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News Bulletin: September 23-October 4

Administration

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Important Dates:

September 24

Caring & Safe Schools Assembly 11 am Global Bears Welcome Event

September 26

7pm Europe Trip Information Evening in the Library

September 27

P.A. Day

September 30

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Safety Week

October 3

Diamond Day: Rosh Hashanah

A Message from your Administrators

Dear Langstaff Families and Community Members:

Although the leaves are beginning to turn we are still enjoying summer weather – and we love the continuation of summer.

We are very excited that fall sports have begun and students have the opportunity to participate and get involved in their school community. Try outs for the sports teams are announced over the morning announcements. Our Cross Country Running Team, Girls Basketball, and Boys Soccer are off to a great start. We also had our Clubs Fair a couple of weeks ago and many clubs are up and running.

Our Global Bears Club will have their "Welcome Event" for our newcomer students on September 24 and on September 25; our Wellness Club will be hosting their second, weekly, lunchtime wellness event. This week students can participate in a fun art activity called "pass the canvas".

This upcoming week is YRDSB's Safety Week. During this week (and into next week) we have held or will be holding a practice Fire Drill, Lock Down Drill, Hold & Secure Drill, and Bomb Threat Drill. As well, all our students a Safe School's Assembly led by LSS administration.

September 27 will also be our first Professional Activity Day. On that day, while all students will be at home enjoying a day away from school, our staff will be participating in professional learning all day. In the morning, the staff will engaging our safety compliance training. In the afternoon, we will be working on our school improvement plans for this year, and teachers will then have an opportunity to work in their departments on department planning.

With the return to fall, many of our Grade 12 students begin to think about their options, in terms of postsecondary offerings for next year. The Guidance department will be hosting an assembly on September 26 for all potential graduates. At this assembly, the grade 12 students will learn about the various pathways available to them and the applications process to both college and university. We will continue this learning for parents at our October School Council meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm in the Library. Don't worry we will have a few reminders before this date is upon us.

Thank you again for your optimism and patience. We look forward to a rewarding semester. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us in the main office. We love hearing from you!

Ms. S. Epstein Principal



Dear Langstaff SS Families,

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As you may know, in 2024, the Ontario Ministry of Education introduced a directive modifying the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms. YRDSB already has <u>Policy and Procedure 194.0 - Appropriate Use of Technology</u> and many measures around personal mobile devices in place. The changes you may see in September will bring alignment with the new Ministry Directive. The following expectations for students' use of personal mobile devices are outlined in the revised <u>Provincial Code of Conduct (PPM 128)</u>, and the York Region District School Board's Policy #668 Caring and Safe Schools.

A personal mobile device is any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as a laptop, cellphone, tablet or smart watch.

Expectations

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device, how they use it and the consequences of not following the provincial or school board policy.

Students' personal mobile devices must be powered off or set to silent mode, except under the circumstances outlined below:

for educational purposes, as directed by an educator for health and medical purposes to support special education needs

Students in secondary school can bring a personal mobile device to school, but will be able to use it only during non-instructional time.

New Practices at School

If an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not turned off or set to silent mode, even after staff reminders, the student may be required to place their personal mobile device in a storage area in a location designated by the educator for the class or period.

Your child may face consequences if they use their personal mobile device inappropriately. Progressive discipline may apply and families may be notified.

Resources:

Families play an important role in teaching children about finding a healthy balance in using technology. You may wish to access the following resources:

Media Smarts - Four Tips for Managing Your Kids' Screen Time

School Mental Health Ontario - Helping Your Child Manage Digital Technology

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - Problem Gambling and Technology Use Treatment Services

For additional information regarding Policy/Program (PPM) 128, please visit the Ministry of Education's <u>Cellphones and other mobile devices in schools</u> site or the York Region District School Board's website.

Thank you,

Ms. S. Epstein

Principal.

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Secondary Interim Report Cards

In semester one, families will receive three reports including the Interim Report, Mid-Semester Report and Semester End Report. Our reports provide you information about your child's achievement throughout the first semester.

Interim reports are part of the ongoing communication from our school to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that this report will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Distribution of your child's interim report card for the first semester will begin on October 15/16. These reports will be distributed using the same process used for Mid-Semester and Final Reports via student GAPPS accounts.

Health And Safety Week

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 23 to 27, 2024) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills, including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practicing drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7

• Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7

York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.

Trans Lifeline

Black Youth Helpline

Naseeha Helpline/

<u>2SLGBTQ+</u> Youthline

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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 lifethreatening 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.

Health Care Plan Form

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)

From the Library Learning Commons...

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We've had a great start to the 2024/2025 school year! On Sept. 3, we welcomed the Grade 9 students to the library learning commons for a short visit as they made their way around the different workshops throughout the day. We are excited to report that the library learning commons orientation sessions are now underway, the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes started this week and we will welcome back the Grade 9 classes next week. Important information about access to print and digital resources is shared with students as well as an emphasis on the importance of academic honesty while completing assignments. Through a variety of interactive activities, students explore research and writing strategies to help them develop essential skills and achieve success in all their courses.

It was a pleasure meeting some of you and welcoming you to our space at our first school council meeting of the year. If you have any questions about our program or resources, please contact us.

We look forward to welcoming all our students throughout the semester and will keep you posted on our events and activities in the library learning commons. We appreciate your continued support!

