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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](mailto: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.

**REMINDER Secondary Schools do not use Edsby for Attendance**

Week of Jan 20-24th, 2025	
Monday Jan 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council Meeting in the Library 7:00-8:30 pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday Jan 21st	
Wednesday Jan 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 1 Exams</li> </ul>
Thursday Jan 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 5 Exams</li> </ul>
Friday Jan 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 2 Exams</li> </ul>
Week of Jan 27-31st, 2025	
Monday Jan 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 3 Exams</li> </ul>
Tuesday Jan 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period 4 Exams</li> </ul>
Wednesday Jan 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular School Day-<b>Attendance will be taken</b></li> <li>Significant Faith Day-Lunar New Year</li> </ul>
Thursday Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam Feedback Day-Modified Schedule for the Day (See Exam Schedule Link below for schedule) <b>Attendance will be taken</b></li> </ul>
Friday Jan 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PA Day-No Classes</b></li> </ul>

### Important News

- Our Exam Schedule and Information is on our school website. **Link: [Exam Schedule](#)**
- First Day of Semester 2 is Monday February 3rd



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## 2024-2025 START UP FORMS **REMINDER**

Each year we ask families to complete **important start-up forms**. <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> Please review and complete the forms. If you prefer to receive and complete a paper copy, please contact the main office. **This form will grant permission for your student's photo to be published in the yearbook. Please complete the form to avoid disappointment.**

The [Guide to the School Year](#) has been moved online. We encourage families to review this webpage as it includes important information you may need to access throughout the school year. You can use the translation feature on the website to translate this content. It is available at <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-guide>.

## Mathematics Contests for 2024 - 2025

Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	SchoolCash Deadline	Fee
<b>Canadian Math Society:</b>				
<b>The Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing (University of Waterloo):</b>				
<b>Pascal Contest</b>	9	Wednesday 26th February 2025	Thursday 6th February 2025	\$7
<b>Cayley Contest</b>	10			
<b>Fermat Contest</b>	11			
<b>Euclid Contest</b>	11 / 12	Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$19
<b>Fryer Contest</b>	9	Thursday 3rd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$13
<b>Galois Contest</b>	10			
<b>Hypatia Contest</b>	11			

Please register for the contests by making payments on [SchoolCash Online](#). The fees above are set by the contest creators (CMS / CEMC), plus \$1 to cover SchoolCash Online transaction fees. Once the SchoolCash Online deadline has passed, students will be invited to the “**MDHS Math Contests 2024-2025**” Google Classroom. This portal will be used to provide information about the contests such as date / time / location, and to return results to each student. On days when multiple contests are running, it is possible to register for a contest that is intended for students in higher grades (for example, a Grade 10 student who wishes to write the Fermat instead of the Cayley). If this applies to you, please contact [michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca) after making the payment on SchoolCash Online to make arrangements. For more information about the contests, or to access past contests and solutions, please go to:

- Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/>
- University of Waterloo contests: [https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past\\_contests.html](https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html)



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**! Don't Miss Out on the 2024-2025 Yearbook!**




**Get your  
Yearbook today!  
\$55**



ORDER HERE: [School Cash Online](#) GRAB YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY! *Don't forget you MUST have the [School Start-up Form](#) completed to appear in the book*




FUNDRAISING FOR PROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



**FUNDRAISER**

35 All Occasion Cards for only \$35



Purchase from  
January 6 to 31, 2025

**\$35**

Buy on School Cash Online

**\*\*\*\*\*Check out the pages below for community events \*\*\*\*\***



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## Inclusive School and Community Services

### **Transit Assistance Program (TAP)** For Those who Qualify

York Region is offering the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents.

- Eligible TAP participants can receive a 50% discount on regular Adult single ride York Region Transit (YRT) fare using a PRESTO card. After 40 trips, rides are free for unlimited travel for the remainder of the calendar month.
- Anyone in the family can use the TAP card, including students going to high school
- Please Visit : [Eligibility and How to Apply for TAP](#)
- **New Applications and Renewals for 2025** are now being accepted by telephone. There are a limited number of new spots available so apply soon. **Please contact ACCESS YORK at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75581.** All Students turning 18 should apply in their own right.
- If you require language interpretation for this call, simply say the language you speak when connected at the number above and interpretation services will be put in place.

**If you have any additional questions please contact:**

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## SEAS Family Engagement Evening Series: Understanding High School Pathways and Course Selection

In partnership with Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) Employee Affinity Group, families, parents and caregivers are invited to the Family Engagement Evening Series - Understanding High School Pathways and Course Selection event.

Join us on February 5, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Bill Crothers S.S. for an evening to help gain a deeper understanding of the high school pathways and course selection process in the Ontario Education System. Flyer with [registration](#) information.

## Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

**Applications are open** on [Edsby](#) from January 13 - 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

**Collaborative workshops** are being held February 18 - 20, 2025.

These dates are firm.



