



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan

For Student Achievement and Well Being

Respectful School, Modern Learning, Math and Mental Health

Student Class Placement for September 2017

We will soon begin the process of organizing classes for the 2016-2017 school year. The student placement process focuses on creating balanced classes. A great deal of time is spent to ensure that each student's academic and social needs are taken into consideration. Parent input is one factor considered in the placement process. If you have any information about your child's learning needs or know peers he/she works well with, please inform Mme Baage in writing by April 28th. Please be advised that we cannot accommodate requests for particular teachers, or straight grade classes.

Upcoming Events

April 6th	Music Alive (Primary Choir)
April 10th	Music Alive (Junior Band)
April 12th	Music Alive (Junior/Intermediate Choir)
April 12th	International Day of Pink Assembly Against Bullying at 1:00 pm
April 14th	Good Friday
April 17th	Easter Monday
April 19th	School Council Meeting
April 21st	Spirit Day (Matching Day)
April 25th	Junior Girls Basketball Areas
April 25th to 28th	Grade 8 Grad Trip (Quebec City)
April 27th	Junior Boys Basketball Areas
April 28th	Class Placement (DEADLINE)



Grade 1 French Immersion Registration

Registrations are still being accepted daily on a first come first serve basis in the school office from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have a child you would like to enroll, please call the school office at 905-953-8995 for more information.

Spring Provincial Testing Update: EQAO



In a few short months, our grade 3 and grade 6 students will take part in the provincial EQAO testing. Students in grade 3 French Immersion write only the Mathematics subtest, which is given in French. Students in grade 6 complete three subsets, namely reading, writing and Math in English. For parents interested in finding out more about the EQAO tests, please visit the website at <http://www.eqao.com>. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will take part in the testing between May 22nd to June 4th. If possible, please avoid taking vacations or booking appointments for your child during this time frame.

Year Book 2016/2017

The Cover Contest has now ended! Students feverishly created beautiful artwork in hopes of winning a spot of honour in this year's yearbook! The winners will be announced in the May Newsletter — stay tuned! Have you purchased your copy of the 2016/2017 Yearbook yet, for the low price of \$26.00? You have until May 10th to do so! The winner for the SchoolCashonline draw is Peter from Mme Bimo's class.



Grade 8 Graduation



This year's Grade 8 Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 27th. The ceremony will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Poplar Bank Gym. Please mark this date in your calendars.

Indoor Shoes for Student

This is a reminder that students must always have a pair of indoor running shoes at school that they change into and wear in the school and in the gym. Not only will this reduce the amount of dirt, sand and mud tracked into the classrooms; it will also increase student foot safety as they will not have to go in stocking feet in the school.



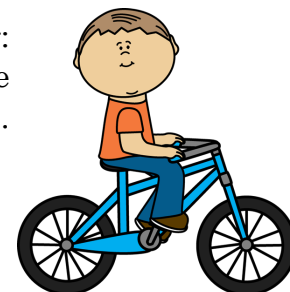
Scooters, Skateboards, Roller Blades



Please refrain from allowing your child to bring these items to school as this presents a safety hazard. These are expensive items and we cannot be responsible if they are lost, stolen or damaged while on school property. They also represent a storage problem in the classroom.

Student Safety & Bikes at School

If your child is going to ride a bike to school, please note the following: Have students walk their bike on and off the school property. Students are not to ride bikes around the property before school or directly after school. They must wait until 6:00 p.m.



- ◆ Retain a description of the bike and the serial number at home.
- ◆ Students are encouraged to wear a safety helmet.
- ◆ Remember to lock your bikes.

Warm Weather is Approaching - Dress Code



With the warm weather upon us, we ask for your help to ensure that students are dressed in an appropriate manner conducive to a proper learning environment. Please review the following with your children: Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. Tops must meet bottoms

without the midriff showing. A top must not be low cut and the straps must be at least the width of two fingers. Undergarments must be covered. Beach wear type clothing, such as tank tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops and muscle shirts is not permitted. The bib on overalls must be attached to its straps. Sheer see-through clothing is not permitted. We thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

No Parking Fire Zone at the Front of the

The front laneway of the school is a Fire Zone and there is no parking in this area. In the event that you need to come into the school, we would ask that you park your vehicle in the south parking lot. There is additional parking on the north-east side of the school, near the playground. Parking in the Fire Zone at the front of a school will result in a fine from the Traffic Officer. Please comply with the signs to avoid a fine.