Sharon Romero Department Head of Library



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

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Accessing Your Guidance Team



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, Adanced 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
ILIL@yrdsb.ca
ILIL@yrdsb.ca
ILIL@yrdsb.ca
ILIL@yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/indigenous-languages-and-international-languages/job-and-volunteer-opportunities

The Scholarship Report

Enclosed in our Parent Newsletter.

Guidance News

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	ТВА	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 & Voodbridge College	November 14, 2024	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m	Emily Carr S.S.

Ministry Of Education Survey

On May 30, 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that it would be launching consultations in fall 2024 with students, parents, job creators, educators and other stakeholders on the practical life skills students need to build a strong foundation for future success through modernized home economics education. To learn more visit Province Introduces New High School Graduation Requirements for a Stronger Ontario Diploma.

The Ministry has asked school boards to assist in the promotion and collection of feedback on the practical life skills that parents, students and educators think could be included or strengthened.

The anonymous <u>Ministry Survey</u>: <u>Launch of Life Skills Consultation</u>, designed by the Ministry, will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 24, 2024. Administrators can share this link in their communication with families.



Indigenous Languages and International Languages

www.yrdsb.ca/international-languages





The Fall Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) secondary credit courses registration is open!

Secondary Credit Program

Credits Towards Ontario Secondary Diploma:

- International Languages Secondary Courses can be applied toward the Ontario Secondary Diploma as Optional Credits.**
- Students can earn credits towards their high school graduation.

Post-secondary Applications:

 If students successfully complete the Level D -University course, it can be used as one of their top six marks for post-secondary entry. ++

Get Started Today!

For more information, please visit <u>Indigenous Languages</u> and <u>International Languages - Secondary Students</u>.

A \$20.00 non-refundable consumable fee is collected in the third class. International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$500 fee to participate in the program. Registrations will not be accepted after the third class. If you have any questions, please email us at lil@yrdsb.ca.

14 Language Offerings for 2024-2025 Secondary Credit Program:

- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Farsi
- German
- Greek
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin (Simplified)
- Mandarin (Traditional)
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Turkish
- Urdu

Please note: ALL CREDIT COURSES ARE ONLINE

^{**}For students who entered Grade 9 before September 2024, you can continue to earn an international language credit as either a "Group One Compulsory credit" OR an "optional credit

⁺⁺ Students are advised to check with the post-secondary institutions to check the admission criteria to determine if the international language credit will count towards their program of choice.



Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning for students in the elementary level (SK to Grade 8) and at the secondary level (Grades 9 to 12).

Elementary

The elementary courses are extra-curricular language learning available for in-person or online classes. Classes are 2.5 hours and run once a week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM*).

Online registration opens on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**. To attend the full language program in its entirety, be sure to register by **Monday, September 9, 2024**.

* For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL <u>Elementary</u> webpage or scan the QR code:



Secondary

The secondary courses are credit-bearing, running once a week for 3.7 hours. Fall classes are year-long, running once a week on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Fall registration will open in mid-July and will close by the third week of classes.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL Secondary webpage or scan the QR code:



Please Note:

- All courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

Languages Offered:

Arabic

Cantonese

Dari

Farsi

Filipino

German

Greek

Gujarati

Hebrew

Hindi

ltalian

Japanese

Korean

Macedonian

Mandarin (Both)

Mandarin (Simplified)

Mandarin (Traditional)

Mohawk

Punjabi

Ojibwe

Russian

Sanskrit

Sinhala

Spanish

Tamil

Turkish

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Yoruba



September 2024

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 <u>online</u> <u>application page</u> for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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)

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

Sincerely,		
Greg Collins,		
Principal		



G I V E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2024 Fall Session

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
- Self care and well-being
- 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: September 23 to 27, 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:

Oksana Majaski oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca 416-568-2252

Pauline Guo 905-884-3434 #322

Victoria Chung vchung@ccsvr.org 416-358-2212

Eman Hasan ehasan@ccsyr.org 416-312-5173







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)





Community News







Sep - Dec 2024

YRES Youth Workshop Calendar



September

Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)

Financial Literacy 101 (Grade 10 -12)

November

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

Find your Calling and Passion (G9-12)

October

OCT Clear and Compelling 19 Communication (G6-12)

December

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

Course Selections and 26 University Applications (G9-12)



Aaniin Community Centre



Zoom Option Available



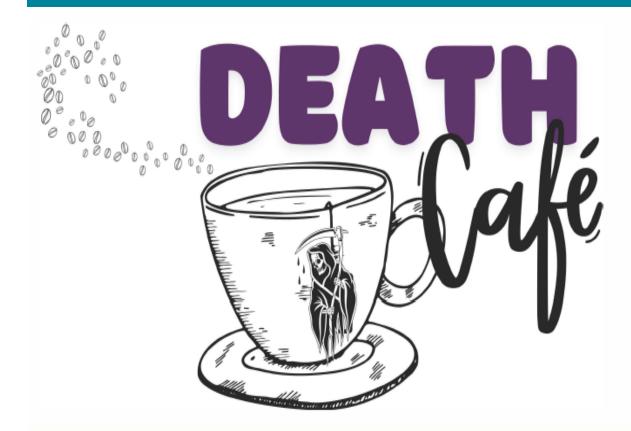
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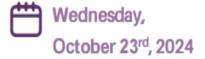
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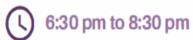
Community News



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







Zoom

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



