, 2023

1:30– 3:00 pm

Jewish Family and Child Service | 4600 Bathurst Street | Lipa Green Centre

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For more information or to register, please call 416.638.7800 x 6215

Register online! www.jfandcs.com



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SERVICE OF GREATER TORONTO

The Challenge of Anger for Women

Topics will include:

- Anger as a response to loss, fear, hurt and frustration
- Understanding what triggers your anger
- Alternative techniques to express your anger
- Physiological and emotional responses to anger



\$100 per person

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6 Sessions beginning Thursday November 2, 2023

7:30–9:00 pm

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Bereavement Group

This is a group for men and women (under 68 years of age) who have recently lost a partner or spouse.

Topics will include:

- coping with grief
- living with loneliness
- changing relationships
- new beginnings



Participants will have the opportunity to share their mourning experience with others in similar situations.

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7:30 – 9:00 pm

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Bereavement Group

This is a group for men and women (68 years+) who have recently lost a partner /spouse.

Topics will include:

- coping with grief
- living with loneliness
- changing relationships
- new beginnings

Participants will have the opportunity to share their mourning experience with others in similar situations.



\$100 per person

(sliding scale available)

6 Sessions beginning Wednesday November 1, 2023

1:30 – 3:00 pm

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SCRHCAT presents a **FREE** **LANDLORD/TENANT EXPO**



12:15 PM
CITY OF RICHMOND HILL

- COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIVISION
- COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT
- ISSUES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO LANDLORD/TENANT

12:45 PM
CITY OF RH FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

TO LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY FOR LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

1:00 PM
(THHC)
HOUSING RESOURCES IN THE YORK REGION

HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN YR FIND AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE, SAFE HOUSING.

- HOW TO FILL SUBSIDIZED HOUSING APPLICATIONS
- INFORMATION ABOUT MARKET RENT WITH HOUSING YORK
- APPLYING FOR ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (OESP)
- INFORMATION ABOUT ADVOCACY, MEDIATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES

1:30 PM
(CMHA / RENTSMART)

RENTSMART IS DESIGNED TO BUILD A COMBINATION OF LIFE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE IN TENANTS AND LANDLORDS THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATORS.

LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTHS IN YORK REGION

**KIDS
ACTIVITIES**

**RAFFLE DRAW
HOME DEPOT
GIFT CARDS**

**FREE
SNACKS**

2:15 PM
(CCHR)
RENTAL HOUSING BASICS

THE AUDIENCE WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THE MOST COMMON ISSUES FACED BY TENANTS AND KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HELP. ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDE RENT INCREASES, MAINTENANCE ISSUES, GUESTS, PRIVACY AND OTHER ISSUES.

Saturday, 28th October 2023 at 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Centennial Pool, 161 NewKirk Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 3G6