



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:

1. [Youth Gambling Awareness Series](#)

Selected Previous Information:

2. [Have Your Child Screened](#)
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MCI Schedule

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

Upcoming Dates

October 26th, 2023- Parent Teacher Interviews

November 1st, 2023- Take Our Kids to Work (Grade 9 students only)

1. Youth Gambling Awareness Series

This workshop series offers educational prevention sessions to parents and caregivers. Participants will engage in learning on gambling awareness, including potential risks, making informed decisions, and healthy and active living. Please see [flyer](#) for information.

2. Have Your Child Screened

Have your Child's Eyes Checked. Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss. Please view the attached [flyer](#) for more.

3. Take Our Kids to Work Day

Please see the [email](#) sent out to all Grade 9 Parents/Guardians regarding Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday November 1st.

4. 2024 OYAP Open House Invite

For students and families interested in the apprenticeship pathway please review the attached [invitation](#). The event will occur on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For additional information, click on the following link: [The Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Virtual Open House](#)

5. GIVE Program- Get Involved. Volunteer in Education

Get involved. Volunteer in Education. Develop skills to support school communities.

Date: Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023 Monday to Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Markham South Welcome Centre, 7220 Kennedy Road, Markham, L3R 7P2

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

6. 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. Caregivers will have the opportunity to learn and share in a supportive peer group facilitated by experienced Hospice Volunteers.

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

7. Updates from our English Department

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

8. Updates from our Guidance Department

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

9. 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

10. 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.

13. Medical Health Care Forms

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

14. 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>

