

Sept 10 – 14, 2018

# The Northern Highlights

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September...	10	Book of Forms due today
	21	Terry Fox Run
	24	PA Day and Start of Safety Week
	27	Curriculum Night (6:30 pm Kdgn; 7:00pm Gr 1-8)
	28	Photo Day

Thank you to our families for a fantastic start to the school year!

News and Updates:

- [YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#) – The printed Guide to the School Year has been delayed and will be arriving to the school shortly. Please view the guide at the link above. This guide is referred to in the Book of Forms and you are signing that you have read components of the guide with your child.
- **Agenda Planners** – Please consider purchasing your agenda for \$5.00 on [www.yrdsbschoolcashionline.com](http://www.yrdsbschoolcashionline.com) to help offset the cost for the school. All grade 1-6 students will receive an agenda planner. We have had more students purchase agendas in grade 7 and 8 than anticipated, so have had to order more. For grade 7 and 8 students only, if you would like an agenda, it must be ordered on school cashionline by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- [Kids Plus Accident Insurance](#) – Families may choose to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance. Please see the link above for more information.
- **Eco-theme** – This month's eco-focus is Litterless Lunches. Consider the packaging of your child's lunch and snack to eliminate the use of plastic bags, ziplocs and saranwrap. Reusable containers or a thermos are a great way to keep food fresh and to help our environment!
- **Picture day is coming on Friday, September 28.** Make it simple by ordering your portraits online, using your Picture Day ID and child's first name to get started. If you prefer to order on paper, we will be sending an order form home as well. **We are looking for 2-3 volunteers. If you have your vulnerable sector screening and would like to volunteer to help with picture day, please let Ms. Gamble in the office know.**

- **School Organization** – Each year we are staffed based on projections from the Spring, and we do our best to organize classes based on our numbers. Of course, over the summer we welcome new families and say farewell to others, projections may vary from the actual number of students attending. Throughout September we monitor our registrations carefully and near the end of the month, there is always a possibility of some reorganization to meet the ministry class size compliance. We will keep you posted of any changes, if necessary, later in the month.
- **Message from our Trustee Peter Adams-Luchowski**

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Have a lovely weekend, and Shanah Tovah to those who are celebrating the Jewish New Year!

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Principal

Melissa King

Vice-Principal