

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of October 30, 2023

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Oct. 30th Day 2	Int. Boys Volleyball - am recess Int. Band Practice - Woodwinds (lunch Recess)	
Tuesday Oct. 31st Day 3	Primary Classes Halloween Parade Int. Boys Volleyball - am recess Int. Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday Nov. 1st Day 4	Order Deadline for Sub Lunches Gr. 8's visit to Dr. G.W. Williams SS Int. Girls Volleyball - am recess Int. Band Practice - after school Int. Boys Volleyball Game @ Lester B. Pearson P.S.	Nov. 2nd - Photo Retake Day Nov 9th - Subway Lunch begins Nov 10th -Remembrance Day Assembly Nov. 12th - Significant Faith Day - Diwali (Hinduism) Nov. 15th - Progress Reports Sent Home Nov. 16th & 17th - Parent - Educator Interview Evening Nov. 17th - PA Day - Interview Morning Nov. 23rd - Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
Thursday Nov. 2nd Day 5	Photo Retake Day Gr. 8 Indigenous Art Project Int. Boys Volleyball - am recess Int. Girls Volleyball - pm recess Dr. G.W. Williams Information Evening (6:30-7:30)	
Friday Oct Day 1	Int. Boys Volleyball - am recess	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS: Tuesday October 31st, the Primary classes will be taking part in a Halloween Parade which will be outside. For those Primary students, who wish to wear their costume, we ask that they come to school rather than plan to get dressed at school. A reminder that costumes need to be respectful and inclusive of all.

For all families, a reminder that we are not able to share candy at school during Halloween celebrations due to allergy concerns. When considering any costumes for school, please remember:

- No Halloween masks are to be worn at school.
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Students should only use single use make-up (sharing of make-up is not recommended).

IMMUNIZATION/VACCINATION YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH: Parents/guardians are responsible for recording their child's vaccinations so YRPH is aware of which students are vaccinated/not vaccinated. Unfortunately, some students who are not vaccinated may face school suspension. Please visit YRPH for more information, [YRPH Vaccine Update Information](#)

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION NEWSLETTER: Please use the following [link](#) to access this month's Mental Health and addictions newsletter.

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH: November is Hindu Heritage Month. The Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.



PA DAY PLANS FOR FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17th:

Length: Full Day

Elementary Schools Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Parent/Teacher Interviews

Description: Full Day of Professional activities focused on reporting to parents and ongoing communication regarding student achievement and well-being, involving Parent/Teacher Interviews.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY: The York Region District School Board is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, staff, families and community members on days that are deemed to be severe weather. The Board strives to ensure that all schools and workplaces are open every instructional/operational day to meet the needs of students and the community.

The response plan for our inclement weather is outlined Below:

Extreme Cold Weather Day

- School bus and taxi transportation to schools is cancelled for the day.
- All schools and workplaces are open/running as usual.
- All meetings, professional development sessions, and Board-sanctioned activities and events for staff will continue as scheduled.

Inclement Weather Day

- School bus and taxi transportation to schools is cancelled for the day.
- All schools and workplaces are open.

Emergency Weather Day (System Closure)

- The system (schools, workplaces, and Board offices) will be closed due to an extreme weather event. ● Any decision to close the system will be made in conjunction with the York Catholic District School Board and will be communicated by 6:00 a.m. and communicated using the Board's regular communication process.
- School bus and taxi transportation to schools is cancelled for the day.
- Notice about the potential of system closure will be provided to schools, parents, and workplaces the day prior, when possible.

*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

HALLOWEEN: Our staff has been planning activities that allow for and value multiple options for participation (e.g., wearing orange and black or autumn colours, other themes beyond ghouls and ghosts) in hopes of supporting an inclusive environment. Teachers will share information regarding classroom practices for costumes, as they are appropriate for school, comfortable and won't compromise learning.

When planning costumes please be aware that costumes at our school must comply with the YRDSB Safe Schools Policy & Procedure.

- Students may bring their own snacks. Please consider healthy alternatives to candy and chocolate to align with our Healthy Schools Initiative
- No Halloween masks are to be worn
- students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up)
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.

NLPS VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM: Interested volunteers please contact Ms. Walter. dawn.walter@yrdsb.ca. Please also see the [linked flyer](#).

SUB LUNCHES: We are happy to offer a sub lunch program on Thursdays starting November 9th until December 14th. **The deadline to order is Wednesday, November 1, 2023.** Late orders will not be accepted.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: We are once again holding our Festive Fundraiser selling beautiful Poinsettias to raise funds for the Grade 8 Graduation this year. Orders may be placed through School Cash Online. **The deadline to order Poinsettias is Friday, November 24, 2023.** Families will pick up their orders at the school on Thursday, December 7, 2023 between 3:30 and 5:00 PM.

LEVEL UP SKILLED TRADES 2023 CAREER FAIR NOVEMBER 15th and 16th: Families and students will have an opportunity to learn about Ontario's 140+ trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities, while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities. This event is open to students and families from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please view the following website www.levelupontario.com for more information.