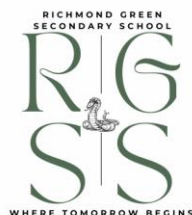


## RICHMOND GREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL – FAMILY BULLETIN



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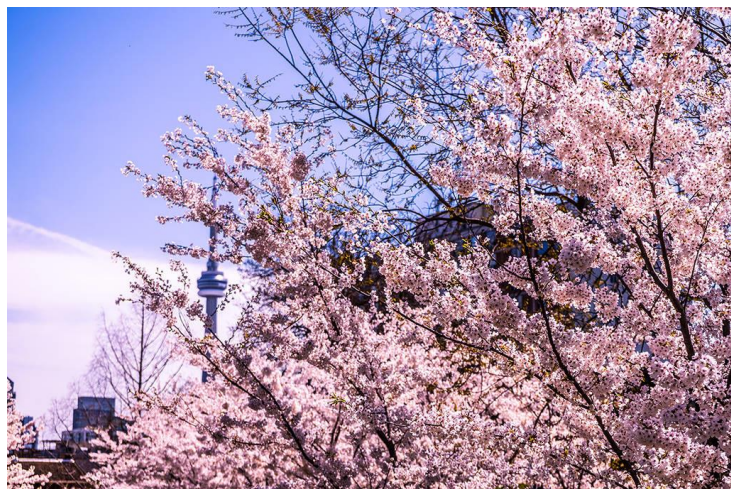
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### RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, April 26, 2024



May is both Jewish Heritage month and Asian and South Asian Heritage month.

[Canadian Jewish Heritage Month](#) was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c. 1 - Bill 17) on April 24, 2012, and in the Senate of Canada on March 29, 2018. As we approach the month of May, staff and students are encouraged to

engage in opportunities that celebrate and affirm Jewish histories and the achievements of the Jewish community.

As May approaches, the YRDSB takes pride in recognizing Asian and South Asian Heritage month. This month provides a vital opportunity to explore, understand and affirm the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Canadians of Asian and South Asian descent. The Government of Canada officially declared May as [Asian Heritage Month in 2002](#), while the Legislative Assembly of Ontario designated May as [South Asian Heritage Month in 2001](#) and [Asian Heritage Month in 2005](#).

### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week – May 6 - 10, 2024

Mark your calendars! Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is the first week in May. Please see [this link](#) for a series of workshops for caregivers.

## **Empowering East Asian Students Together Conference**



YRDSB has partnered with several community agencies to create a conference for East Asian Students. Please see [this flyer](#) for more details. Registration is through: <https://tinyurl.com/eeast-2024>

## **Anti Human Trafficking Conference**

Parents, caregivers, youths 11+ and community members are invited to attend the [2nd Anti Human Trafficking Conference in York Region](#). The event aims to raise awareness about human trafficking in our community and empower both parents and youth with the knowledge and skills to safeguard against this heinous crime.

Date: May 14th and 15th, 2024

Time: Doors open at 5:30 PM

Venue: Seneca Polytechnic King Campus, Magna Hall, 13990 Dufferin St, King City, On, L7B 1B3

Please see [this flyer](#) for more details including registration. There is no cost for this event.

## **PA Day Plans for Staff – Monday, May 6, 2024**

**Length:** Full Day

**Topic:** Curriculum Implementation and Assessment Planning

**Entity Hosting:** All Secondary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Board-based personnel

### **Description:**

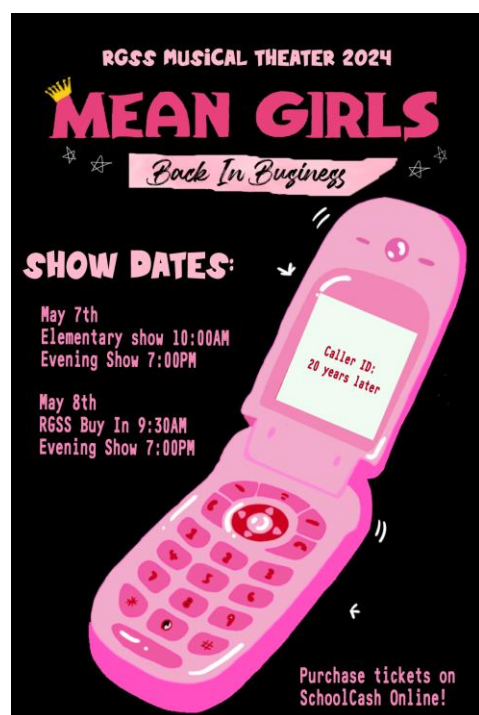
Staff will engage in professional learning to support Annual Learning Plan (ALP) goals, including course/curriculum planning, assessment and evaluation planning, and department/subject

focused professional development activities. School teams will engage in improvement planning facilitated by school leaders.

