



109 Garden Avenue
Richmond Hill, On, L4C 6M1
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News Bulletin: October 7-18

Administration

Principal:
Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal:
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Vice-Principal:
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Important Dates:

October 11
Terry Fox Run/Walk

October 14
Thanksgiving—No
School

October 15-17
Interim Reports
Distributed

October 16
Fall Award Ceremony

October 17
College Fair Field Trip

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Partners,

It has been so nice to welcome the fall season with the beautiful fall colours while we are getting to enjoy warm summer weather.

Exciting things are happening at LSS! Some of our sports teams are up and running. Our students have participated in Track & Field, Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer. It is nice to see our students out on the fields, participating in activities they enjoy, while competing with their peers. In addition to sports, many clubs are up and running as well. These clubs are very busy planning activities and events to be shared with their members and in some cases with the whole school. Getting involved is a very important part of the High School experience and we love to see how many of our students participate in our clubs.

Langstaff's Student Council is now complete. We just held the elections for our Grade 9 Vice President and with the addition of our newest members, STUCO (as our students refer to Student Council) is ready to roll and get underway by overseeing all of the activities that our students enjoy so much.

Now, I am going to take a moment for a shameless plug. All our wonderful student activities led by STUCO, student clubs, and teams do need some financial support. These monies come directly from our Student Activity Fee. Over the summer, you received a package from the school and School Cash on Line asking you to please pay \$40 per student for the Student Activity Fee. All of these monies go directly to the students. We use these monies to help STUCO run their events, for clubs to purchase what they need and to subsidize our teams so that the costs are reasonable for our student athletes. In fact, it is rule that that any student who wishes to be a part of a club or team must have paid their Student Activity Fee in order to participate in a club or team. So I am asking you, our wonderful Langstaff families, please find that package and pay the Student Activity Fee, if you haven't already, for your child(ren). If you are not comfortable using School Cash on Line, you are more than welcome to send \$40 into school, cash or cheque, with your child(ren). If you haven't yet paid, please expect a phone call from one the lovely ladies in the office; she will be calling asking you to pay this very important school fee. Thank you! All monies collected for the Student Activity Fee will go directly back to the students! If you wish to discuss this, please contact me, always happy to talk to you.

Inspire Learning!



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A Message from your Administrators continued.....

To help with your planning, some important dates coming up are:

Terry Fox Run/Walk	October 11	During school hours
Interim Report Cards sent home (to GAPPS accounts	October 15/16	
IEPs shared with families	October 16	
School Council – Applying to College and University	October 22	7:00pm to 8:30pm
Parent/Teacher Interview Night	October 24	6:30pm to 8:30pm

We wish to thank you for your unwavering support and understanding.

Ms. Sheri Epstein
Principal

School News

LANGSTAFF SS

Medical Health Care Forms/Allergies

If your child has a serious life-threatening allergy or medical condition, please inform the office to complete the appropriate medical forms. There are students and staff members in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens. To help create an allergen-safe environment, do not bring nuts or nut products to school.

It is critical that parents and guardians share information with us about students' serious or life-threatening medical conditions or other health-related matters so that we can create fulsome Health Care Plans that help keep students safe. We encourage students, who are able, to contribute to the creation of these plans too.

Please access forms below as needed. Completed forms and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student's name marked on the bag and left in the Main Office. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

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

Should your student have a planned absence 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.

Student Parking

Langstaff SS has a student designated parking lot, which is on the west side of the school. In order to park there, students must come to the office and pick up a student parking form and have it filled out and signed by their parent/guardian. This form is available in the main office.

Tutoring Available at school

Science- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Lunch (rm 231)

Math- Thursdays after school (rm 164)

Geography- Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch (rm 252)

French- Fridays afterschool (rm 155)

Peer Tutoring for all subjects- Wednesdays and Fridays at Lunch (rm 121)

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

Alpha A-M

Ms. A. Sitt

alice.sitt@yrdsb.ca

Alpha N-Z

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.

Guidance News

Message from Student Success & Guidance

Please join our Google Classroom to get updates on various important topics at school. Some topics include: post-secondary, volunteer and leadership opportunities, guidance updates, Advanced Placement (AP), clubs and teams..etc.

Join Code: 4rjwryf

Students, Parents/guardians, and Staff are all welcome to join.

Volunteer with the YRDSB's Indigenous and International Languages Program

The YRDSB's Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program is seeking secondary student volunteers to support the sites running the elementary language courses across the York Region.

Earn a minimum of 2.5 hours a week, available between weekday evenings (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM or Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM / 9:30 AM to 12:00PM).