Library News

Students from Mr. Maccarone's grade 7 class were asked to write their own news articles detailing a wonderful presentation that happened in early March. We have included 3 different versions of the article by his students here for each of their different strengths. Note the first article's careful choice of complex, descriptive, professional vocabulary. The second article displays the writing trait of "voice" by writing the article with a distinctly positive, enthusiastic, and fun perspective. While, the final article is well done and shows a little more background research than the others to highlight this writer's attention to related details and important ideas. Great job guys!

AUTHOR VISIT INSPIRES CREATIVE WRITING ☺

On Wednesday March 1st, 2017, Award-winning Canadian authors Richard Scrimger and Ted Staunton led students through an English workshop.

The creative writing themed "English class" was held in the Poplar Bank Public School library. The goal of the visit was to teach the 98 grade 7&8 students ways to enrich their creative writing by collectively building a story.

Despite the significant age gap separating us students from Scrimger and Staunton, their eccentric personalities kept us engaged and entertained!

The workshop started off with an entertaining role-play activity. Students raised their hands and shared ideas which were eventually made into a story. The students were asked to volunteer and contribute to the building of a "live story." Mr. Staunton wrote our story down on chart paper while Mr. Scrimger placed the volunteers at the front of the class and took suggestions.

Grade 7 students Maggie and Stanislav were given the roles of "Granny Mags" and "Shoeman." Grade 8 students Mitchell and Voshon were given the roles of the "Robber" and "Victim."

They taught us how to embroider and enlighten our stories, making them more exciting and complex. After all, "Stories are all around us", quoted Ted Staunton.

After the story writing/role-play activity, the two authors read a few pages from their best-selling books in "The seven series". They then talked and read some of their other published books and sequels. Finally, Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Staunton announced that there were books that could be purchased at the end of the presentation.

All in all, the grade 7&8 students of Poplar Bank learned a lot from this experience and are all extremely grateful to have had the chance to meet and learn from these amazing authors!

(Big thanks to Mme Hodge for organizing this event!)

Written by: Alison and Abby

Library News (continued)

AWARD WINNING AUTHORS COME TO P.B.P.S.

Wednesday, March 1, Canadian authors Richard Scrimger and Ted Staunton came to our P.B.P.S. library to introduce their bestselling books *Ink Me* and *Jump Cut*. Also, they taught us about how to write short stories.

They showed the 98 intermediate students tips on how to include information and interesting events in their stories. Mr. Staunton said a fantastic quote that is true, he said, "Stories are all all around us." Which means he is trying to say that whatever you do, there will be a story; even telling your friends what you did last weekend is a story

They kept the grade 7&8 students engaged by taking audience suggestions for the short story they created. The characters include Maggie as "Granny Mags," Voshon as the "Victim," Stanislav as the "Shoeman" and Mitchell as the "Robber."

The story started off when Voshon was going to his Grandma's house, Granny Mags. Then all of a sudden the robber threatened to take Voshon's shoes. Out of nowhere, The Magical Shoeman appeared and he offered to give Voshon new shoes, only the shoes were red stilletoes. Soon, Granny Mags came out of her humble abode to offer everyone cookies, but little did they know they were poisonous. Everybody ended up dying because of her poisonous cookies. Granny Mags ended up marrying Shoeman to have an endless supply of shoes. The End.

Nearing the end of the presentation, Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Staunton read different parts of their books from *The 7 Series* to show us some of their own novels that they had written and published. In our opinion, we thought their books were really interesting and exciting. It was interesting because their books are related in a cool way; the characters are brothers! Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Staunton ended their talk by selling their books and offering to autograph the interesting novels.

By: Miles and Cooper



RICHARD SCRIMGER is a Canadian writer who has published fourteen books since 1996. He is best known for his children's literature, but has also written three books for adults: *Crosstown*, *Still Life With Children* and *Mystical Rose*.

Library News (continued)

BEST SELLING AUTHORS VISIT PBPS

On March 1st the Grade Seven and Eight intermediate students had a visit from award-winning authors Richard Scrimger and Ted Staunton held in the P.B.P.S library. This visit was a story-writing workshop and lasted about an hour. Approximately ninety-eight students and seven teachers were present at the event.

