



PARENT BULLETIN

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ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-294-1886, option 1 **or** emailing markham.dhs@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. Forms are available from the attendance secretary or main office.

Week of Jan 30th-Feb 3rd, 2023

Monday, Jan 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams for Period 3 Classes
Tuesday, Jan 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams for Period 4 Classes
Wednesday, Feb 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminating Activities Support Day International Music Festival at 3:00 pm-7:30 pm in the cafeteria-Mr. Siu
Thursday, Feb 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams for Period 1 Classes
Friday, Feb 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Day No classes

Message from Guidance

SEMESTER 2 REMOTE LEARNING NIGHT SCHOOL (Winter 2023)

Attention students who want to register for Night School in Semester 2. Winter registration is now open using My Pathway Planner, and courses will run from February 16, 2023 to June 8, 2023. Please be advised that traditional in class face-to-face Night School program will move to a remote learning delivery model.

The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous). Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm.

We encourage students to register early as course offerings are not guaranteed and are subject to sufficient enrollment.

Please visit the following website for more details and course offering information: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/night-school-credit-courses>

SEMESTER 2 ONLINE LEARNING NIGHT SCHOOL (Winter 2023)

Winter 2023 courses run from February 21- June 5, 2023. Current YRDSB Student registration period: January 31 - February 28, 2023 using My Pathway Planner. Online Learning (formerly referred to as “e-learning”) provides students with another option to expand their educational experience. *The program offers courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format.* Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with numerous synchronous learning opportunities offered with the teacher. Students can expect to do a minimum of 6 hours of learning each week per course. The program offers courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format (formerly referred to as “e-learning”). Online learning relies on communication between pupils and teachers. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. For more information and registration information, please visit the following website:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning/online-learning-night-school>-Mr. Buie (Guidance Department)

Student Trustee

Students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity January 23-30 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our area of the board. Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice.

All students in Grades 5-12 will receive an email in their GAPPS account. The email will include a link to site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote. One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. Later in February, students can vote for the final two candidates who will represent them during the next school year. This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so I encourage all students to check their email and take the time to vote.

Learn more about the role and the election process at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

YEARBOOK
\$20 RAFFLE
FREE ENTRY

Purchase a yearbook on SchoolCashOnline to automatically be entered

ONLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 6

The LOST has been FOUND!

Please remind your student to check the Lost & Found table outside the main office. We have lots of coats, water bottles and clothing items found. Small or valuable items such as jewelry, watches, glasses and electronics (including air pods and cases) can be retrieved at the reception desk. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on February 3, 2023.



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Message from Our Trustee

February 2023

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2023, and enjoyed their winter break.

One of the most important roles of school board trustees is **communicating with the public**. I hope to use this newsletter as one way to keep you updated on Board news, to communicate my role as trustee and how I can support you, and to answer some of the questions I am often asked as a trustee.

Communicating with the public includes both sharing information and attending events to build relationships with families, but also ensuring I am available to you. If you have questions about Board policies or budget, concerns about your community, ideas and suggestions, or have a question and don't know [who to call](#), please feel free to reach out. I am happy to assist you.

As I settle in my new role, I look forward to visit our schools in the coming weeks and meet in person our staff and parent councils to make myself available to them for any support.

Our Board of Trustees is made up of 12 trustees elected during the municipal election process, and one Indigenous trustee appointed through a separate process. As one of the new trustees, I am looking forward to connecting with families and fulfilling my roles to support student achievement and well-being.

What do Trustees Do?

In addition to communicating with the public, we are also responsible for:

Establishing a Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This [plan](#) sets out our priorities as a school board and guides our direction and decision making as a system.

Setting policy. [Policies](#) govern the operation of our schools and organization, including field trips, school transportation, homework, caring and safe schools and much more. You can find out which policies are up for review in our [meeting agendas](#), or which [policies are out for comment](#) on the website. Your participation in this process is important to ensuring our policies are serving our communities and align with our priorities.

Setting an annual budget. I look forward to sharing more information about this process with you in the coming months as we engage in [budget](#) consultations.

Participating on Board and Advisory Committees. You can find the dates and agendas for these meetings on the Board website. You are welcome to attend and observe any [public Board, Advisory and Board Committee meetings](#).

Hiring the Director of Education. This process is governed by the [Director of Education Selection Policy](#), and we will keep you updated as this process progresses. In the meantime, I am deeply grateful to Interim Director of Education Scott Yake for his commitment and service.

Advocating for quality public education. I became a school board trustee because I believe in public education. I believe in the potential of each and every one of our students and our responsibility to nurture their learning, growth and achievement. Our decisions as a board are centred on our commitment to deliver the best for our students.

What's Happening in YRDSB

[Kindergarten](#) registration opened January 20 for families with children who will start Kindergarten in September 2023.

[French Immersion registration](#) is open from January 20-February 6 for students entering Grade 1 in September 2023.

[Student trustee elections](#) are currently underway. All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the student trustees who will represent them next school year.

In February, we recognize Black History Month, celebrating the contributions of Black people to the fabric of our society. I encourage you to visit the Board's [Centre for Black Student Excellence webpage](#) and [newsletter](#) to learn more about upcoming events during Black History Month and what's happening in the Board to celebrate Black excellence.

Family Day and the March Break are also approaching and we hope everyone enjoys the break.

There are a number of other events for families coming up and I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#).

New Schools

One of the other questions I am asked, particularly in growing communities is about new schools or capital projects. I can let you know that in our municipality the following [capital projects](#) have received approval: [Markham Centre Elementary School](#), proposed to open September 2026

There are many ways you can stay up-to-date with what's happening in our school board. Visit the [newsroom](#) or website homepage at www.yrdsb.ca. Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow the Board on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#). Read your school newsletters and emails. I look forward to staying connected with you.

Ed Law

Trustee, Markham Wards 3 and 4



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Mathematics Contests for Semester 2

The following Mathematics Contests from the University of Waterloo will run during Semester 2:

- **Pascal** (grade 9), **Cayley** (grade 10), **Fermat** (grade 11).
 - Wednesday 22nd February
 - 60 minutes long
 - 25 Multiple-Choice questions
 - \$7 fee via [SchoolCash](#) online, due by February 1st
- **Euclid** (grade 12 + highly motivated students in other grades)
 - Tuesday 4th April
 - 2.5 hours long
 - 10 Written-Response questions
 - \$19 fee via [SchoolCash](#) online, due by March 6th
- **Fryer** (grade 9), **Galois** (grade 10), **Hypatia** (grade 11)
 - Wednesday 5th April
 - 75 minutes long
 - 4 Written-Response questions
 - \$13 fee via [SchoolCash](#) online, due by March 6th

If interested in writing a contest, please sign up by making a payment on [SchoolCash](#) online by the deadline listed above.

For more information on the contests, please visit <https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/our-contests.html>

Mr. Raffoul
MDHS Math Department

Message from the Computer Science Department

Planning on writing the **Canadian Computing Competition** (CCC) this year?

The contest will be held in the library during the afternoon of **Wednesday February 15th, 2023**.

Deadline to registration is Monday February 6th, 2023.

The cost to participate is **\$10.30** via [SchoolCash](#) Online

To register please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/gKz6iCDky5BERmMT7>

Mr. M. Berry
Computer Science Department