By volunteering with our program, you can gain valuable experience as:

- A Classroom Volunteer who:
 - supports the students to understand the lessons and tasks
 - assists the teacher/instructor in various tasks
- An Office Volunteer who:
 - assists office administrators with collection and organization of tasks
 - supports the office staff with relaying communications
- A Hallway Volunteer who:
 - monitors for safety
 - directs students/parents/visitors to appropriate classrooms/the ILIL site office

For more information, email the ILIL Main Office at ILIL@yrdsb.ca
<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/indigenous-languages-and-international-languages/job-and-volunteer-opportunities>

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.

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

Board News



Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways & the Accelerated OYAP Program!

You should attend this information evening if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information about this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

**Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!**

Auto Body Technician	Automotive Service Technician	Baker
Carpenter	Child Youth Worker	Construction Craft Worker
Cook	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Hairstylist	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Plumber	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.



REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.ca/OYAP-OpenHouse>
EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca

6:30 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB

7:00 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agents

8:00 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB



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SEAS Family Engagement Evening

Family Ties: Building Stronger Bonds with Your Child

Welcome to our first SEAS "Family Engagement Evening" workshop, designed in collaboration with Family Services York Region, aimed at supporting East Asian families in understanding the importance of establishing and using effective communication with your child. In this session, we will explore:

- Building stronger parent-child connections through intercultural and intracultural lens
- Strategies for effective communication
- Encouraging open dialogue within the family
- Resources for developing a positive and supportive home environment

Presentations will be available in English and Mandarin, with support available in Cantonese.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Bill Crothers Secondary School,

44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

Please scan the QR code or click bit.ly/3Zdrkjr to register



Childminding services will be provided for children ages 5 to 13.
For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developers and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with the community partner Family Services York Region (FSYR)



**Peter Gilgan
Foundation**



Sep - Dec 2024

YRES Youth Workshop Calendar



September

SEP 14 | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)

SEP 28 | Financial Literacy 101 (Grade 10 -12)

November

NOV 9 | Resumes, Cover Letters and Interview Preparations (G6-12)

NOV 23 | Find your Calling and Passion (G9-12)

October

OCT 19 | Clear and Compelling Communication (G6-12)

OCT 26 | Course Selections and University Applications (G9-12)

December

DEC 7 | Essential Study Skills for High School Success (G9-12)



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Zoom Option Available



FREE Workshops

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York Region Educational Services (YRES) is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization.



A Death Cafe, is a group directed discussion of death, with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group, not a support group or counselling session.

It's a respectful, life affirming, thought provoking conversation about a topic that is often shied away from



Wednesday,
October 23rd, 2024



6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Zoom

For More Information or to register, call: 905-967-0259 or email: cflynn@myhospice.ca



Break The Silence, Eco Empowerment Art Workshop for Youth



Yellow Brick House in Partnership with Mill Pond Art Gallery

Looking for visual arts student volunteers (Ages 14 - 18)

You Will Receive:

- Free art supplies
- Minimum of 15 volunteer hours required
- Free 4-hour art class at Richmond Hill Mill Pond Art Gallery
- Art show and media launch at Richmond Hill Mill Pond Art Gallery
- Art will be showcased at Yellow Brick House's Office and Fundraising Event

Your Commitment:

- Attend a 1-hour virtual Public Education seminar (Pick a date that works best for you)
- Participate in the Break the Silence, Step in My Shoes Walk on November 3rd
- Register for and attend an art class at Mill Pond Gallery
- Create and donate artwork for Yellow Brick House
- Optional: Attend the art show for additional volunteer hours

— Public Education seminar Dates:

Monday October 28th – 4:00 to 5:00PM

Tuesday October 29th – 5:00 to 6:00PM

— November 3rd (Walk)

— November 10th or 17th (Art class)

— November 22nd - 24th (Art show)



Scan for Free
Registration

Community News

Jewish Rainbow Alliance Parent/Caregiver Support Group: Fall Sessions 2024

The next drop in for the Jewish RAINBOW Alliance parent support group will be on **October 9, 2024**

The group will continue to be led by Giselle, our wonderful parent peer facilitator who has expertise in LGBTQ+ issues, as well as lived experience as a parent to two LGBTQ+ kids — one who is gay and one who is transgender

If you would like to attend any of the session dates listed below, please click on the registration link underneath the date you are interested in to sign-up to attend as we do need pre-registration to know who is coming and for security reasons as well. There is still **NO CHARGE** to register for this program but if you haven't already, you do need to create an account with the JCC.

Join us at the Schwartz/Reisman Centre on the following Wednesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm:

October 9, 2024

November 20, 2024

December 11, 2024

The Schwartz/Reisman Centre Registration Link:

[SRC | Parents and Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Youth Peer Group: the Jewish Rainbow Alliance \(clubautomation.com\)](https://clubautomation.com)