Richard Scrimger and Ted Staunton were recognized at the event for writing “The Seven Series.” In the series, when David McLean, well-loved grandfather and avid adventurer, dies, he leaves behind an unusual will that outlines seven tasks he has set for his seven grandsons. The writers of the series, [Eric Walters](#), [John Wilson](#), [Ted Staunton](#), [Richard Scrimger](#), [Norah McClintock](#), [Sigmund Brouwer](#) and [Shane Peacock](#) all put their writing skills to the test to write the most adventurous series yet! One of the books by Richard Scrimger within the series is called “Ink me.” Another book by Ted Staunton within the series is called “Jump Cut.”

During the event, the authors kept us all engaged with their expression and natural creative talents. They also involved some audience participation and read a bit from their novels. Richard read from his novel “Downside Up” and Ted read from his novel “Who I Am Not.” They built a story with the audience and their suggestions. The authors were teaching us how to write a short but well-written story. They decided to bring up four students to the front of the room to act out the story, while also building onto and tweaking events and characters to make it even better. The four people included Maggie as “Granny Mags,” Stan as “the Shoe Man,” Mitchell as “the Robber,” and Voshon as “the Victim.”

“Stories are all around us” said Richard, “When you tell your friends what you did over the weekend that’s a story.” I believe that this is very true because everything we do is a story whether you tell it or your parents or friends tell it.

At the end of the event, the authors books were available for purchase and were being signed! Over all the presentation was well worth it, and if I could see that presentation again I definitely would!

Thank you Richard Scrimger and Ted Staunton for coming to P.B.P.S!

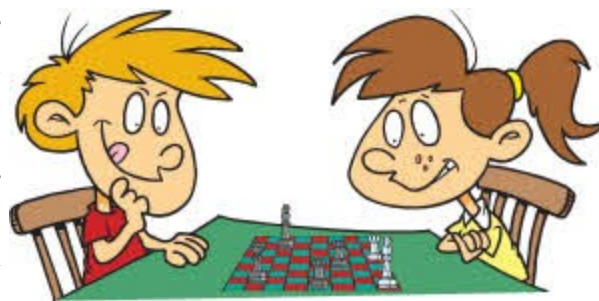
Written by: Chloe

TED STAUNTON divides his time between writing and a busy schedule as a speaker, workshop leader, storyteller and musical performer for children and adults. His previous books include the well-loved Green Applestreet Gang series, the Cyril and Maggie series, the Morgan series, "Puddleman, Simons Surprise" and the acclaimed "Hope Springs a Leak." He has received numerous Canadian Childrens Book Centre "Our Choice" awards, a Silver Birch Award nomination and a Hackmactack Award nomination.



Chess Club

It is nice to finally have a Chess Club at Poplar Bank Public School. We are given the chance each day to develop our skills through solving online Chess problems and through talking about strategy. After the theory we compete on our lunch hour to earn spots on the school team at local competitions. It is nice to be able to represent Poplar Bank even if we didn't do so well our first time out. - Luke



At our competition, we practiced as a group before the competition started when we arrived before the opening matches which were split into age groups. We were given names of opponents we were to battle throughout the day. After three games with various opponents we stopped for a snack provided by the staff. We then finished another two games. The top three players in each division won trophies. Peter won a trophy from our school for his age division. Even though we lost, we gained experience for next time. - Oleksandr

Thanks Mr. Pichora for giving us the opportunity to practice during recess and for accompanying us to the Chess Tournament. - Chess Members

Eco News - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle



Congratulations to everyone who participated in **Earth Hour** at home on Saturday March 25th by turning out the lights from 8-9pm! Be sure to ask how your child honoured Earth Hour here at school. Great ideas were generated by Mme Samaai's class on how they could

conserve energy to help the planet. They are posted on the Eco-Bulletin board near the office.

To help us celebrate **Earth Day** on Monday April 24th, the Eco-Team will be making presentations to their classrooms.

We are selling an **Eco-Friendly cleaner for only \$3!** The Eco-Ambassadors are making it themselves (one part vinegar with one part water). This amazing solution disinfects kitchen and washroom countertops and floors without using harmful chemicals. Proceeds from our sales will go towards funding plants for our future student garden.

Please send in **milk bags** to be **reused**. Members of the Hillside Retirement Residence (headed by Mrs. Taylor's mother) will weave them into bed mats to help the less fortunate. We continue to **collect used batteries and old markers** to be **recycled**.

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:



- ◆ All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation.
- ◆ All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation.

