



RICHMOND GREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL – FAMILY BULLETIN

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RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, December 15, 2023



School Council

Our next school council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm in the Richmond Green Public Library. We will have a special presentation from library staff as part of the meeting. All are welcome.

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. We appreciate your support.

Modified Timetable – Friday, December 22

We will have a modified timetable on December 22 to accommodate an afternoon assembly and talent show. The modified timetable is below:

Period	Times
1	9:20 – 10:10
2	10:15- 11:05
3	11:10 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00
4	1:00 – 1:50
Talent Show Assembly	1:50 – 3:35

Students Can Now Explore Secondary School Opportunities by Sector

A new collection of webpages will let students explore [16 different career sectors](#).

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now [search from 16 different sectors](#) to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – January 2024

This month's newsletter touches on exam stress and includes a variety of community supports and programs.

Message from Trustee Liang - December 2023

RGSS is on Instagram!

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

TDSB Virtual School Applications for Semester 2

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) continues to partner with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to allow students interested in attending virtual school the opportunity to register in the TDSB's Secondary Virtual School.

Students who register for TDSB's Secondary Virtual School will:

- be students of the TDSB;
- have access to all learning materials and resources through the TDSB while registered at the TDSB Secondary Virtual School;
- return to their home school in the YRDSB if they choose to withdraw from TDSB's Secondary Virtual School, and
- graduate from the TDSB's virtual school if they are in their graduating year.

If you would like to register your child for Virtual School for semester 2, please contact your child's Vice-Principal sara.gupta@yrdsb.ca (A-L) or sayema.chowdhury@yrdsb.ca (M-Z) **by Thursday, December 21, 2023.**

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.

Richmond Green Library Resources

The Richmond Hill Public Library staff would like to share the following library resources with families. You will be asked to enter your Richmond Green Public Library card information to access the tools:

- G1.ca – Everything you need to prepare for the G1 Driver’s Test, including practice tests. Access here: <https://rhpl.g1.ca/>
- LifeSpeak – A digital wellness platform that curates content around improving your physical and mental health, including expert-led videos on meditation, digital addiction, the impacts of racism on mental health, and many more topics. Access here: https://rhpl.ent.sirsiidynix.net/client/en_US/lifespeak
- CreativeBug – This resource offers expert-led award-winning instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, quilting, baking and more. Access here: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/richmondhill>

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.

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. 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

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 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.

Student Trustees

Subject: Deadline extended for student trustee applications to December 18, 2023

Dear Grade 10 and 11 students,

To maximize student participation in this important process, we have extended the application deadline for student trustees. **Applications will be now accepted until Monday, December 18, 2023, 11:59 p.m.**

If you will be in Grade 11 or 12 next year, you are eligible to apply to become a student trustee. Student trustees:

- Represent the voice of students across York Region District School Board.
- Network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice
- Have the opportunity to get involved at the provincial level.
- Develop valuable skills, experience and connections.

To learn more about the role and how to apply visit www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

All students who submit an application will receive a confirmation email following the deadline.

Four candidates will be selected to run for the two student trustee positions. All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote.

For more information, please contact studenttrustee.elections@yrdsb.ca

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.**

<u>Anaphylaxis HEALTH CARE PLAN</u>	This form should be completed for all students with a life threatening allergy.
<u>Asthma HEALTH CARE PLAN</u>	This form should be completed for all students with asthma.
<u>Epilepsy (Seizure Disorders) HEALTH CARE PLAN</u>	This form should be complete for all students with a seizure disorder (including epilepsy).
<u>Type 1 Diabetes HEALTH CARE PLAN</u>	This form should be completed for all students with diabetes.
<u>Health Care Plan (Other)</u>	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).

York Region Public Health

HEY PARENTS! **KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL**

Are your child's immunizations up to date?
It's your responsibility to tell York Region Public Health, not your doctor's.

Update online now!
york.ca/GetImmunized

York Region

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

- Graduation Photos – Monday, December 11, 2023 – Friday, December 22, 2023
- School Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Winter Break – Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024
- EQAO Math Grade 9 – Monday, January 22, 2024 and Tuesday, January 23, 2024
- Exams – Semester 1 – Thursday, January 25, 2024 – Wednesday, January 31, 2024
- Instructional Day/Mark Review Day – Thursday, February 1, 2024
- P.A. Day – Friday, February 2, 2024
- Semester Two begins - Monday, February 5, 2024
- Family Day – Monday, February 19, 2024