

# OAK RIDGES PS

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It has been busy at Oak Ridges in these last weeks before the holidays! Under the leadership of Mr. Skinner, we enjoyed the Primary Winter Concerts, where students in Kindergarten through to Grade 3 showcased their musical talents! Students engaged in The Hour of Code with their teachers and Mr. Whissell, practising their skills using code and mentoring each other. Our hockey teams have begun practising and are excited to play our neighbouring Richmond Hill schools in collaboration with the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival, coming up mid-January. Thank you to all students and families who contributed to The Holiday Heroes Tree in our front lobby. It was filled with your generous donations of hats, mitts, scarves and food which have been donated to the Holiday Heroes Campaign in collaboration with York Regional Police, to support local charities. Thank you to the Oak Ridges community for your kind and generous spirit this time of year! It was our biggest donation drive to date! As we welcome the new decade we also celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Oak Ridges Public School on Coons Road. We are 20 years old in 2020! We are looking forward to recognizing this occasion through student voice later on in the year.

A reminder to all families that our Morning Entry time is 8:30am. Supervision begins at 8:15am in the school yard. Being on time is an important life skill and we encourage all families to promote and support this skill in our students. Junior Kindergarten registration for September 2020 begins January 17, for the 2020-21 school year. Please read further in this newsletter for more details. We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners!

We wish Ms. Ashley Tropea all the best as she ventures ahead to prepare for the birth of her baby. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to her class and are excited to hear baby news! We welcome Ms. Nan Deng who will be filling Ms. Tropea's absence. We congratulate Ms. Vanessa Lopez on the birth of her baby girl! Welcome to Ms. Nicolle Laviolette who will be teaching Ms. Lopez' class during her leave.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for your daily/weekly/monthly contributions to our school life! We value the time you give and the enhancements you bring to Oak Ridges. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you wish to be a volunteer.

As always, we value your partnership and support of your child's learning. We wish everyone a very happy, safe and healthy Winter Break. Enjoy special time with family and friends! See you in 2020!

Trish Dynes  
Principal

Nadia MacKinnon  
Vice-Principal

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## JANUARY 2020

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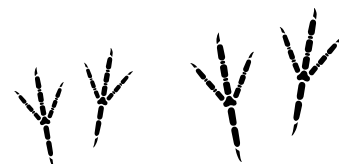
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Anna Caicedo  
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## Daily Timetable

8:27	ENTRY BELL
8:30 - 9:30	Period 1
9:30 - 10:10	Period 2
10:10 - 10:40	RECESS
10:40 - 11:40	Period 3
11:40 - 12:20	Period 4
12:20 - 1:20	LUNCH
1:20 - 2:20	Period 5
2:20 - 3:00	Period 6
3:00	Dismissal

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## Inserts

The following inserts are in the January newsletter:

- January calendar
- French Immersion flyer
- Social Media night



## Important Office Note

Please refrain from calling or coming to the office after 2:30 pm to arrange last minute pick up plans. The office staff cannot always safely relay the information to the teacher/student by the 3:00 pm dismissal time.

Thank you for your co-operation in planning ahead.

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## Search and Seizure

As per the protocol between the York Region District School Board and the York Regional Police, please be aware of the right of school administration to search school property, such as lockers, desks and backpacks, without notice to or permission of any person. Also, from time to time, police may be invited onto any school premises to conduct their own searches without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.

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Grad pictures  
March 5



Teams and Clubs pictures  
March 26



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Way to go Oak Ridges PS! We raised \$639.00 from Sleep Day on December 2nd. This money will be used to provide bedkits to children in developing countries.

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## **School Bus Cancellation Notice**

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.

Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home. Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO 590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM 1540 AM 1580 AM 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 105.9 107.1 FM TELEVISION CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1- 877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

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### **Cancellation of Buses**

Ultimately, parents are responsible for deciding whether to send their child to school. Should bad weather result in the cancellation of buses, the radio stations and TV channels shown on the next page will be notified.

**If buses are cancelled and it's a pizza, burger or hot dog day, it will be rescheduled to another day so parents need to ensure their child comes to school with a lunch.**

**When the buses are cancelled in the morning, they are also cancelled in the afternoon.**

## Kindergarten Registration Starts January 17, 2020

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school

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## Kindergarten Registration Starts January 17, 2020

Kindergarten registration begins Friday, January 17 for the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to our school.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

There are two ways you can register for Kindergarten:

**Online.** You can access the online registration information at [bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB](http://bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB). A laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended to complete the online registration, rather than a mobile device. Once you have completed the forms online, you will need to take some required documents to your school for verification only.

**In person.** Families are welcome to visit the school in person to register beginning January 17. Registration forms are available at the school or on the Board's website at [bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB](http://bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB).

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## School Council Meetings

6:45 - 8:15 pm.

- January 7
- February 3
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 8

## Days to Remember -January-

- 6 - Back to school
- 6 - School Council meeting 6:45 pm
- 14 - Lice checks
- 17 - PA Day
- 20 - Book Fair until January 30
- 21 - Social Media Night 6:30 pm
- 31 - PA Day

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The Holiday Heroes Food Drive was a HUGE SUCCESS. We collected a WHOPPING 1,166 total items to be donated.

AMAZING JOB! The biggest food collection yet!



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## MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER

Support our fundraiser for the school's Nutrition and Snack Bin program. Purchase labels for your children's belongings to keep them out of the lost and found! Visit [mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and be sure to choose to support Oak Ridges Public School.

Spread the word to friends and family too.

Thank you for your support.

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# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Day 1</i> First day back to school School Council meeting 6:45 pm	7 <i>Day 2</i> Christmas (Eastern Calendar) ♦	8 <i>Day 3</i>	9 <i>Day 4</i>	10 <i>Day 5</i>	11
12	13 <i>Day 1</i>	14 <i>Day 2</i> Lice checks	15 <i>Day 3</i>	16 <i>Day 4</i>	17 Kdgn registration begins  PA Day	18
19	20 <i>Day 5</i> Scholastic Book Fair to January 30th	21 <i>Day 1</i> Social Media Night 6:30 pm	22 <i>Day 2</i>	23 <i>Day 3</i>	24 <i>Day 4</i>	25 Lunar New Year ♦
26	27 <i>Day 5</i>	28 <i>Day 1</i>	29 <i>Day 2</i>	30 <i>Day 3</i>	31 PA Day	

## **Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

### **Information Sessions**

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

### **Registration**

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

### **Late Registrations**

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. 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.

### **Accommodation Plan**

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

# digital intelligence



*It's time your students got serious about what they post online*

## January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30- 8:00pm

### Guest Speaker: Chris Vollum

For many parents Social Media is a foreign world. And it shouldn't be.

*Digital Intelligence* removes the fear and pre-conceived views that many parents have about social media. You'll learn, step-by-step, how to support yourself and your family with confidence, clarity and intension across six critical areas:

- Become app proficient
- Mental Well-being: Stress and Anxiety
- How Students are evaluated online
- Building a sustainable online reputation
- Life Balance: Less screen time
- Increase online confidence and skill

Chris Vollum has presented to over 700,000 students across North America and is considered an expert in his field.

This workshop is available **FREE OF CHARGE** to members of our Oak Ridges Public School Community. Free babysitting services available upon request.

**Refreshments and Conversation starting at 6:00pm**