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation. To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca For more information about bus transportation and to determine your child's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Immunization Information

If you have recently updated your child's immunization, please inform the York Regional Health Services. The York Region Health Services is required by law to keep and check immunization information for all children attending school in York Region. As of May 2003, York Region Health Services collects immunization information directly from parents/guardians of all York Region students. All communications regarding immunization should be directed to: York Region Health Services at 1-877-464-9675.



International Day of Pink



On Wednesday, April 12 is International Day of Pink to support anti-bullying messages. We will encourage our students to wear pink this day (blue or purple are also symbolic colours to represent the message).

To support our school's "Respect" theme, we will have an assembly that day at 1:00 pm and the intermediate students will be "hosting". They will deliver important messages to students about bullying and empathy, by presenting some drama skits and speaking.



Junior Girls Basketball



The Junior Girls Basketball team has been practising, and participating in a number of exhibition games and tournaments to prepare for the Area tournament on April 25th.

We wish best of luck to team members Alijah, Aryn, Caitlyn, Ceilidh, Claire, Jackie, Jaylah, Nadia, Tia, and Vanessa.

Junior Boys' Basketball



ToonClips.com #4015 service@toonclips.com

The Junior Boys Basketball Team began their quest for an Area's Championship at the beginning of March. They have already won 3 exhibition games, with 3 tournaments on the horizon. They will play in the Area Tournament at the end of April. We will be competing with 14 boys plus a student coach on the team. As the coach, Mr. Korman's objective is to have fun, and improve the basketball skills for each student. GO PRIDE GO!!!!

Badminton

Our 2017 Poplar Bank Pride Badminton team has been officially selected! Over 40 students in grades 7 and 8 elected to try out for the team over the past weeks. Congratulations to Abigail, Janna, Rebecca, Olivia, Samantha, Emery, DJ, Mitchell, Ethan, Stan, Michael, and Joshua for making the final squad. This team will be paired off into 2 boys' pairs, 2 girls' pairs, and 2 mixed pairs to take part in the Area Championship Tournament on May 10 at Huron Heights Secondary School. In the meantime, Coach Pichora and Coach Maccarone are scheduling practices and exhibition matches leading up to the final tournament. Let's Go Pride!



Music

Music ensembles at Poplar Bank are in full swing! Children are all working very hard at preparing for the upcoming music festivals.

“Music Alive” is a local music festival where students have the opportunity to perform for other schools and hear other schools perform. I am very excited to demonstrate the musical excellence of the students at Poplar Bank. Parents are invited and encouraged to come and watch the performances. For each ensemble, the **performance attire** is the **black music t-shirt, black/dark bottoms and black/dark shoes.**



Group	Date	Location	Time
Advanced Band	March 22nd	PLATINUM AWARD RECEIVED	
Calixa Lavallee	March 31st	PLATINUM AWARD RECEIVED	
Primary Choir	April 6th	Cosmo Music 10 Via Renzo Drive Richmond Hill, ON	9:30 am
Junior Band	April 10th	Newmarket Theatre 505 Pickering Crescent (Attached to Newmarket High School)	9:30 am
Junior/ Intermediate Choir	April 12th	YCDSB Centre for the Performing Arts 525 Westminister Drive Thornhill, ON	10:15 am

On **Monday, May 1st**, Poplar Bank will be having the annual **MUSIC MONDAY** celebration. On this day, across Canada, schools are encouraged to sing the same song at the same time (**1pm** Eastern Standard Time) to show the **GALVANIZING** power of music and its importance in music education. This year, the song is entitled “Sing It Together” by Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas. “Focusing on the power of voices, *Sing It Together* asks us to sing for joy, for truth, for healing and for freedom. The recording and video feature Inuit throat singing, Métis fiddling, indigenous drumming, and children’s choirs in celebration of Canadian musical heritages. Creating *Sing It Together* was a journey of discovery and the songwriters encourage music makers to continue this discovery where music lives in their schools and communities. **PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY, MAY 1ST FOR OUR MUSIC MONDAY CELEBRATION!!**

Music (continued)

Poplar Bank's annual **"Focus on Festivals" music concert** will take place on **Thursday, May 4th** in the gym from **6:30-8:00 pm**. The students are looking forward to demonstrating all of their hard work. Every member is important to the ensemble, so please arrange your schedules so that your child can be there. Make sure to mark your calendar for this important evening of music!!! The following groups will be performing: **Grade 4 recorders, J/I Choir, Junior Band, Advanced Band and Calixa Lavallee.**

The **Advanced Band** will be performing in Niagara Falls in the **MUSICFEST NATIONALS** competition on Wednesday, May 17th. How exciting!!!

