

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of January 13th, 2025

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Jan. 13 Day 1	School Council (6:30 pm)	Jan. 13 - School Council Jan. 17 - Kindergarten Registration Begins Jan. 17 - PA Day (No School) Jan. 27 - Monthly Recognition Assembly Jan. 31 - PA Day (No School)
Tuesday Jan. 14 Day 2		
Wednesday Jan. 15 Day 3		
Thursday Jan. 16 Day 4		
Friday Jan. 17 Day 5	PA Day - No School	

INFORMATION & UPDATES

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: Our next School Council Meeting is on Monday, January 13th at 6:30 PM in our Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to join virtually, please use the following link: <https://meet.google.com/seh-xxba-afk>

DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP STUDENTS: This is a reminder that the front bus loop should not be used for dropping off or picking up your students between 8:30-9:30 am and 2:45-4:00 pm. This area is designated for board-provided or partnering agency student transportation only and is not intended for personal vehicles. Additionally, please be aware that the front bus loop is a fire route. Unattended vehicles parked in this area can be tagged and/or towed. Thank you for your cooperation.

OUR HERITAGE, OUR ROOTS, ELEMENTARY STUDENT CONFERENCE FOR TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH: In collaboration with YRDSB, Inclusive School and Community Services, Educators for Tamil Student Success, Tamil Heritage Month, Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action and Canadian Academy of Tamil Folk Arts Presents: Our Heritage, Our Roots, Elementary Student Conference for Tamil Heritage Month 2025. Students in grades 5- 8 are invited to the Elementary Student Conference to participate in 4 learning workshops for Tamil Heritage Month 2025. This program takes place at Milliken Mills High School on Saturday, February 1st from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. [Please click here](#) for registration information.

EDUCATORS FOR TAMIL STUDENT SUCCESS TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH LAUNCH 2025: Students, families and staff are invited to come celebrate Tamil Heritage Month with Arts & Literature Workshops, Cultural Performances and refreshments. Join us on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, at Maple High School from 4:30-7:30 pm. Please register by [clicking here](#).

TENANT RIGHTS WORKSHOPS: Parents/Guardians are invited to the free virtual Tenant Rights Workshops offered in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights from January through April 2025. [Please click here](#) for more information.

UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM - FAMILIES OF YRDSB BLACK STUDENTS

JANUARY SESSION: Families, parents, caregivers, please join us on Monday, January 28th, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 pm for our monthly virtual meeting where families of Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary school. [Please click here](#) to see our flyer for more information and to register.

YRPH BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS: REBOOT YOUR ROUTINE: [Please click here](#) to read the latest publication from York Region Public Health regarding family routines and healthy habits.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. Kindergarten registration opens on January 17.

How to Register:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop, or desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete the registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **By phone** - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete the registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

FRENCH IMMERSION: Registration will take place from January 17th - February 10, 2025. An in-person information session will be offered at [French Immersion program locations](#) on January 16, 2025, at 7 pm. Registration is not first-come, first-served. Parents/guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2025 and wishing to enroll in the FI Program can email or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and declare their intention to register in FI. Late registrations are those submitted after February 10, 2025. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary. Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork at their designated FI school. Please contact the school to make an appointment.

BAYTHORN ARTS APPLICATION OPEN: The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative & cooperative learning environment. Applications open Jan. 13, 2025. [Please click here](#) to see the flyer for more information.