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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.

REMINDER Secondary Schools do not use Edsby for Attendance

Week of March 31st – April 4th, 2025	
Monday Mar 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant Faith Day (Diamond Day) - Eid-ul-Fitr
Tuesday April 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Trip to the Toronto Zoo, bus departing at 9:30 am and returning at 3:15 pm-P. Sutharsun & M. Sewell OSSLT Session 1: Day 1, 8:00-11:00 am
Wednesday April 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT Session 1: Day 2, 8:00-11:00 am Euclid Math Contest in the Cafeteria, 8:10-10:50 am-Mr. Raffoul Solar Dance Club Meeting in the Cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Ms. Chelvanathan SAA Meeting in the Library from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Whittaker STEM Club meeting in room 115 from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Avery
Thursday April 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Badminton Team to SBACHS round 1 Fryer, Galois & Hypatia Math Contests in the Cafeteria 8:10-10:50 am-Mr. Raffoul PRISM club weekly meeting in room 107 at 3:00 pm-Mr. Stetina Chess Club after school in room 227 Parent-Teacher Interview Night (appointments must be prebooked using teachassist)
Friday April 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr. Badminton Team to Markville S.S Round 1 Track and Field Team to Indoor Championships at York University, bus leaving at 7:30 am returning at 4:30 pm Tamil Student Association weekly club meeting 3:00-6:00 pm in the cafeteria-Mr. Avery Classics weekly club meeting in room 202, 3:00-5:00 pm-Mr. McLaren



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Graduation Package

The Graduation package for the 2024/2025 school year is now available for purchase.

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Markham District H.S.

The Souvenir Package includes a Cap w/2025 tassel, V-Stole, and gown which is yours to keep.

The fee also includes two guest entrance tickets per student, program, and décor.

Ticket Package and Gown pickup will be announced closer to the ceremony.

Please go to School Cash Online to purchase your package.

GRADUATION PURCHASE DEADLINE: April 11, 2025

Message from the Business Department

Anthony Fung, a Small Business Advisor for the City of Markham will speak with students from the Grade 9 Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset and Grade 10 Launching and Leading a Business classes on Wednesday April 9, 2025, about the Summer Company Program supported by the government of Ontario. Entrepreneurship is a viable career path and why not start in high school? For more information on the program, please visit - www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students for more information if interested in the Summer Company Program

Post-Secondary Day Program Fair

- Meet representatives from more than 20 York Region day programs and 2 community agencies.
- Gather information about the programs offered to help prepare for life after high school: program structure, hours, cost, support ratio, etc.

Date: Thursday April 10, 2025

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Richmond Green S.S. 1 William F. Pkwy, Richmond Hill ON (Leslie and Elgin Mills)

Day Programs/Community Participation Supports: A variety of community-based activities related to work or volunteerism, daily living skills, social skills, independent living, personal management and employment preparation for individuals. -The YRDSB's Work Experience Transition Department



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Easter Seals Scholarships 2025

Easter Seals Ontario Post-Secondary Scholarship Applications for 2025 are now open! To support students with physical disabilities, online scholarship applications are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 17, 2025.

This year, scholarships range from \$500-\$2,500 and include:

- ESO Board of Directors Scholarship
- Hodglyn Holsteins Scholarship
- Connie O'Connor Memorial Scholarship
- ESO Scholarships (5 available)
- Hira Scholarships (2 available)
- John Domenic Caggiula Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin and Christy Kelly Scholarship
- Sal Iacono Family Bursary Endowment Fund
- Truelove Dell Scholarship Fund
- Ursula Carsen Scholarship
- Erica Vanclief Memorial Scholarship
- Vigneswaran Scholarship
- Karen, Mark and Quinn Smith Scholarship

Please visit the [scholarships page](#) for more information, criteria and the online application. If you have any further questions, please contact Olivia at scholarships@easterseals.org.

Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) Persian Heritage Month Celebration

ISCS (Inclusive School and Community Services)

The Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) is hosting a meaningful **Persian Heritage Month** celebration to honour the rich cultural and historical contributions of the Persian community to our society. Together, we'll explore Persian heritage, enjoy cultural performances, and deepen our understanding of the diverse world around us.

This event will focus on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement and is open to all YRDSB students, families and staff. Please join us on **Thursday, April 10, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, L4E 4R1. -Please [register](#) by Friday, April 4, 2025, as space is limited.

For more information please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.



2025 Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award **Central East Region of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association**

Background information

The Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award, a partnership between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), is being awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to one graduating English public school student in each of OPSBA's five regions. Scholarship recipients are students with strong leadership skills and potential, who care deeply about their communities and furthering their own learning.

Eligible Students

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- In good standing with the secondary school
- Entering a post-secondary program (e.g., university, college, apprenticeship, etc.) within Ontario in 2025
- Graduating from a secondary school within one of the eligible school boards or school authority within the Central East Region.