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**YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS**

# WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

**JANUARY 11TH – MARCH 15TH, 2025**

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!



**\$240 (+tax)**

## What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

**8 weeks on Saturdays**

**Session 1:** 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old  
**Session 2:** 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

**Location:**  
 Renaissance Catholic Secondary School  
 700 chemin Bloomington, Aurora, ON L4G 0E1

### Contact Us

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 (416) 258-8071  
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# YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025



Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a  
*Lifetime*

*Students. Educators. Community Artists*  
**CREATING TOGETHER**



**Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7**

- Campers (gr. 7-12)
- Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

[bit.ly/YRDSBac25Info](http://bit.ly/YRDSBac25Info)



**Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025**



Questions? Email:  
[arts.camp@yrdsb.ca](mailto:arts.camp@yrdsb.ca)



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## Wellbeing & Mindfulness Workshop



We are delighted to invite you to an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help students and families nurture balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world.

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Poplar Bank Public School  
400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

**Dinner will be provided.**

During this interactive session, you will learn practical mindfulness techniques, explore strategies to support mental health, and participate in activities aimed at fostering connection and relaxation. This workshop is a great opportunity to prioritize your wellbeing as a family while gaining tools to thrive both academically and personally.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



### To Register

Please [register](#) by January 14, 2025. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to respond early to secure your spot!



[Link to Register](#)

## RECREATION SUBSIDIES

York Region offers subsidies for recreation programs, day camps and youth overnight camps. Recreation programs and day camp subsidies provide children from families with low income the ability to take part in programs offered by the municipal recreation departments. The youth overnight camp funding helps eligible youth ages 12 to 17 attend an approved overnight camp.

The subsidies that are available are:

- Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY)
- Summer day camp funding
- Youth overnight camp funding

York Region does not guarantee space in programs or camps. More information can be found on the website.

Link: <https://www.york.ca/support/financial-assistance/recreation-subsidies>





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## Black History Month Celebration!

The Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community, and Diaspora presents **WORD, SOUND, POWER: An Annual Black History Month Celebration!** This year's theme, "Past, Present & Future," honours Black culture's rich history, present, and promising future and achievements.

**Featured Performances:** Talented students and professional artists will perform diverse works. From soulful spoken words and captivating dance routines to musical acts, our performers will showcase the creativity and resilience that define the Black community.

This event is open to everyone who wishes to celebrate and learn more about Black history and culture. Whether you are a student, educator, community member, or simply passionate about fostering inclusivity and diversity, there is something for you at our celebration.

### Date and time

**Wednesday, February 5 · 5:30 - 8:30pm EST**

LINK: [WORD, SOUND, POWER: An Annual Celebration of Black artistic Expression Tickets, Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2025

\* Dates and Events subject to change

### Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. J.M. Denison H.S.	Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. This event will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Performances</li> <li>• Student Showcases</li> <li>• Dinner will be provided</li> </ul> Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	In person
February 12, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bill Hogarth S.S.		
February 19, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Alexander Mackenzie H.S.		
February 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas S.S.		

### Staff Workshops

#### Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Sessions

January 27, 2025 Virtually 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.  <b>Agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion Activity</li> <li>• Course Selection and Pathway Planning</li> <li>• Upcoming Programs and Events</li> <li>• Question and Answer Session</li> </ul> <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Online - Register to Receive link
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**WINTER WALK DAY**  
Celebrate, don't hibernate!  
Walk to school this winter.  
Ontario Active School Travel | @GrnCommunities | Green Communities  
[www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca](http://www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca)

## Winter Walk Day is Wednesday February 5th, 2025

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February! This year, Winter Walk Day officially kicks off on **Wednesday February 5th, 2025**.



## Tips for Winter Walking

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun!

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

1. **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. **Protect your feet.** Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. **Be visible.** Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. **Allow a little more time.** Prepare your winter gear the night before and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
5. **Try walking like a penguin. It's fun and practical.**
6. **Enjoy the snow.** Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.
7. **Obey road signs.** The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.



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## **2SLGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group Event**

**Join us to meet fellow 2SLGBTQIA+ colleagues and allies and connect to hear about 2SLGBTQIA+ initiatives happening in YRDSB**

YRDSB's 2SLGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group is hosting an in-person get-together on **Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 4:00 pm** at **Dr. G.W. Williams S.S., Room 205**  
**39 Dunning Ave, Aurora**

You are invited to join 2SLGBTQIA+ ERG members as we take the time to connect and meet staff members and to celebrate our "Queerful Hearts"

### **Activities will include:**

- Sharing 2SLGBTQIA+ educational resources
- Networking and socializing
- Talking about up-and-coming board initiatives
- Theme: "Queerful Hearts"

Please [register](#) for the event.

For more information please contact the 2SLGBTQIA+ ERG at [2slgbtqiERG@gmail.com](mailto:2slgbtqiERG@gmail.com)