



Middlefield Collegiate Institute

E-Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this email finds you and your family well.

In this email, you will find information about:

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MCI Schedule

Please view the attached link to our [school timetable](#).

1. Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter- September 2023

Please view the attached link to the [newsletter](#) for September 2023.

2. DHH Caregiver Support Group

If you are caring for a loved one with a life-limiting condition, this 8 week group may be for you.

Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more info.

3. Updates from our Special Ed Department

Please view the attached link to see updates from our [Special Ed](#) department.

4. Updates from our Guidance Department

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5. Upcoming Dates

Sept 29th- Orange T-shirt Day

- Per the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day memo, “Every year on September 30, Canadians observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day...We encourage YRDSB staff and students to wear an orange shirt on Friday, September 29th to recognize the resiliency, bravery and survival of Residential School Survivors and those who did not come home.

6. 2023-2024 School Start-up Packages

The YRDSB is offering online start-up forms to all families for the 2023-2024 year. Forms will be sent centrally from the school board to all families. Translations are available. The Board will send a central email to all families with a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms.

Please note the following:

- Families will receive forms during the week of September 11
- **Start-Up Permission Form will also be sent to students' GAPPS accounts to complete online.**
- **Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms.** If your child does not have the GAPPs login information, please contact their class teachers.
- Printable forms will be made available if hard copies is needed
- The Start-Up forms will also be accessible at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources. Families can click on the “Need Help” button under School Start-Up for [links to the start-up forms and FAQs](#) to support them in accessing the forms.
- The form will include:
 - The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
 - Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
 - Request for Faith Accommodations Form
 - School Council Nomination Form

7. Safe Arrival Program

We want to remind parents/guardians about our changes implemented to the safe arrival program last year.

A Safe Arrivals program is a series of steps which are performed together with daily school attendance taken to ensure student safety. A safe arrivals program is a mechanism that parents/guardians and schools can use to account for any student's unexplained absence.

Please note the following:

- Automated school attendance information will be sent 3 times a day for any unexplained absences:
 - End of Period 1 - report period 1 unexplained absences
 - Lunch - report period 2 unexplained absences
 - End of School Day - report the entire school day unexplained absences which includes period 3 & 4
- When a student is absent, a parent /guardian must contact the attendance office either by phone (ext. 150), written note or email (middlefield.ci.attendance@yrdsb.ca) indicating a valid reason for the absence. Please complete this before 8 a.m. on the day of the absence to ensure the absence is entered into the system.
- When replying to an automated attendance message, please specifically indicate that you are approving the absence in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

As a result, we want to remind parent(s)/guardians(s) that they should

- A. provide the school with complete and current emergency contact information during the first week of September, and throughout the school year if information changes, to the Main Office;
- B. inform the school of all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans of their child as soon as possible;
- C. (if a child is 18 years or older or have declared independence) ensure the form Consent for Information Sharing - Student of the Age of Majority is submitted to the school.

8. School Council Meeting

We look forward to establishing collaborative and inclusive partnerships between our school and our families. Please join us for our first School Council Meeting which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, September 26th in person, in the school's library located on the second floor, at 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Agenda to follow via direct email. School Council elections will be held and any parent/guardian interested in a position must complete a School Council Nomination form and return it to Arlene Higgins-Wright (Principal).

School Council Nomination Form [here](#)

9. Indigenous Languages & International Languages - Secondary Credit Programs

Classes for Grades 9 - 12 students will take place online. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real-time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language classes. Language course offerings are subject to change based on enrollment.

All program updates will be made on the [YRDSB ILIL Program Webpage](#).

Please see the [flyer](#) for more details.

10. Medical Health Care Forms

Please access all Medical Health Care Forms on the [MCI Website](#) under health care forms.

11. MIDDLEFIELD QUICK LINKS

Middlefield C.I. Website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/middlefield.ci>

York Region District School Board Website:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/>

YRDSB Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2021-08/SD-GuidetotheSchoolYear.pdf>

SHSM Ministry Website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSM.html>

