

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of October 16th, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Oct. 16th Day 3	Intermediate Band Practice - Woodwinds (lunch Recess) School Council - 6:30 pm in Lib.	
Tuesday Oct. 17th Day 4	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Int. Girls Volleyball - am recess Intermediate Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	Oct. 24th - Regional Cross Country Meet Nov. 2nd - <i>Photo Retake Day</i> Nov. 12th - Significant Faith Day - Diwali (Hinduism)
Wednesday Oct. 18th Day 5	Int. Boys Volleyball - pm recess Intermediate Band Practice - after school	Nov. 15th - Progress Reports Sent Home Nov. 16th & 17th - Parent - Educator Interview Evening
Thursday Oct. 19th Day 1	Chanie Wenjack Walk Gr. 8 Indigenous Art Project Int. Girls Volleyball - pm recess Int. Band Trip Meeting - 6:00 pm in Gym	Nov. 17th - PA Day - Interview Morning Nov. 23rd - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
Friday Oct. 20th Day 0	PA DAY (No School for Students Today)	

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**PIZZA LUNCH:** With appreciation to our School Council and our Pizza Volunteers we are pleased to share that our Pizza Lunches started once again this week. A reminder to parents you may wish to pack an additional snack or veggies for your child to enjoy with their pizza, as some of our students were still hungry after enjoying their slice.

**THE WALK FOR WENJACK:** On Thursday, October 19th, during [Secret Path Week](#), our students will be participating in “The Walk for Wenjack” to honour the legacy of Chanie Wenjack and to ensure that “Every Child Matters.” Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as we will be outside for this event.



**LATIN HERITAGE MONTH MEET-AND-GREET:** Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board’s Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff - For information - [click here](#).

**CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** We are very proud of our Cross-Country Team members who competed at our area meet on Wednesday in Newmarket. We had 81 students from Northern Lights running and 10 students qualified for our Regional meet on October 24th. Congratulations to all our runners, and thank you to the staff members who dedicated their time to make this possible!



**NLPS VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM:** We will once again be engaging in our NLPS Volunteer Reading Program. We are in search of volunteers who are available during the day, for at least 1 hour, twice weekly, to work with students in grades 1 & 2. Interested volunteers please contact Ms. Walter. [dawn.walter@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dawn.walter@yrdsb.ca). Please also see the [linked flyer](#).



**PA DAY: Friday, October 20, 2023 - No Classes for Students**

Sharing Professional Activity Day Plans As per PPM 151, Administrators are now required to electronically share their PA Day plans with parents/guardians and School Council Chair(s) and post a copy in a conspicuous place in the main office 14 days prior to the PA Day. PA Day plans are also posted on the Board's public website.

**Length:** Full Day

**Topic:** Curriculum Implementation

**Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Online modules developed by Board staff, self-directed and/or group-directed in grade/division groupings.

**Description:** Staff will engage in learning and dialogue on:

- "Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract It".
- Kindergarten Literacy
- Revised Grade 1 to 3 Social Studies Curriculum
- Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 - STEM and Skilled Trades
- Revised Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum

**\*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS**

**GRADE 8 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS:** If you have a child that is currently in Grade 8, and would like to learn more about your local high schools, we encourage you to attend the Grade 9 information sessions at G. W. Williams Secondary School, or if you are considering applying for a transfer, Aurora High School. Information sessions will be held at:

- Bill Crothers SS (Sports Based High School Program) on Tuesday October 3, at 7:00
- Dr. G.W Williams on Thursday October 12th (for the International Baccalaureate Program)
- Dr. G.W Williams on Thursday November 2nd, 2023 at 6:30 for information about Grade 9
- Aurora High School on Wednesday November 29th, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

If you have a child that is currently in Grade 8, please ensure to attend one of the information sessions mentioned above to learn more about your child's options in high school and selecting a pathway.

**THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE NEWSLETTER:** This newsletter, aims to share stories, resources, and initiatives that promote understanding, unity, and positive change. By amplifying diverse voices and engaging in meaningful conversations, we can create a more inclusive future for all. For more information on specific events related to Black Excellence please view the following [link](#).

**ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH:** The York Region District School Board proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during October. If you are interested in joining in to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of this community you are invited to attend the YRDSB Event launch. If you are interested in attending this event please view the [link](#).