Topics will vary by subject and include:

- Special Education: Community Classes
- Computer Programming
- Outdoor Education
- Supporting Equity in Assessment
- Supporting MLL learners in subject-area courses
- Technological Education
- Levelled Assessments for Math
- Enhancing Student Learning through the Use of Digital Tools
- First Aid Training for High Risk Sport Coaches

### **Performance from our Drama Department**



#### **Mean Girls Back in Business**

Showtimes: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available through SchoolCashOnline.

Hope to see you there.

### **Fast Track Career Expo**

#### **[Fast Track Career Expo for Students and Families](#)**

The Pathways' Team in Curriculum and Instructional Services invites students and their families to participate in [Fast Track: Explore Your Future Conference](#) on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024** at

the Venu Event Space in Vaughan (2800 Hwy 7, Vaughan ON, L4K 1W8). This is a collaborative event with the York Catholic District School Board.

Evening Conference:

- This is for students in Grades 9 - 12 and their families and takes place from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- There will be a Pathways and Career Expo that includes local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations who will be available to provide students and their families with information on career opportunities.
- The evening will include presentations from guest speakers who will talk about the types of soft skills that employers are looking for and how students can present themselves professionally in various environments; and transitioning to the skilled trades.
- [Promotional Flyer](#)
- [Registration Link](#)

## **[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – April 2024: Connection Between Physical and Mental Health](#)**

### **Indigenous Self-Identification**

The York Region District School Board is committed to First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students' success. We continue to support Indigenous students and work to provide a curriculum that facilitates learning about contemporary and traditional First Nation, Métis, and Inuit cultures, histories and perspectives among all students. To continue supporting self-identified students, the [First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Ancestry Self-Identification brochure](#) was updated in 2022. Current students can self-identify by completing [this form](#) and submitting it to the principal.

### **Guidance**

**Registration for 2024 Summer School opened on MyBlueprint on April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Please review this [LINK](#) for details about registration, online and in-person course offerings, and important dates/deadlines.

### **K2i Academy – Summer 2024**

This year, the YRDSB will collaborate with York University to offer the K2i Academy – Summer 2024 Bringing STEM to Life Program in Physics for another summer. This program provides the unique opportunity for students (priority will be given to female students who identify as Black and/or Indigenous) to work with the K2i Academy on a STEM research project while pursuing a Grade 11 (3U) or Grade 12 (4C) Physics credit. Students will also be paid which will allow them

to be employed during the summer while working towards a science credit. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

Interested students should see their guidance counsellor for registration. Submissions must be made by **April 29, 2024**.

### **Supports for Students with Autism and their Families**

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please **register** by **April 28, 2024**.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca). Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

### **Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps:**

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)

## **Virtual Consultations for Parents/Caregivers of the Tamil Diaspora Community**

Consultations will provide an opportunity for Tamil parents/caregivers to:

- Acquire strategies for cultivating meaningful interactions and connections with their child
- Explore ways to support their child's mental health and well-being
- Understand how to request and navigate accessing support, including mental health services, for their child at school
- Discuss current difficulties and challenges experienced by their child
- Learn about resources in the York Region community to better support their child's needs

**Please see the following flyers for more information:**

[Tamil Parents-Caregivers Consultations Flyer \(English\).pdf](#)

[Tamil Parents-Caregivers Consultations Flyer \(Tamil\).pdf](#)

## **School Washrooms**

Students are reminded that school washrooms are not to be used for social activities including eating. At the beginning of the year, we introduced school "zones". The Green zones are areas where students may sit, collaborate, socialize and eat. Yellow zones are for collaborating and socializing. Red zones are spaces such as stairwells (walking through only) and washrooms (bio breaks only). The zones are for everyone's safety in the school.

## **Personal Property**

The school and the Board are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen personal items. You can reduce the risk by leaving valuable items at home. Always secure items. More information can be found in the [2023-2024 Guide to the School Year](#).

## **Engagement Fee**

We are proud at Richmond Green to host a vast number of clubs, sports teams and other activities and events for students. The Student Engagement fee supports the operation of these activities for students. The Student Engagement Fee is an optional but recommended fee on School Cash Online. Please note that there is differentiated pricing for school events based on payment of the Student Engagement fee.

## **RGSS is on Instagram!**

Follow @rgssofficial to receive updates on school news, events, student achievement, and more!



## **Student Expectations in the Community**

We are lucky to have positive relationships with community vendors. Many students enjoy eating lunch at the Costco food court. Costco has asked if students could please:

- purchase their food and leave once done eating
- use debit and credit as preferred payment methods (for speed of transactions)
- stay in the food court only unless entering the store with a membership card

Following these guidelines will ensure students enjoy continued access to the food court.

## **Bussing**

Bussing is provided to eligible students through Student Transportation Services (STS). STS operates bus routes for students in JK-12 for both the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board. More information, including daily late bus reports, can be found at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Please note, it is important that students ride **only on their designated route**. This is for everyone's safety and security.