Eligible School Boards and Authorities

- Bloorview School Authority
- Durham District School Board
- Grandview School Authority
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- The Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Penetanguishene
- Simcoe County District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Trillium Lakelands District School Board
- York Region District School Board

Selection Criteria

- A demonstrated commitment to civic engagement and the importance of local governments in Ontario's political system
- Diversity of leadership and perspective
- Community involvement such as volunteering, athletics, and extra-curricular activities, including within a First Nation, Métis or Inuit community
- Social identity, socio-economic status or other factors unique to each student's achievements and the opportunities available to them



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Application Process

Applicants are asked to provide the following as part of their application:

- The name of their school, school board, local municipality, and contact information (email, phone number, address)
- An overview of their civic engagement initiatives along with any supporting materials
- Information about their post-secondary plans and how they plan to continue to demonstrate leadership and civic engagement
- Two letters of reference (*see below for details*)

To support a fair and equitable selection process, maximum word allocations for submission materials are clearly articulated below.

- Applicants must explain in a **maximum** of 300 words their suitability for the Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award based on the established Selection Criteria above.
- All applications must be accompanied by two letters of reference, one of which must be from a school administrator, trustee or senior executive of a school board. These two letters must be from individuals in two differing roles (i.e. not two trustees). Letters of reference must be on official letterhead and include electronic or manual signatures. Reference letters should be at least one page, and no longer than two pages, with a font size of 11 or 12.
- Packages must be sent in PDF format to Central East Regional Chair Jaine Klassen Jeninga at jaine.klassenjeninga@kprdsb.ca by June 6, 2025. **Please include "Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award" in the subject line of the email with your package.**

If a student is unable to complete this application due to accessibility issues and has specific alternative format requests, please contact jaine.klassenjeninga@kprdsb.ca or inquiry@opsba.org.

Any additional materials, letters, and/or submissions beyond the word limit will **not be taken into consideration**.

Key Dates

June 6, 2025 – Deadline for applications to be sent to Regional Chair Jaine Klassen Jeninga

July 2025 – Award recipient to be notified by OPSBA (with a copy to the school principal)

By August 15, 2025 – Cheque to be mailed to recipient, following confirmation of acceptance at a post-secondary program within Ontario for September 2025.



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Celebrating Student Excellence

We are delighted to invite you to our event Celebrating Student Excellence. This will be a special celebration showcasing the outstanding achievements of our Black Student Alliances across the York Region District School Board. This event will also feature a performance to highlight Caribbean carnival celebrations rooted in African and Indigenous traditions.

April 16, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Maple High School 50 Springside Rd, Maple

Please join us to celebrate.
Your presence will make this event even more special!

To Register
Kindly RSVP via this [registration form](#) no later than April 10, 2025.
If you have any further questions, please contact:
blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



Link to Register: [RSVP for Celebrating Student Excellence Event on April 16, 2025](#)

Getting Ready for Mental Health Awareness Week

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Every year, the first full week of May is designated as [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). This annual event aims to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health across Canada. This year's theme is Unmasking Mental Health. Unmasking mental health may be defined as increasing our mental health literacy, promoting positive mental health, reducing stigma around mental health, and understanding the resources available to us. In this edition we will focus on unmasking mental health and the tools made available by the YRDSB for parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health.

One way the York Region District School Board is unmasking mental health is through its [Student Mental Health and Addictions Strategy](#) which aims to in part: advance students' mental health and well-being through promotion of health and support when needed, in a way that honours the student where they are. This year's theme could be an opportunity for you to pause and reflect and open a conversation with your child(ren) exploring the question: what does unmasking mental health mean to you and your child, recognizing the rich diversity of perspectives and understandings as it pertains to mental health within our student community.

Each year, the YRDSB recognizes mental health awareness week through a variety of activities and initiatives supporting its students within the classroom and parents/caregivers in the community. The Central Mental Health Team has prepared a [toolkit](#) that includes themed days and activities you can consider doing with your child in support of mental health and mental health awareness. These will be communicated through our website and social media channels closer to May, So, stay tuned! Additionally, the Team will be hosting a parent / caregiver evening presentation Stress and Healthy Lifestyle by Gillian White - [register now](#) . Be sure to follow the Central Mental Health Team on X and Instagram during this week.

- For more community resources, check out: [YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)



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YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

APRIL 6 – JUNE 8, 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 Sundays

- Session 1:** 9am – 10:30am | 8 – 11 years old
- Session 2:** 10:30am – 12pm | 12 – 15 years old
- Session 3:** 12pm – 1:30pm | 8 – 11 years old
- Session 4:** 1:30pm – 3pm | 12 – 15 years old

Location:

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
 525 New Westminster Dr, Thornhill, ON L4J 7X3

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