Thank you for your continued support of the music program.

Musically Yours,
Mme Smith

"Music is the universal language of mankind"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



School Matters!



This is a reminder that the school day starts at 8:05 a.m. ***Please note that the early entry bell rings at 7:55 a.m.*** Students are expected to be in their classrooms for 8:05 a.m. when instruction begins. Students who enter the classroom after 8:05 am are considered late.

Punctuality is very important to school routines and student success!

Fun Festival

Silent Auction Items & Midway Game Prizes Needed!

The Fun Festival urgently needs parents and family relatives to help collect items for the Silent Auction and small prizes for the Midway Games.

Items include gift cards/gift certificates, retail goods, gift baskets, store products, branded giveaways, free swag, small toys, or even a donation by cheque or cash!



If you own a business, please consider making a donation to the school.

And if you frequently visit a local business, please consider making a request for a donation. Simply pick up a copy of the Poplar Bank P.S. Donation Request Letter available in the school office and provide it to the business.

In the past, parents have received donations of summer camps, sport and music lessons, free passes and other items. Many businesses are willing to support schools in the community. All you need to do is ask.

Please clearly mark "Fun Festival" on all donations and drop them off at the school office.

School Council Update

- ◆ Our **Spring Fundraiser** is underway! This year we are trying something new; Blooms (bulbs, seeds, organic veggies) & Cookies (doughs and loaves). These items are great for Spring gardening, baking, or make awesome gifts for Mother's Day! We would prefer orders be placed online at www.QSP.ca, our group code is **3738911**. Please share link and code with family and friends. Funds raised directly impact the initiatives, programs and activities offered at our school. We appreciate your support!!
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- ◆ **Food Programs** – Our last order session for the year is available at www.schoolcashonline.com. Save yourself the frustration of making lunches! Great selection from Mr. Greek, Boston Pizza, Topper's Pizza and Mr. Sub, as well as our Milk program. Ordering deadline is April 7th. Don't delay and forget!!
 - ◆ Here we grow!! We have an exciting addition to the Poplar Bank landscape coming this Spring. Thanks to grants from the Awesome Foundation and the Whole Kids Foundation we will be constructing a **raised bed garden** in the former kindergarten pen. As we get closer to growing season, we will share more details and requests for volunteers. In the meantime, any student interested should speak to Mme Rudyk. Our many thanks to Veronica Jouaneh for spear-heading this project and submitting all the necessary applications for grants and YRDSB Board approval!

School Council Update (continued)

- ◆ Are you on **Facebook**? If so, please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/PoplarBankPS> to have school activities and important dates and reminders appear in your News Feed. We're also on **Twitter**. Follow our tweets @poplarbank_ps. If you are not on Twitter, you can visit the school website to scroll through our Twitter feed.
- ◆ Next **Fun Festival** planning meeting will be held in April, date TBD and will be circulated shortly. We are continuing to look for volunteers to help with planning, or to volunteer on the evening of the event. Please contact the Fun Festival Coordinator, Julie Song, by phone or text at 416-648-2479.
- ◆ Thank you to Amy Fischer for organizing our first "**Volunteer Hour**" on March 31st. This initiative is perfect for any parent/guardian who wants to help out in the school, but cannot commit on a regular basis. It will be repeated on a monthly basis, so stay tuned for future dates. Please consider coming out and working on a variety of small tasks with other volunteers to help keep Poplar Bank P.S. the wonderful place it is to learn and grown.
- ◆ **Parent Talk Series** – Poplar Bank, along with seven other community schools, Bully Free Community Alliance and Newmarket Parent Network have organized six engaging and interesting presentations for parents. The next Parent Talk is on Tuesday, April 18th, 7 to 9 p.m. at Rogers P.S. The topic is Overcoming Bullying and Life's Challenges. Please visit www.eventbrite.com, search for events in Newmarket, for more information and to register. The informational flyer has been posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- ◆ **Parent Resource Library** - A free resource library for parents is available with books and magazines on a wide range of parenting and education topics. It will be rolled out to the main hallway throughout the year during any events where parents are invited to the school. You can also drop by the office during regular school hours and sign out an item. We are happy to accept any donations of books or magazines that you may have at home that other parents may benefit from.
- ◆ Our next meeting School Council **meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.** in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend council meetings! We will be providing child care in an adjacent room for those who require it. Please let us know in advance if you will be attending, and the ages and number of children who need minding. Thank you.