## **School Start Up Forms**

School start up forms were sent to families and students this week. Please see the [Resources and FAQs for families](#) for more information. Secondary students received the following message:

### **School Start-Up Forms (Message to Secondary Students)**

*Each year, we ask secondary school students to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information. Students are asked to [complete this form](#) online. If you have any questions about the information in the form, please speak with your teacher, principal or vice-principal.*

*It is important that all students complete and submit these forms as soon as possible at the start of the school year.*

## **Updating Contact Information**

If you need to update any contact information (e.g., home or email address, telephone number, etc.,) please email: [richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## **School Safety**

Please be reminded that all visitors to the school must sign in at the main office and get a visitor tag. This tag should be clearly visible while in the building on business. Students are reminded not to bring guests anywhere on school property (indoors and outdoors) as well as to the library during school hours.

## **Attendance**



Students are expected to be in their scheduled classes each period. If you sign your child out of school, they need to leave school property. This includes the library during school hours, as it is considered to be school property during the school day. Please do not give your child permission without calling and giving the office notice for them to be in the library during the day. If your child is going to be absent or away from any of their classes, please contact the Main Office **email is preferred** - [richmond.green.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.green.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca) or by phone 905-780- 7858, press option 1. Please let us know your child's student number, full name and grade.

## **TeachAssist Parent Portal**

Students in Secondary School use TeachAssist to view their schedules and ongoing assessment. They can also schedule guidance appointments. Parent/guardians may also register for the TeachAssist Parent Portal. Through this portal, you will be able to view your child(ren)'s marks, and book interviews with teachers for the Interview evenings held each semester (more information on this semester's interview evening will come closer to the date).

To register for the TeachAssist Parent Portal, please visit:

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/parents/index.php>

You will need to enter the email address you have on file at the school. You will then be sent a one-time email to confirm your registration.

## **Notice From Richmond Green Library**

In recent years, we have faced recurring challenges in our library washrooms, including issues such as vaping, eating, and disruptive gathering during school hours. Despite the diligent efforts of both the library and RGSS, it's hard to maintain continuous monitoring due to limited staff availability.

After a thorough review of the situations, the library and RGSS will start to implement new measures to address these concerns. Effective November 9, 2023, the library will enforce restricted access to the washrooms during school hours.

1. Locking washrooms: Both library washrooms will remain locked during school hours.
2. Key sign-out procedure: Students may obtain a washroom key by leaving their student cards at the service desk. Student cards will be returned upon key return. **Only one student is permitted at a time.**
3. Limited occupancy: A maximum of two users will be allowed to enter the same washroom simultaneously.



4. Reporting disruptions: Any disruptive behaviours observed will be reported to both the library and RGSS administration for appropriate action.

We hope these measures will help create a more conducive and respectful environment within our library facilities, and promote a better learning atmosphere for all RGSS students.

### **Kinnect Youth Mentoring Program**

Social support network and mentoring program for Black students. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information.

### **Medical Information**

A reminder if your child has a serious medical condition and has not received the medical forms, please fill out the appropriate form(s) below and return to the Main Office. **Please complete new forms each school year.**

<a href="#"><u>Anaphylaxis HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with a life threatening allergy.
<a href="#"><u>Asthma HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with asthma.
<a href="#"><u>Epilepsy (Seizure Disorders) HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be complete for all students with a seizure disorder (including epilepsy).
<a href="#"><u>Type 1 Diabetes HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with diabetes.
<a href="#"><u>Health Care Plan (Other)</u></a>	This from should be completed for all other serious and potentially life threatening health conditions that are not already specifically addressed (Asthma, anaphylactic, diabetes, and seizure health care plans).

### **COVID Health and Safety Protocols for 2023-2024**

York Region Public Health has advised that schools continue to be required to follow the [Ministry's COVID-19: health and safety measures at schools](#).

All students, staff and visitors need to complete the self-screening tool. Students should complete the [COVID-19 self screening tool](#) and follow instructions and next steps. Masks are optional for students, staff and visitors.

Surfaces in the school building will continue to be disinfected and hand sanitizer is available. Appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will continue to be promoted throughout the day.

### **Key Dates**

- Relationspaces: Transforming Relationships with our Children–Tuesday, April 30, 2024
- P.A. Day – Monday, May 6, 2024
- RGSS Musical – Tuesday, May 7, 2024 & Wednesday, May 8, 2024
- School Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Victoria Day – Monday, May 20, 2024 (No School)
- RGSS Prom – Thursday, May 30, 2024
- Birthday Bash – Friday, June 7, 2024
- Exams – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 to Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- RGSS Graduation – Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Mark Review Day - Instructional Day – Wednesday, June 26, 2024
- P. A. Day – Thursday, June 27, 2024 and Friday, June 28, 2024