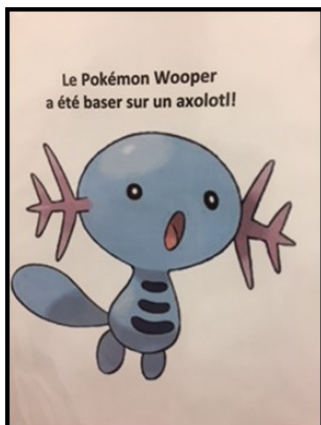
Science

Mme Johnson brought in her pet **axolotls** who are an endangered species. Axolotls are amphibians who live in the volcanic rivers of Mexico. They are a strange creature who live for about 20 years, but never develop into adulthood. Scientists hope to learn many interesting things from their ability to **regenerate**; when they lose parts of their bodies (arms, gills, eye, brain), they grow back.



What are Axolotls?

- Also called The Mexican Walking Fish or Water Dragon (*Ambystoma mexicanum*).
- They are the juvenile form of a salamander, a bit like a tadpole is to a frog.
- They can grow 6 to 15 inches long and live in fresh water.
- They can live for up to 15 years.
- They occur in several different colours.
- They will try to eat anything that they can get in their mouth, including each other!



Denne Public School

is excited to announce our guest speaker event!

FOSTERING CONFIDENCE



In this **1-hour customized workshop**, Dr. Shyamala Kiru will provide parents with some psycho-education on the following topics:

- Why self-discipline & a healthy mindset are critical to success
- The correlation between instant gratification, anxiety, self-discipline & resilience
- Identifying anxiety in a culture of over indulgence
- Common and dangerous signs of anxiety
- Simple strategies to help kids develop self-discipline & resilience

In addition to her private practice, she is a mental health consultant, public speaker and media expert for sources such as Chatelaine, the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail. You can also find her on the expert panel of Discovery Channel's National TV show, Canada's Worst Driver. Her background in fitness and nutrition lends a holistic, energized approach to mental health. With a style that is sensitive and down to earth, Shyamala brings authenticity to her work with people of all cultures and backgrounds.

DATE: Wednesday April 12, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

**Please
join us!**



Please **RSVP** as soon as possible via our online registration form at:
<http://bit.do/dennespeaker>

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Event Location: Denne P.S., Gymnasium (330 Burford St., Newmarket)

Please Note: This is an **adult only evening event**.
Child minding is available if registered before April 7th, 2017



Career Cruising On-line Grade 8 International Languages Credit Continuing Education - Quick Tip Sheet

For York Region District School Board Grade 8 students, you must use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for International Languages Credit Program offered at Saturday School or Tuesday Night School. Career Cruising can be accessed wherever you have Internet access.

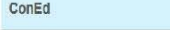

How to access and register for Continuing Education courses:

1. Go to www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/YORK
2. Login in by entering your username (YORK-XXXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number). When logging in for the first time, the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in the first time.
3. To retrieve a lost password, click on the words "Forgot my username and/or password" found under the login box. On the next page, enter the email address that you originally entered when you first logged in to the portfolio home page.
4. To register for the Continuing Education course you wish to take, on the left hand side of the screen under


What do you want to do?


click on

Choose My Courses

5. On the right hand side under the heading  click the following 
6. Choose the "Continuing Education Type" from the drop down menu – **International Languages Credit Program**
7. Choose the Discipline from drop down menu.
8. Using the drop down menu under "**Discipline**", Select - **Classical and International Languages** next **select** the course you wish to take and click on it. (All the Courses which are available will listed by Code course and Languages Name). Ensure that you have selected the Level 1 course in your desired language.

Course / School	Credit	Type	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGAD1 Gujarati, Level 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGBD1 Gujarati Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGDU1 Gujarati, Level 4 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	University Regular	n/a

9. Choose  this will submit your course request.
10. The Coned course will now appear listed in the column before **Year 9 – called Previous**.

11. Once you have registered you must click on the  button on the course planner to print the sign off sheet and get your parent to sign for parental approval. Return sign off sheet on first class of International Languages Credit School Location.



**DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM**

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2017-2018

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 1st, 2017.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class